



MR SPENCER'S UPDATE:

I was really disappointed that my surgery coincided with the annual school show. I would have loved to see the students performing in Matilda. I have received so much glowing feedback from parents, staff and students.

It is a reminder of why we care so much about performing arts. Students are pushed out of their comfort zone and required to take risks. I do not think I would have the courage to sing or dance in front of my peers, but that is exactly what many of our students were doing.

Learning to perform in front of others is an important life lesson. We know that employers want to employ young people who are able to communicate with confidence and performing is a great way to build these skills.

The performance is also valuable because it brings joy to others. The audiences loved the show and were immersed in the experience. When students bring joy to others it builds their confidence as they see the impact their talent and hard work has on others.

I congratulate all of the students (and there were many) who took part in Matilda in one way or another. I know they enjoyed it and we are very proud of them. I am also grateful to staff who put in a huge amount of work to ensure the show ran smoothly.

Mr Tim Spencer, Headteacher

GARDENING CLUB IS HERE!

The school greenhouse was buzzing with life on Monday as we officially kicked off our first season of Gardening Club. Despite the chilly breeze outside, things are already heating up under the glass as our members got straight to work preparing for the spring. It was a fantastic first session, made even more exciting by the fact that we have been awarded a generous grant from the Letchworth Civic Trust. This funding has allowed us to purchase essential new equipment, ensuring our gardeners have the very best tools for the job this year.

We've focused our initial efforts on sowing chilli, coriander, chive, and basil seeds, which we hope will become a fragrant herb garden in the coming weeks. In addition to the new seeds, we are chitting potatoes and spent time potting on our strawberry plants, giving their roots the extra space they need to ensure a healthy and juicy harvest later this year.

We would love to see even more faces joining us! The club meets every Monday lunchtime in the school greenhouse, all students are welcome, regardless of whether you are a seasoned pro or have never touched a trowel before. It is a great way to de-stress, learn a new skill, and help make the school a little greener.

To keep our projects growing, we are also looking for a few donations from the school community. If you have any spare plant pots (any size) or unwanted house plants that need a new home, please bring them along and drop them off at reception. We look forward to seeing you in the greenhouse next Monday!

Mrs C Brown, SENDCO Assistant



CREATIVE WRITING CLUB SUCCESS

The following Creative Writing Club students have won a writing competition and will have their short stories published in Young Writers' anthology "Stranger Sagas - Beyond The Night". We will have a copy of the anthology available for students to read in the library when it is published!

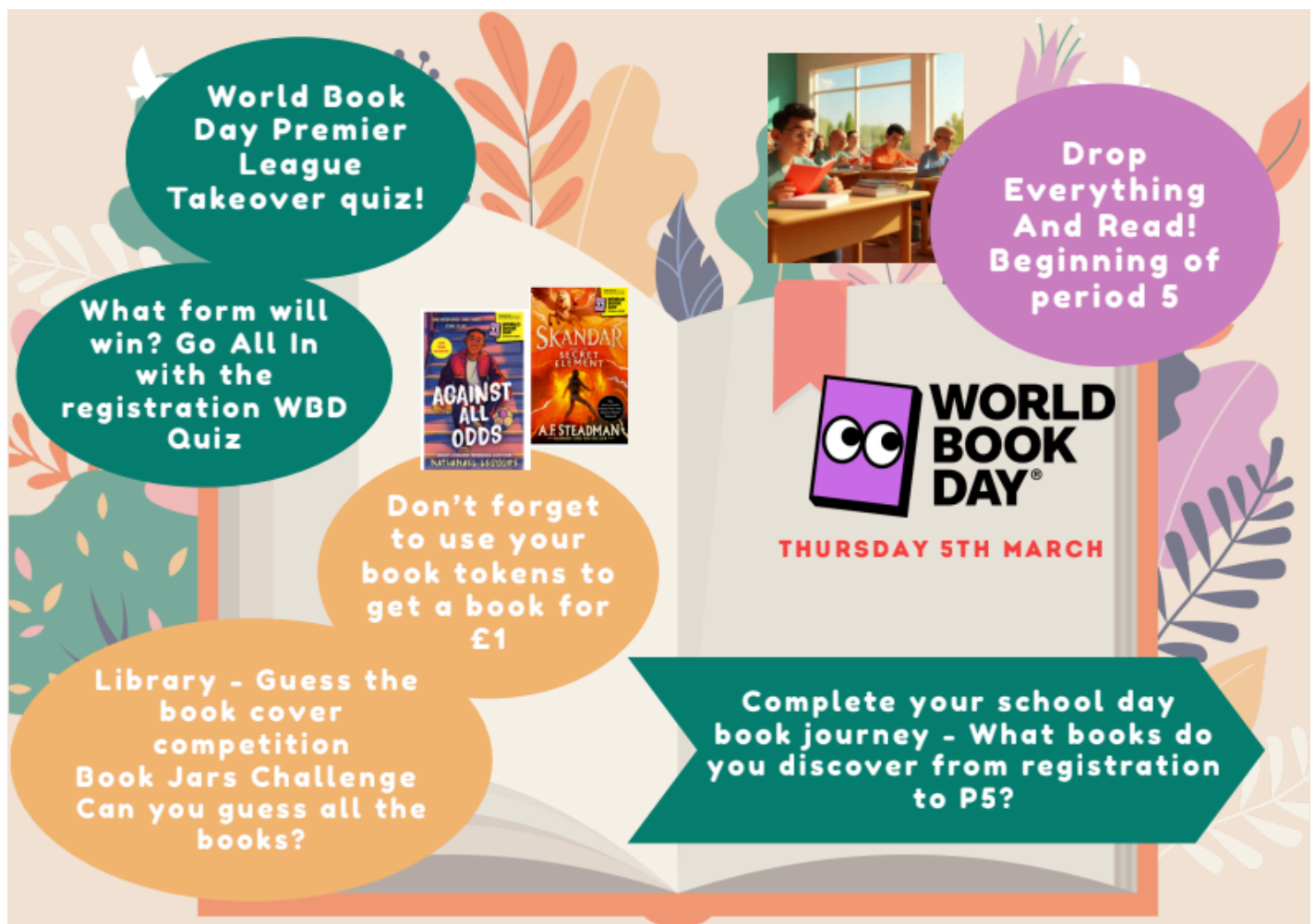
Amélie B

Olivia P

Charlotte B-P

Miss H Greenwood, English Teacher

WORLD BOOK DAY



YEAR 12 VOLUNTEERING DAY

This week it was 12CBJ taking over the Best Before Café in the town centre! Another fantastic day spent volunteering in the community. Students started by cleaning the kitchens to prepare for the volunteers who come in to cook later in the day. They also spent time setting up the café as a food market, unpacking, stacking, displaying and then selling an array of food that would have gone to landfill. Students worked on their kitchen skills and developed their customer service and practical knowledge. They worked together brilliantly to make a real difference and we are very proud. Also a huge thank you to Suzy at the Best Before Café for giving us the opportunity once again.



Mrs C Brownjohn, Head of Social Studies

PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNTY ATHLETICS EVENT

On Wednesday, 25th, we were proud to host the Primary School County Athletics event, supported by our fantastic Year 10 Sports Leaders.

Our students took on the responsibility of running a wide range of field and track events, including triple jump, long jump, speed bounce, shot putt and vertical jump, alongside exciting races such as the obstacle race, tunnel race and relays.

They demonstrated excellent leadership, organisation, and encouragement throughout the day, helping to create a fun, inclusive, and energetic atmosphere for all participating primary schools.

A huge well done to our Year 10 leaders for representing the school so positively!

Primary Schools involved in the event:

St Mary's

St Francis

Pixmore

ST Andrew's

Whitehill

Samual Lucas

The William Ranson

Miss S Straughn, Head of PE



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



17. Accessing Extracurricular Opportunities

School isn't just about academics—it also offers a wealth of extracurricular activities, such as sports, arts, music, and leadership programs. Regular school attendance ensures that students are able to take advantage of these opportunities, which can contribute to their personal growth and open doors to future scholarships or college admissions.

Note to parents/guardians: Expected attendance is 97%, meaning students who miss more than a day per half term are likely to underachieve and be at a significant disadvantage to their peers. Please support your child in attending school.

Mr M Phillips, Assistant Headteacher

LIBRARY

The Library is open before school from 8am and after school until 4pm. You can also visit the library during break and lunch times to read a book, do some homework on the computer or play a card or board game (sorry, no computer games!).

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant



MUSIC LESSONS

Please see the below information regarding music lessons that are provided by Hertfordshire Music Service at Fearnhill. Visit their website at www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk for more information.



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HOMEWORK CLUB

HOMEWORK WEEKLY PLANNER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
 DUE Today	 DUE Today		 DUE Today	
HOMEWORK CLUB	HOMEWORK CLUB	HOMEWORK CLUB	HOMEWORK CLUB	HOMEWORK CLUB
Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
1.15-1.55pm	1.15-1.55pm	1.15-1.55pm	1.15-1.55pm	1.15-1.55pm
Afterschool	Afterschool	Afterschool	Afterschool	Afterschool
3-4pm	3-4pm	3-4pm	3-4pm	3-4pm
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2026

Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams Start
Tuesday 24 th February	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 12 th March	Year 12 Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 12 Trip to UCAS
Friday 27 th March	End of Term

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Term Starts for all Students
Monday 13 th April	Year 8 Assessment Week
Tuesday 14 th April	Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Year 12 Mock Exams Start
Thursday 4 th June	Year 12 University of Hertfordshire Trip
Monday 8 th June	Year 7 Assessment Week
Monday 29 th June	Year 12 UCAS Day
Monday 6 th July	INSET Day - School closed to students
Thursday 23 rd July	End of Term

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Please ensure that we have your current address, mobile phone number and email address.

Any updates can be sent to the school office on the email address above.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on social media for more frequent information, updates and news!



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EXTERNAL INFORMATION

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JUNCTION 7 CREATIVES:

FRI EVENING: 'Moon Palace Poetry' - drop-in creative writing workshop 5-6.30pm; **Open Mic readings** 7-9pm
SAT DAYTIME: 'A galaxy of art' drop-in session

Suitable for all ages.
Under 14s need to be accompanied by an adult.
Please note that the bus is a shoe-free zone.



SUPPORTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN

A friendly, informal evening with talks from our from specialist psychotherapists, opportunities to chat with the team, and enjoy local cheeses and a glass of wine (soft drinks also available).

Two clear and helpful talks:

- ★ 'Helping Anxious Children manage School and Daily Challenges' ★
- &
- ★ 'Neurodiversity & Anxiety' ★

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH
7PM – 9PM
ROYSTON TOWN HALL

TICKETS:

£20
Per Person

