

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you for your amazing generosity with your donations for St Albans and District Food Bank. We were able to fill over 14 crates with your donations. Natalie, a volunteer from the food bank, led an assembly for our Y4-6 children, about the work of Trussell, the charity that oversees most of the food banks in the UK - sharing the message about 'Ending Hunger Together'. Schools are the second biggest supporters of food banks across the country.



Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card (Friday, 16th October): Our school will be participating in 'Wear Red Day' for the charity Show Racism the Red Card. This links directly to our core school values and our ongoing work in PSHE on kindness, equality, and respect for all. Children are invited to come to school wearing an item of red clothing to show their support. If you wish to make a donation, please use the link <https://www.justgiving.com/charity/theredcard>.

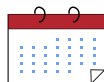
OPAL Bingo is Here! (Mon 12th Oct – Fri 16th Oct)

To help kickstart our new OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) adventure, we are launching OPAL Bingo! OPAL uses everyday "loose parts" instead of traditional playground equipment so children can build, explore, and invent their own games. Each class has a Bingo card filled with items to collect, grouped by boards. See information sent home for more details.

Paul Sutton

Paul Sutton, Headteacher

Diary Dates



Mon 12 Oct	Boy's A & B Teams Football V Bernards Heath HOME @ GFS
Thurs 15 Oct	Sports Event - Y6 Mixed Tag Rugby @ Verulamians Rugby Football Club
Thurs 15 Oct	Sports Fixture - Cross Country Race @ Fleetville, 4pm
Fri 16 Oct	Wear Red Day - Give Racism the Red Card
Fri 16 Oct	PTA Disco
Mon 19 Oct	Flu vaccines (whole school)
Mon 19 Oct	Sports Fixture - Girls Football V Bernards Heath HOME @ GFS
Tues 20 Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Weds 21 Oct	Sports Event - Table Tennis Competition @ Verulam School
Thurs 22 Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Mon 26 - Fri 30 Oct	HALF TERM

Cricket News

We're delighted to celebrate a fantastic cricket achievement by Dexter from Year 6 Osprey. Last season, Dexter was selected for the West Herts Area cricket team, taking part in a winter training programme before representing the team in several matches during the season.

Dexter played an important part in a very successful campaign, helping West Herts secure the League title. It's a wonderful achievement and a great reflection of Dexter's hard work, commitment and love of the game. Well done, Dexter!



Girls' Football

On Tuesday 22nd September, the Y6 Girls' Football team played against Fleetville Junior School, in an away match. It was a fun game and we nearly scored. We need more practice as a team and then hopefully we will beat Fleetville next time. Jasmine did really well up front and she was awarded the 'player of the match'. Keira was awarded 'coaches player of the match' and was instrumental in goal. We had a good time.

Kiera and Mirabel



On Wednesday 30th September, the Girls' Football Team played a game against Alban City. It was lots of fun, they were a really skilled team and unfortunately we lost 4-2. Our team also had four Year 5 players who should be really proud of themselves for playing against a Y6 Team. Thank to the parents for cheering us on and to Miss Elson and Miss Kirton for being excellent coaches.

Libby and Saoirse, Y6 Osprey



Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 23rd September, Y6 girls went to a Tag Rugby Festival. It was so fun! We started by doing different activities with the Y10s who were looking after us. We then did lots of matches against other schools. It was so exciting and many of us scored tries!

Olive, Y6 Nightingale

Boys Football

On Monday 5th October, the Y6 Boys Football Team played Skyswood School in a cup match. It was a very intensive game with both sides having chances to score. I scored to open the match and in the second half Skyswood equalised. The game ended 1:1. Therefore, there will be a return game at Garden Fields match sometime soon.

Olly, Y6 Osprey



Padel

On Tuesday 6th October there was a padel festival at Batchwood. We did lots of fun activities with professional padel players. We used tennis courts then we played on the padel court. We had great fun learning to play with the pros.

Harriet, Y6 Curlew

We practiced controlling the ball including volleying. My favourite part was when we played ghost, it's a target game. You have to hit the ball over the net and make sure that your opponent doesn't catch the ball, if they did that meant you were out. It was very enjoyable.

Hudson, Y6 Nightingale



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