

ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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STARS OF THE WEEK

1J- Amelia, 1C - Everyone,
2I- Olivia, 2H - Hameedah,
3A - Diego, 3S - Madison-Rai,
4F - Ella A, 4G - Toyin,
5G - Crown & Aiyannah,
5A - Naveah, 6TS- Imogen,
6S - Reuben

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 14th September

Helping your child in
Discoverers - 8.15am

Thursday 17th September

Helping your child in
Reception Class meeting -
8.15am in Hall

Year 6 Football Trials - 3.15pm-
4.15pm

Friday 18th September

Friends' Summer BBQ 3.30-
6pm

Tuesday 22nd September

Rainbow and 5G Welcome
Service at 9am

Wednesday 23rd September

Sunshine and 5A Welcome
Service at 9am

Thursday 24th September

Year 5 Football Trials - 3.15pm
- 4.15pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing many of our pupils (in their school uniform) at 11.30 mass at St Peter's on Sunday. Don't forget to bring your cake donations for the cake sale.

Thank you to all the parents in Years 1-6 who came to the morning meetings about supporting your child. We looked at different websites, the curriculum, homework expectations and the importance of reading and phonics and where to find support. The notes from the meetings are on your child's class page on the website.

Important Notice: School Car Park Access Changes

Parents are no longer permitted to use the school car park for drop-offs or pick-ups at any time. This restriction includes all After School Clubs.

Due to recent near misses these changes are essential to keep our children safe.

Please ensure you do not park in front of or block the barrier at any time, as emergency vehicles and staff require clear access. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Free School Meals

We are appealing to all parents to check eligibility for Free School Meals, especially those in Years Reception - Year 2 and those with NRTPF. More details are on page 3. The change in rules mean that our school budget will be approximately £80, 000 less next year unless our Free School Meal numbers increase. Please check. It takes about 3 minutes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mairéad Waugh
Headteacher.

PE and forest school days

Year Group	Forest School Day	PE Day (s)
Nursery	Monday	Thursday
Reception	Wednesday	Friday
Yr 1	Wednesday	Wednesday Friday
Yr 2	Monday	Monday Friday
Yr 3	Tuesday	Tuesday Wednesday
Yr 4	Friday	Tuesday Friday
Yr 5	Thursday	Tuesday Thursday
Yr 6	Tuesday	Monday Tuesday
Discoverers		Thursday *and additional days with their base class.

Please ensure your children are wearing PE uniform on these days. PE can take place outside, and Forest School requires all children to cover their arms and legs.

Please ensure wellies are named to keep in school.

Secondary School – Open Evenings



Nicholas Breakspear
Catholic School

[Home](#) [About Us](#) [Parents](#) [Students](#) [Learning](#) [Post 16](#)

OPEN EVENING

4th Sep 2026

NBS Open Evening |

Thursday 1st October 2026 |

5pm - 8pm |

No booking required



LORETO COLLEGE
Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3RQ

OPEN EVENING SECONDARY TRANSFER 2027

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2027 will take place on:

TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2026
4.00pm to 7.00pm

Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.
Guided tours will be organised from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
Mrs Lucy Thompson, Headteacher, will address parents at 4.15pm, 5.15pm, and 6.15pm.

The school achieved Grade 1 (Outstanding) in its most recent Ofsted inspection (October 2024).

Open Morning Tours will take place between 5th October 2026 to 16th October 2026 (by appointment only).
Bookings can be made by visiting our website www.loreto.herts.sch.uk.

Please note that there are no parking facilities available at the school, and that parking locally is restricted.
Public car parks are located nearby at the Civic Centre (Upper Marlborough Road) and at The Maltings (Victoria Street)



Onslow St Audrey's

Open Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 15th September, 5.30 - 7.30pm.
Headteacher speech at 6.00pm.
No booking required.



Stanborough School Open Evening

Thursday 24th September 2026
5:30-8:30pm

Headteacher's Talk at:
6:00pm, 6.45pm and 7:30pm in the Main Hall



Stanborough School Open Mornings will run on 29th September, 1st, 6th, 8th, 13th & 15th October from 9.10 - 10.45am.
Headteacher talk and tour of the school at 9.20am.
To book an appointment, please email: openmorning@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

TOWNSEND CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Year 6 students and their families are warmly invited to our Open Evening on Wednesday 16 September, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Come and discover everything that Townsend Church of England School has to offer. Meet our dedicated staff and students, explore our facilities, and learn more about life at Townsend as you prepare for the transition to secondary school.

Wednesday 16 September
Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Townsend Church of England School
High Oaks
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL3 6DR

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes Townsend such a special place to learn, grow and thrive.

Free School Meals

Any child from Reception – Year 6 can be eligible for Free School Meals

Many parents apply when their child is in year 3 but this is a particular appeal for parents with younger children – specifically Reception to Year 2.

School also receives additional funding for every child registered.

We are asking you to please check if you are eligible and register. It is a very simple process. You can click on the link below and apply;

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Pupils eligible under the no recourse to public funds criteria can also get a free school meal.

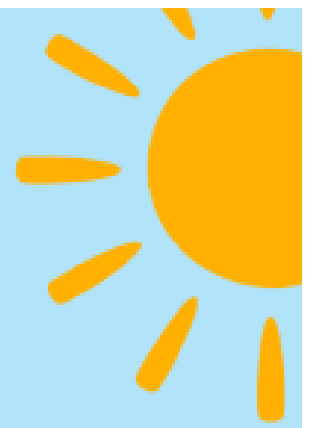
Schools receive additional funding for any pupil premium children and if eligible you may be entitled to other benefits.

It takes 5 minutes and, in most cases, the system can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

Our School Website

We are looking at how to increase security on our school website, especially with images that we share. Our first step has been to prevent the ability to download any photos from the website.

THE FRIENDS OF
ST PHILIP HOWARD
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND



Welcome BBQ

FRI 18TH SEPT ~ 3.15 TO 6.00PM

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR
HOW TO BOOK YOUR
INFLATABLES TIME SLOT

Inflatables

Stalls & Games

BBQ

Fire Engine

and much more...

Refreshments



The friends of
St Philip Howard

Family Support

We are pleased to inform you that we have been updating our school website and have transferred all posters, advertising Family Support Services, Family Events and Activities onto our Parent's Page.

To access additional information, please use the links available within the thumbprint posters below, or alternatively directly through our [School website](#).

DRAMA SINGING DANCE

JIGSAW PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOLS

3-18 years

Jigsaw Potters Bar
Dame Alice Owens School
Saturday mornings

Jigsaw Barnet
East Barnet School
Saturday afternoons

Jigsaw High Barnet NEW
Queen Elizabeth Girls' School
Sunday mornings

WhatsApp: 0208 108 0374

T: 0208 108 0374 W: jigsaw-arts.co.uk

EST. 1993

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JIGSAW

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GRAB A PIECE OF THE ACTION THIS HOLIDAY

HOLIDAY CAMPS BOOK NOW!

Full day camps for 5 - 16 years
2 hour camps for 3 - 5 years

Barnet barnet@jigsaw-arts.co.uk
High Barnet highbarnet@jigsaw-arts.co.uk
Potters Bar pottersbar@jigsaw-arts.co.uk

T: 0208 108 0374 W: jigsaw-arts.co.uk

Hatfield Town Centre EVENTS 2026

A WHALE'S STORY CALL FOR CHANGE

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 • 11AM - 5PM
WHITE LION SQUARE

ALL activities FREE

AN IMMERSIVE MARINE-THEMED EXPERIENCE

LIVE COOKING DEMOS BY FIVE DINNERS

LIBRARY STORY TIME 11:15AM - 11:45AM
LIBRARY ARTS & CRAFTS 12PM - 1:30PM

FACE PAINTING... & MUCH MORE!

one.welhat.gov.uk/events

3 hours FREE parking in The Common car park with a displayed ticket

Funded by UK Government

Hertfordshire

WELWYN HATFIELD

POP-UP SKILLS CHALLENGE

WHEN?
September 2026
Saturday 5th September
From 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WHERE?
The Howard Centre
Howardsgate
Welwyn Garden City
AL8 6HA

WHY?
We want to show you how Super Skills Training System can help your child

- Rapidly improve their skills
- Boost their confidence
- Shine as the best player on their football team!

The Pop-Up will include:

- Skill Challenges
- Chance to meet the coaches
- More information on how to join our weekly classes

WWW.SUPERSKILLSOCCER.CO.UK

PLAY RUGBY AT WELWYN

NEW SEASON Starting Sunday 6th September

Boys and Girls U6 - U18

School Years 1-13

for more information and to sign up
membership@welwynrugby.co.uk

Try out your first three weeks for free!

POTENTIAL KIDS For Neurodivergent Children, Young People Their Siblings and Parents/Carers

SEPTEMBER 2026 ACTIVITIES

Date	Sessions	Time	Venue
3rd, 10th, 24th	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed Age 4+	10.30 - 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
4th, 11th, 25th	Gardening for Wellbeing	10.30 - 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
5th	Tech support	10.00 - 1.00	The Zone@The Galleria
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Dungeons and Dragons Age 12+ & 18+ Groups	12.30 - 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	Coding & Game Design Home Ed 6-12yrs	1.00 - 2.30	The Zone@The Galleria
15th, 22nd, 29th	Coding & Game Development 3 week course Age 6-12	4.30 - 5.30	The Zone@The Galleria
16th, 23rd, 30th	Trampolining 5+	5.30 - 6.30	Gosling Sports Centre WGC
11th, 18th, 25th	Parent/Carer Wellbeing	12.30 - 2.00	Potential to Grow Garden
17th	Youth Club 11-15yrs	5.30 - 7.00	The Hub@The Galleria
18th	Youth Group 17+	6.30 - 8.30	The Hub@The Galleria
22nd	Roller Skating 8+	6.00 - 7.30	Roller city The campus WGC
26th	Learn to play Dungeons and Dragons Age 11-15yrs	10.00 - 1.00	The Zone@The Galleria
26th	Potential tracks 10+	1.00 - 2.00	The Hub@The Galleria
26th	Family Football 7+	4.00 - 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre Astro Turf

To book visit: potentialkids.org.uk/events
For further information email: info@potentialkids.org

the galleria

SPORT ENGLAND

WELWYN HATFIELD

Making healthy school lunches easy!

Helping children make healthier choices at school doesn't have to be complicated. A few simple changes can build healthy habits and help your children stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Here's a few tips to help you get started:

Tip 1:

Pack some healthy snacks

Including a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox, like a preferred fruit or plain popcorn, can help them stay energised throughout the school day and make nutritious choices easier.



Tip 2:

Know what options are available

Take a look at your child's school lunch menu together and talk about the healthier choices available. Exploring the options in advance can encourage children to try new foods and make balanced choices at lunchtime.



Tip 3:

Talk about healthy choices

School lunchtimes can be a great time to encourage independence and positive decision-making. Agree simple goals together and celebrate healthy choices throughout the week.



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Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

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Click to find out more



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THEATRE TRAINING

Confidence Can Start With One Small Brave Moment

Sometimes the biggest changes begin with one raised hand, one new challenge or one step forward.

www.theatretrein.co.uk

Performing arts help children develop creativity, confidence, and self-expression, teamwork skills, communication, and problem-solving skills, all of which benefit school and everyday life.

Additionally, participating in the arts supports emotional growth, resilience, and empathy, helping children handle stress and understand others.

Now is the perfect time to join Theatretrein Welwyn-Hatfield

- Classes available for 3 - 18 year olds with capped class sizes and experienced teachers
- Two week trial session to really get a feel for our classes
- Termly and monthly payment options to fit every budget - plus some sibling discounts!
- Tax-free childcare & childcare vouchers accepted for payment of all our classes and holiday clubs

TINIES for 3 year olds	MINIS for 4 & 5 year olds	MAIN COMPANY for 6-18 year olds
12-12:45pm Saturdays	9-10:30am 10:30-12pm Saturdays	9-15-12:15pm 12:45-3:45pm Saturdays

welwyn@theatretrein.co.uk
07747 608 180

Hatfield Foodbank
Together with Trussell

HATFIELD FOODBANK COMMUNITY AWARENESS WALK

Hatfield Foodbank, supported by Trussell, is organising a one-day community walk to raise awareness and build support for the essential services provided by the **Hatfield Foodbank**.

The event will feature a five-hour walk with volunteers as well as friends, family, supporters, and sponsors of the foodbank. It will be a great time to connect, inspire communal action, and foster valuable plus viable help for our mission.

Our objective for the walk is to raise awareness of the significant effort by the Hatfield Foodbank in supporting the community. It will also be an opportunity to strengthen local connections by involving residents, schools, businesses, churches, and other organisations.

- ♥ **Date & Time:** **Saturday 12th September 2026 @ 9:30 am**
- ♥ **Starting Point Location:** **Gracemead Church**, Gracemead House, Woods Avenue (car park entrance via Dellfield Road, AL10 8EW) AL10 8HX Hatfield
- ♥ **End Point Location:** **The Holly Bush**, 33 Church End, Redbourn, St Albans AL3 7DU
- ♥ **Target Audience:** Volunteers; residents; families, friends and supporters of the food bank; students; and community leaders
- ♥ **Activity:** It is a **linear walk** which starts at 9.30 am. We will leave **Gracemead Church** for Redbourn along the Alban Way by the **River Ver**, walk 289.

The off-road route takes us through **St Albans Cathedral/Verulamium Park** and the **Gorhambury Estate Park**, both of which offer excellent opportunities to cut out of the walk when necessary.

In total, the walk will take 5 hours at a leisurely pace suitable for all, after which the highly recommended **Holly Bush Pub** awaits our arrival in Redbourn.

You are invited to join us in making a difference in our community. Your support through funding, volunteering, or participation will help establish a firmer, more informed, and empathetic community.

Whilst the walk is mainly to sensitize the community, donations are appreciated.

If you wish to **donate** on behalf of friends and family participating in the walk, you can do so by clicking on the **Hatfield Foodbank** web link.

We invite you to join us in making a tangible difference

Groups and workshops coram family lives Autumn 2026

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 5th October to 16th November, 7pm to 9pm OR
Friday 6th November to 11th December, 9.30am to 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6th October to 17th November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December, 7pm to 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Wednesday 21 October 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Monday 9 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Wednesday 25 November 7pm to 9pm

It's a Dad's Life Online Workshop

Thursday 26 November 7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Online Workshop

Wednesday 2 December 9.30am to 11.30am

For more info, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential.



We build better family lives together

www.coramfamilylives.org.uk @coramfamilyliveshertsandbeds

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★ IGNITE ★

YOUTH CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY 5:00 – 6:00 PM

ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL, AL10 9HN

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

CLUB FOR AGE 7 – 11

CALL 07557 819858

FRIENDS – FUN – FAITH