



## Next week, after Christmas- Week 1/A

**Attendance reporting procedures** Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

## Safeguarding

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and families a safe and happy Christmas. Should you have a concern about a child please contact children's services via 0300 123 4043 or this [link](#).

## Senior Citizens' Carol Service

On Tuesday around 60 local senior citizens were entertained by our students in the Chapel with a mini carol service followed by a tea prepared by our Food and Nutrition students. There was even a raffle where they received some early Christmas presents. Well done to all the students who helped, the guests had a fantastic time.



## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we were delighted to serve over 740 Christmas lunches to our staff and students. The extended feast comprised 130kg of meat and over 240kg of potatoes and vegetables. The hand-rolled pigs in blankets were ever popular as were the vegetarian and gluten free options. The plates were piled high but we all managed to squeeze in a delicious dessert. Thank you to all those who joined the lunch, sang along with the Christmas hits and helped deliver a record number of lunches.

## World Challenge 2025-2026 - fundraising opportunities at Ashlyns

To assist our students with their world challenge fundraising endeavours, there is a document on their google classroom outlining opportunities available at forthcoming Ashlyns events. Please ask your child to take a look, and email the relevant contact. This document will be continually updated throughout the year, as and when further opportunities become available.

## Key Dates

- 06 Jan: First Day of Term

## Next Week New Autumn/Winter Lunch Menu: Week 1

## Communications

- [Headteacher's End of Term Letter](#)

## Christmas Tree

Thank you again to the Christmas Tree Place for the beautiful tree they donated for our reception area. Please click [here](#) for their website with more details.



## Music Lessons

To register for music lessons for the Spring Term please go to [HMS Music Lessons](#).

If you wish to withdraw from music lessons please use this [form](#) or email [SchooolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchooolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) before the February half term.



Any other queries regarding music lessons please email [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)





## House Points

As we approach the end of the first term, Handel have continued to dominate in the House championship, maintaining their position in first place since September. Raven are close behind in second and Bourne and Coram in a tussle for third and fourth. However, with two terms to go, everything could change!

The House teams have also met with their reps this term to choose their House charity and fundraising activities. Look out for further details next term!

 Current house points 

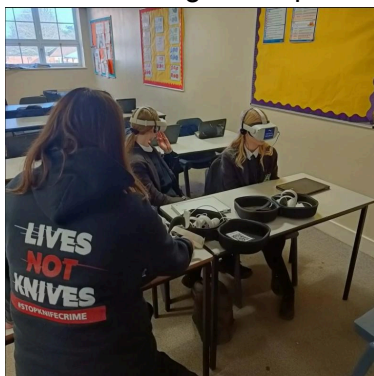
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
19487	18572	20874	20580
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

 20/12/2024 

## Year 11 Citizenship: Taking Action

As part of their Citizenship studies, Year 11 students have been working with the CCE Prevention and Diversion Team from Herts Police to explore crime in the area and ways to reduce youth involvement.

Students investigated local issues, shared ideas, and tested innovative VR technology designed to highlight the impact of positive decision-making. We would like to thank the CCE Prevention and Diversion Team for supporting our students during this important phase of their research.



## Character

This term, our Character Education Programme has focused on developing key values of integrity, inclusivity, and independence, with a particular emphasis on peer pressure and its impact on personal character. Through assemblies, tutor activities, and discussions, students have explored moral dilemmas, the ripple effect of their actions, and the importance of standing firm in their values.

As we head into the Christmas break, we encourage students to reflect on how they can embody these values not just in school, but in their daily lives over the holidays. Whether through acts of kindness, showing gratitude, or supporting others, every action contributes to building strong character.

We look forward to continuing this journey in the new year, with more opportunities to develop the qualities that will help our students thrive both academically and personally. Wishing everyone a restful and reflective holiday season!

## Dacorum & St. Albans District Community Fire Safety

Please click [here](#) for the fire safety Winter Newsletter.

## Helping your child with their anger

Please click [here](#) for information on a workshop for parents/carers run by Dacorum Family Services.

## ASA News

### Huge Thanks

Christmas is a busy time for the ASA, and we couldn't do it without your help. To everyone who donated, saw our cries for last-minute support and stepped up, bought tickets, attended events, we say an enormous thank you. We are lucky to have the support of such a school community.

Special thanks also to those who gave their time to volunteer – there are too many of you to name individually but we appreciate each one of you.

### Hampers

Outstanding work by Monika G and Jan B who led our hamper raffle this year, and to whom we are incredibly grateful. Collating and creating 24 hampers and prizes is no mean feat! Congratulations to the lucky winners.

### Save the Date – QUIZ

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Tickets on sale in 2025.

### Save the Date – ASA MEETING

Tuesday 11th February

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

## Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

As we approach the end of term, we would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on their hard work and dedication this term. Their commitment to attending session 6 revision periods, engaging with active revision strategies, and participating in the various interventions has been fantastic. They've demonstrated resilience and determination, and we're proud of the progress you've made so far. We hope they enjoy a well-earned break over Christmas and take some time to recharge. Enjoy the holidays, and we look forward to seeing them refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead!

## Sports Results

Y10 Boys Football vs JFK	TBC
Y11 Netball vs JFK	Won 20-10
Y10B Netball vs KLS	Lost 23-13
U13A Girls Football vs Hemel	Lost 4-0
Y9 Netball vs Hemel	Won 31-12
Y8 Boys Football vs St Joan of Arc	Won on penalties
Y7B Boys Football vs Monks Walk	TBC