



Friday 16 January 2026  
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Mrs Albery and I have been working with the School Council around the theme of Respect. The School Council have taken the ideas of our pupils and staff as well as their own to lead a new project. They will be sharing this project with David Taylor, Hemel Hempstead MP, next week as he will be visiting our school.



### The Celebration Tree

Thank you to all the pupils who have shared their out of school achievements with me last term! It has been lovely to see awards and certificates and things that are made at home. There were so many leaves put on the tree during the autumn term! The tree is now bare and ready to add new leaves for the spring term!



### Planning a Holiday?

We have now released the term dates for 2026-2027. If you are planning to book a holiday, please refer to the dates attached. Please note that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time, except in very exceptional circumstances.



### Y1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting

We are holding a parent meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm. This workshop will provide you with more information about the phonics screening check your children will be taking and how you can help your child. We would strongly urge you to attend to support your child's learning.



### NSPCC Number Day 06.02.26—Non-School Uniform Day

On Friday 6 February we will be supporting the NSPCC Number Day fundraising event. On this day children may attend school wearing clothing that is number or maths related. Parents are asked to make a donation via the School Gateway app. We thank you for your continued support.



### SPaG—Goldfinches

This week in SPaG, Goldfinches have been learning what an exclamation mark is and when to use it. We have learnt that it can be used at the end of a sentence to portray shock or excitement! Goldfinches have been learning how to write an exclamation mark independently and children have been trying to put this into practice during writing tasks.



### Victorian Day

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting Victorian Day, dressing up and stepping back in time. The classroom became Victorian, complete with strict lessons. We made jam sandwiches, a Victorian staple, played with old toys, and learned about the importance of Queen Victoria and her reign!



### School Fundraising 2026

You may be aware that occasionally we ask parents to help support upcoming projects within the school that benefit all children. This year's project is to replace and enhance the smoky trail in the school grounds. We would like to begin our fundraising efforts and have opened up a donation section on the School Gateway app. If you are able to help the school at all, please make a payment. We will keep you updated with progress along the way.



### Class News—Beech

Beech class have been reading The Finger-Eater by Dick King Smith and we have had great fun acting as the troll. In DT we have been designing our Anglo-Saxon houses. We are continuing with our multiplication maths topic and can now multiply a two-digit number by a one-digit number by partitioning!



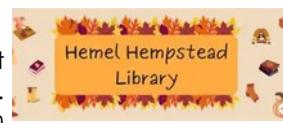
### Sports Clubs—Muddy Boots

We are reminding all parents of children that participate in sport clubs (lunch or after school) that use the school field to bring an alternative pair of trainers or football boots for these sessions. Children should also bring a carrier bag to take their muddy boots home. We are trying to preserve the school carpets as much as possible. Children without a change of footwear, will not be able to participate in the club.



### 2026 The Year of Reading

Last week, we shared news about the National Year of Reading. We're excited to be taking part in National Storytelling Week at the end of January and to host author MG Leonard in February. Hemel Library offers books, activities, and events for all ages, including a talk with writer Paul Kerensa at the end of January. Let's all embrace the reading bug!



Your sincerely,  
Miss J Wellbelove  
Headteacher



## Sport, Health & Wellbeing

The daily mile is a fun and healthy way for parents and children to be active. We currently open the daily mile on a Friday morning. However, **from the 26th January we are opening the Daily Mile**



**track every day.** We would like to encourage all members of our school, pupils, parents, and staff to take part in the daily mile which will be open every day **from 8:15-8:35**. This doesn't just impact your health and fitness, but also your social interactions. Start the day in a positive way!

Parents must be responsible for their child's safety at all times. Parents can either walk or run with their child. All pupils must follow the daily mile path when either walking or running. We want to try and limit the amount of mud entering the school, so please stay on the path and avoid the field.

We are looking forward to seeing as many students and parents as possible to start 2026 in a healthy way.



### House Points

Gade	6775
Lea	4900
Colne	3850
Bulborne	5700

### Star of the Week

	09.01.26	16.01.26
Wrens	Aadhira	Patrick
Robins	Faith	Albie
Goldfinches	Zohan	Larissa
Sparrows	Rocco	Viktor
Owls	Jubilee & Noah	Jesse
Kingfishers	Harry	Baani
Ash	Rylie	Raven
Beech	Raven	Arlo
Holly	Rifaat	Warren
Maple	Naathan	Lizzy
Oak	Jasmine	Freya
Silver Birch	Bobby	Jacob
Sycamore	Teddy	Emma
Hazel	Oliver	Lola

### January 2026

Monday 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Young Voices Choir practice 3.15-4.15pm</li> <li>◆ Girls' football away—Hobletts Manor Junior School</li> </ul>
Tuesday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Netball match—home against Hobbs Hill Wood School</li> </ul>
Thursday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Y1 Multi-sport event at the Leisure Centre</li> <li>◆ School Nurse to visit reception classes</li> <li>◆ Young Voices Choir practice 3.15-4.15pm</li> <li>◆ Boys' A Team football, home against Hobletts Manor Junior School</li> </ul>
Friday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Young Voices Concert O2</li> <li>◆ Y4 Swimming</li> <li>◆ David Taylor MP visiting the School</li> </ul>
Monday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Y1 Parent Phonics Meeting—2.45pm in school hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Owls class assembly 8.50am in school hall</li> </ul>
Friday 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Y4 Swimming</li> </ul>
Saturday 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Herts County Cross Country—9am—St Margaret's School Bushey</li> <li>◆ Herts County Football Final 3.15pm</li> </ul>

Attendance	<b>Attendance matters</b> Every student, every day. School Target is 97%	Attendance
<b>Weekly Attendance Champion</b>		<b>Maple 99.3%</b>
<b>Whole school</b>		<b>95.3</b>

### Attachments

- ◆ South Hill Term dates 2026-27
- ◆ Funfest Half Term Club
- ◆ Beezee Families January 2026

[Please follow the link here to see all attachments via our school website](#)