

I'm sure you're all appreciating the return to routine as much as we are – we've had a great week. Lovely to see our Reception parents in for phoncis morning – you know that nothing gets me more excited than talking about the importance of reading! We also had a wonderful visit from Yael and Ayala on Monday – two Israeli girls who are here on an exchange programme. They supported Ivrit and JS lessons, and also talked to us in assembly about what its like to live in Israel. Shabbat Shalom to all our families.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Raphy (Year 6), Frankie (Year 1)

If you would like to see what we've been discussing in assembly, please click here

#### Dates for your diary:

Monday 22nd September: Early closing for Rosh Hashana: 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 23rd-Wednesday 24th September: school closed

Friday 26th September: Parents Kabbalat Shabbat Monday 29th September: Curriculum Evening 7.00

Monday 1st October: Early closing for Yom Kippur: 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 2nd October: School closed

Monday 6th October: Early closing for Sukkot: 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 7th October - Wednesday 8th October: school closed

Thursday 9th October: School photos (individuals) Friday 10th October: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday 13th October: Early closing Simchat Torah: 1.30/1.45 Tuesday 14th October-Wednesday 15th October: School closed

Friday 24th October: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday 27th October-Friday 31st October: Half term

#### **Uniform and Lost Property**

We already have mounds of unclaimed and unnamed lost property – some of it brand new. Please name your children's jumpers and coats and then we can return them very easily. Lost property is now kept in Mrs Wollaston's office (she is our School Business Manager). If you would like your child to look for something, please send them to the school office and we will help them check.

#### Rosh Hashanah Booklets

Mrs Abram has put together booklets with lots of fun activities about the upcoming festivals. The children will start working on them in class next week, and will bring them home for family discussion. If your child finishes their booklet at home, please send it back, and Mrs Abram will be giving prizes for the best booklets!

#### Missing emails?

It has come to our attention that some parents are receiving school emails into their 'junk' folder. We are not sure why this is, but our email security was recently improved and this may be the reason. Please check your junk if you are not getting our usual communications.

#### **Parent Governor applications**

Thank you to those parents who have shown an interest in this role. If you would like to apply, the closing date is 26th September. Please contact the school office if you need more information.

#### **Curriculum Enrichment Contribution**

Thank you to all parents who have sent us their curriculum enrichment contribution for this term. This enables us to enhance our curriculum offer and provide exciting learning opportunities for the children. Please access Arbor to pay this if you have not done so already.

#### Addresses and Phone Numbers update:

If you have changed your phone number, email or address, please let us know so that we can update our records

#### Library books

If you have any library books outstanding from last term, please return them to your child's class teacher.

#### **Siddurim**

Many children have unfortunately lost their Siddur. If your child needs a new one, please purchase one on Arbor, and let admin know that you have done this. We will then give them a new one.

#### **SEN Parents Group with Mandy Brandon**

We have Mandy Brandon, who is a SEND implementation officer for Hertfordshire, coming in to do a coffee morning with parents who are interested in, or would like to know more about EHCP's and SEN support within Hertfordshire. This is on October 21st at 9:30-11am

### Time to get reading!

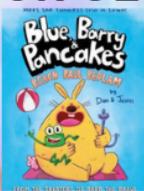
#### Here are our book club choices for this half term - let's do this!

## Mrs Blaker's BOOK CLUB



Reception and Year 1
Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf by
Craig Barr-Green and Francis
Martin

Gina reads the famous story of Red Riding Hood in some downtime at school, but she's unimpressed. Red Riding Hood is just not prepared enough!Join Gina as she re-writes this famous fairy story and gives it a whole new twist!



Year 2 and 3

Blue, Barry and Pancakes: Beach Ball Bedlam by Dan and Jason

If you're in Year 1 or 2 and have had an amazing year of reading, it's time to experience graphic novels!Pancakes and Barry have gone to beach but are super annoyed by Blue's beach ball. When they try to take it away they start a crazy sequence of events that takes them to outer space to prove they will do anything for their friend.



Year 4, 5 & 6 Scarlet, Defender of the Universe by James Davis

Meet the Swift family - a magical, chaotic family united by their love of words and also their desire to find the ancient treasure buried by their ancestor that might just get their family out of financial danger. But as the family gather to solve the mystery of the treasure, someone is willing to do anything - even murder - to get their hands on the gold!

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

Bella - Peter Pan by J M Barrie Emily - Three Billy Goats Gruff



**Congratulations to:** 

Ryan

Noam

Maddie

Jake

Ella

**Amelia** 

Maya

#### Director of Public Health Sarah Perman



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Date: 15th September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Back to school vaccination reminder & important public health advice.

As you begin the autumn term, we would like to remind you of some important things you can do for your children to protect them and others from illness this winter.

- If you have children starting school this September and they have missed their preschool booster vaccinations, please speak to your GP surgery to arrange an appointment. It's not too late to catch up! Vaccines remain our best defence against serious and life-threatening diseases; they are safe and are free on the NHS.
- Teach your children to wash their hands using soap and water. Especially encourage
  this after they have used the toilet and before they eat. This will help to prevent them
  from getting sickness and diarrhoea bugs and stop them spreading illnesses to
  others. Remember if they do get the sickness and diarrhoea bug they must not go
  back to school until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
- Please take up your child's offer of a flu vaccination this year and complete the
  consent form when it is sent out. Flu can be serious for children of all ages but
  particularly for those under 5. Vaccination helps protect against complications like
  pneumonia and painful ear infections as well as reducing the risk of needing to go to
  hospital. Vaccinating your child also helps protect others in your family like
  grandparents or those with long-term health conditions.

Thank you for taking these small steps to keep your child and everyone around you healthy this winter. If you would like to know more please visit: https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/keeping-your-child-safe-and-healthy

Yours sincerely

Sarah Perman

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Director of Public Health



Co-parenting with Care programme for parents with children with SEN.

This 6-week online programme offers a structured approach to help you navigate your unique challenges, improve your relationship, and create a more supportive environment for your SEN child/ren.

# The programme covers themes including:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective Communication Skills
- Managing Emotions & Stress
- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Building a Supportive Network
- Creating a Unified Parenting Approach

These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 6 sessions on the following dates/times:

Date: Wednesday 15, 22 October and

5, 12, 19 & 26 November **Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Thursday 16, 23 October and 6,

13, 20 & 27 November **Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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