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Friday 26th January 2024

Dear parents,

We have enjoyed welcoming visitors to our school over the past two weeks.

The volunteers from Holy Trinity Church come in each half term to lead 'Open the Book' collective worship times. Children love getting dressed up and acting out Bible stories. At this time of epiphany, children learned more about the Christmas story and the arrival of the three wise men.



Thank you to pupils and teachers from Amwell View School who came to teach us all about the game of Boccia.





Biting down on good oral health

We all need to look after our teeth but persuading little ones to brush regularly can be a challenge. Via the below link is a list of the books available to borrow from your local library featuring some of our favourite picture book characters visiting the dentist and learning more about how to keep that sparkling smile.

The Emerging Needs teams of Hertfordshire's Family Support Service offer the oral health pathway for children who have been identified by Public Health Nursing, their GP or dentist, their school or

A partner in the Thundridge and Tonwell St Mary's Church Schools' Federation 'A community learning together in God's love'



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Early Years Provider. Visit your local Family Centre for information about the Healthy Mouths programme where help is available for vulnerable families with children under 5.

Free School Meals

Over 6,000 households in Hertfordshire could be eligible for free school meals but so far haven't applied (Oct 23). As well as missing out on a free school meal, households could be missing out on:

- free school milk (Year 3 and over)
- food vouchers during school holidays
- SaverCard which gives half fare bus travel to 11-19 year olds (usually £20)
- help with music lesson fees
- free school holiday activity camps (<u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/happy</u>).

Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to find out if you are eligible

Kind regards, Mrs Bridgman

Key Dates

Monday 5th-Friday 9 th February	Feeling Good Week
Wednesday 7 th February	Soft Play visit
Thursday 8th February	Art workshop 1.15pm
Monday 12 th February	Parent Consultations 3.30-5.00pm
19 th -23 rd February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 28 th February	Author Ray Star visiting 1.15pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Children invited to dress up as a book character
Monday 11 th March	Whole school visit to The Hive (letter to follow)
Thursday 28 th March	End of term 1.15pm

Consultation timeline

Please be aware that we are now in the statutory notice period, which ends on 31st January 2024. Please see the notice attached. Anyone can respond and details of where to send objections are noted in the attachment. Thank you all for your continued support.

Process	Date
Statutory notice period (4 weeks)	4 January – 31 January 2024
Cabinet* (for final decision if objections received)	18 March 2024
Implementation of decision	31 August 2024