

Clore Shalom Succah Challenge

We have raised a fantastic total of

£1284.68



Year 5

won the class prize!

They raised an amazing

£249.84

Year 5 will get to wear
their own clothes
on Thursday when they are
eating in the Succah!



Thank you

to everyone who
took part and helped
us buy our Succah!

We really
appreciate
your support!

Hope all the
children enjoyed
building their
flowers!

The children will really be able to embrace
Succot next week in our brand new Succah!

Clore Columns

Attendance: 98.8%
Punctuality: 98.9%

Our Target Attendance: 97%
Our Target Punctuality: 99%

It was lovely to see so many parents last week at curriculum evening. Thank you for your feedback and good wishes for the academic year ahead. We are really looking forward to celebrating Sukkot in our lovely new Succah. Thank you so much to the PTA and to all parents who contributed and thank you to the parents who worked late into the night on Wednesday to put it up.

Chag Sameach to all our families, have a great weekend.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Jackson LA and Toby – beautiful use of adjectives, Ellie and Ella R – excellent descriptive sentences.

If you would like to see what we've been discussing in assembly, please click [here](#)

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd - Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah Early closing 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 6th - Individual photos

Friday 9th - Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Sunday 11th - Opal Stay & Play

Wednesday 14th - Prospective Parents Tour

Friday 23rd - Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday 26th - Half Term

Reminder of Health and Safety uniform/hair regulations:

- Long hair should be tied back
- No jewellery is allowed except for stud earrings
- No smart watches are permitted in school – step counters are permitted

Can I also remind parents that black or navy trainers may be worn to school every day but they must be solely black or navy. Coloured trainers may be worn on PE days.



Sukkot Celebrations

As part of our Sukkot celebrations, each class will have the opportunity to enjoy a snack in the succah. On the day your child's class is allocated to be in the Sukkah, please give your child a slightly more fun snack to enjoy together.

This could be a small piece of cake, some crisps, biscuits, or another special treat of your choice. We look forward to enjoying some special Sukkot time together!

Monday 28th September – Year 1 and Year 3

Tuesday 29th September – Year 2

Wednesday 30th September – Year 4

Thursday 1st October – Year 5

Friday 2nd October – Year 6 and Reception

Receive the gift of FREE Jewish children's books sent to your home

PJ Library (PJ for pyjamas!) send high-quality, Jewish books to families with children aged 0-8 years old, each month. The award-winning books celebrate Jewish culture, values and traditions through a wide range of stories and beautiful illustrations. PJ Library books are FREE and posted directly to children, so they can build their own Jewish bedtime libraries. Over 8,500 children receive these books throughout the UK. Sign-up your child (and any siblings under eight) at pjlibrary.org.uk. We love reading PJ Library books in our classroom and we encourage you to sign-up so your family can build their own collection of PJ Library books at home. [Sign-up today!](#)

Menu Change

Unfortunately the kitchen are unable to get plant balls anymore. These will be replaced with Quorn pieces in a tomato sauce. This change will not show up on school grid so please just be aware when booking.

OPAL stay and play Sunday 11th October 1-4pm

We are excited to announce that we will be opening our grounds for our families and siblings to play on Sunday 11th October from 1-4. Come and see all our new playspace developments and have a fun afternoon with your children. Please note whilst our staff may attend with their own children, parents are responsible for their children that afternoon.

Security reminder:

A reminder that in line with all other schools, parents are not allowed into school under any circumstances unless to bring in a late child or for an appointment. The school is private property and is not a public building. Please do not walk in to use the toilet or to find lost property unless you are accompanied. Just because you are known to some adults does not mean you are known to all and we must strictly monitor the adults who enter the school for both security and safeguarding purposes.

If it were to become obvious to an observer that adults enter our school un-challenged, it increases the likelihood that someone with malicious intent may enter.

Contact Details updates:

If you have moved house recently or changed your number please ensure that we have your correct details. If parents live apart, please ensure that we have both parent's addresses.

Allergy Reminder

A reminder that we have several children and staff in school with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that all snacks and packed lunches are nut-free.

Free School Meals Year 3 and above If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. To find out if you are eligible, please visit the Hertfordshire online checker at: <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/RUTJG1/>

If you need any help with this, please let Mrs Wollaston (School Business Manager) or Mrs Blaker know in strictest confidence.

Hertswood open evening on 29th September 5-8 pm.

At Hertswood Academy, we are committed to providing an engaging learning environment with an innovative curriculum, personalised care and support and a broad enrichment programme for all students.

Our Open Evening offers a fantastic opportunity to:

- Explore our modern classrooms, science labs, theatre, library, arts and sports facilities.
- Meet our skilled teachers and support staff who are committed to your child's success.
- Explore the exciting subjects and opportunities we offer, including:

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Dance, Drama, English, Food Technology, French, Geography, Health and Social Care, History, ICT, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Photography, Physics, Product Design, Psychology, Spanish, Sociology and Sports!

- Learn about our support services and extracurricular activities that foster personal growth and development.

You will also have the opportunity to meet our two school dogs (Ada and Chilli), our Guinea Pigs and tortoise (Ted)

If you have any questions please feel free to email admin@hertswoodacademy.org using the subject line 'Transition'.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Yours sincerely

Wanda Gill
Headteacher

Time to get reading!

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

Autumn 1

Mrs Blaker's Book Club

Year 4-6

Strike by Mitch Johnson

Reception - Year 1

Waffles and Julius: No Hugs Please!
By Ed Vere

Waffles is a dog who loves to give hugs, but his best friend Julius is definitely not interested! Read about the different ways to show a friend you love them, and find out whether Julius finally decides to give his friend a hug.

Think about...

- How do you show someone you love them?
- How can you show someone you love them if they don't like hugs?
- Before reading: do you think Julius might finally let Waffles hug him?



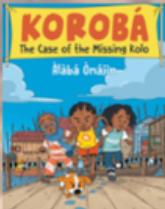
Year 2-3

Koroba and The Case of the Missing Kolo
Alaba Onajin

Koroba and her friends can't wait for Kolo Breaking Day, where they count the money they've carefully saved all year to spend at their villages annual Harvest Festival. But when her best friend Saidat has her Kolo box stolen, Koroba and her friends turn detective to solve the mystery of who's taken it. Enter the world of Koroba's fishing village to help her solve her first detective case - and get ready for many more!

Think about...

- What do you think it is like to live in Makoko?
- Who are the main suspects in the case of the missing Kolo? Why do you think they may have stolen it?
- What do you think of Saidat's cousin Risi? Why is she so unhappy?
- How is each suspect ruled out of the investigation?
- How does Koroba finally crack the case?
- What does this story tell you about friendship?
- Do you agree with the friends' actions at the end? Would you act the same?



Owen is a footballer with a dream of turning professional one day and it looks as if his dreams are about to come true when he gets a place at the training academy of his beloved Harrowfield football club. Not only can he learn to play better, but he has a chance of running into his football hero, Budi. Owen's dad buys him a new pair of football boots to celebrate entering the academy, but a note stuck in one of the boots makes Owen re-think everything he thought he knew about the good that football can do, and our responsibilities to people that we've never met. Join Owen as he seeks to become a professional footballer, comes to terms with his own past, and change the world for the better through sport.

Think about...

- Owen has a complicated relationship with football. What role does it play in his life?
- How has the game of football changed his parents' lives?
- Describe Owen's friendship with Teddy.
- How does Owen change when he discovers the note in his football boot?
- Why is Budi such an inspirational figure to Owen?
- Do you agree with Owen's actions to support Budi and his cause?
- What do Budi and Owen have in common?
- What does Budi teach Owen?
- This book is about a boy's journey to become a professional footballer but also so much more. What do you think are the themes of the book?
- Has the book changed your views about football? How?
- What do you feel about Owen's future at the end of the book?



Book Reviews

Oscar - The Elephant in the Garden by Micheal Morpurgo

Joel- The boy Who biked the world part 3 by Alastair Humphreys

Ethan - Super unicorn princess

Jessie - Never show a t-rex a book by Rashmi Sirdeshpande & Diane Ewen

celebration TEA

Congratulations to:

**Saylor
Savannah
Emily
Sienna
Toby
Gabriel
Henry**