MORGANS MAIL

Nurturing Life-Long Learning 15/10/2026

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy and exciting week we have had!

Tonight, we are looking forward to our FOMS Halloween Disco. We hope the children have a fantastic evening of dressing up, dancing and having lots of fun with their friends. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for all the time, energy and enthusiasm they put into making these events so special for our children.

We are incredibly grateful for the support FOMS continues to give the school. The money raised makes a real difference to our children's experiences and has recently enabled us to purchase new books for our library and additional iPads for Key Stage 1. We are also very excited that plans for new climbing apparatus for Key Stage 2 are now being finalised. It is wonderful to see fundraising directly benefiting our children.

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic time visiting RAF Hendon this week and taking part in an exciting music workshop. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they learned something new together. In particular, the Year 6 team were impressed with the children's behaviour: a credit to the school.

As you will be aware, we are currently consulting on a reduction to our Published Admission Number (PAN). We understand that any proposed change to pupil numbers can raise questions, and we want to reassure families that this consultation is about planning carefully for the future of our school. Like many schools, we are having to respond to changes in pupil numbers and the funding this brings. Our priority is to ensure that the school remains financially sustainable and strong for the years ahead, allowing us to continue to invest in the things that matter most to our children. By planning responsibly now, we can protect our ability to provide a broad and exciting curriculum, high-quality teaching and learning, enriching experiences and the resources our children need to thrive.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Melidoro

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

21/10 Music Assembly
20 & 22/10 Parents Evening
3/11 & 1/12/26:Provisional dates for flu vaccines

Learning power of the week



COMMUNICATION COMMITMENT CONFIDENCE CREATIVITY COLLABORATION CURIOSITY CRAFTSMANSHIP

Stars of the Week

The following children were nominated by the MSAs for good manners and joined Mrs Melidoro this week on the Star Table.

Year 1 - Annie & Serene
Year 2 - Leila-Rose
Year 3 - Oakley-Rose
Year 4 - Elliot & Alice
Year 5 - Blake & Emily C
Year 6 - Ben, Jezeil, Ava, Albie

Attendance

Attendance Registration	Present R/C: Marks
Nursery Oak (Non Statutory)	100%
Reception	94.53%
Year 1	93.97%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	94.83%
Year 4	92.97%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	96.94%

Well done to Year 5 class for winning Attendance Alpaca. Year 6 classes won Punctuality Piglet.

Celebration Awards

The following children received a Celebration Certificates for showing exceptional learning:

Year 1 - Bronte & Kris
Year 2 - Celia
Year 3 - Logan H & Ronnie
Year 4 - Max&Teddy&George
Year 5 - Zoe
Year 6 - All of Pine and Hornbeam
Headteacher Award: Albie, Y6

Hall of Fame



Name: Miss Guilfoyle

Favourite Pop Artist: Beyoncé

Last book you read: Hamnet

Favourite Meal: Irish Stew

Describe yourself in 5 words: Fun, caring, patient, kind and outgoing.

Picture News



Let's look at this week's story

Meta has created the Muse Charm, a small device that can fit in a pocket or hang from a keyring. The Charm uses Muse, Meta's artificial intelligence (AI), so people can talk to it, ask it questions, and show it what is happening around them. It is designed for adults over the age of 18, and Meta aims to have the new device ready to buy by December.

Learn more about this week's story here.
Watch this week's useful video here.
This week's Virtual Picture News here.

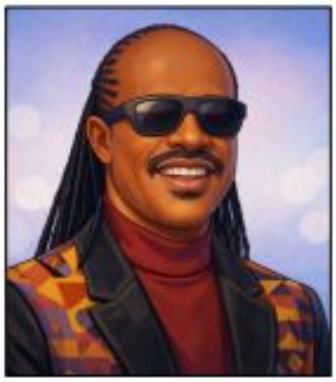
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Musician of the Month

HOME INFORMATION

October's Musician of the Month

STEVIE WONDER







About: Stevie Wonder is an American singer-songwriter. He is credited as a pioneer and influence by musicians across a range of genres that include rhythm and blues, pop, soul, gospel, funk, and jazz. A virtual one-man band, Wonder's use of synthesizers and other electronic musical instruments during the 1970s reshaped the conventions of R&B.

Genres: Blues, Pop, Soul, Gospel, Funk and Jazz

Active from: 1961 - Present

Origin: Michigan, U.S.A.

Books to read...



If you like Stevie Wonder, try...

- Ray Charles
- Gladys Knight & The Pips
- Marvin Gaye

Year 6
RAF Hendon Visit







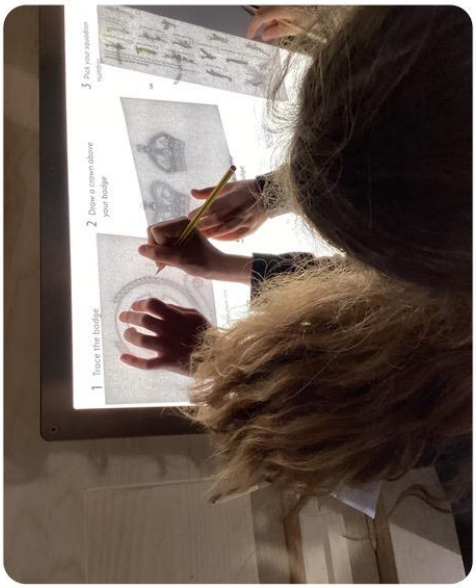


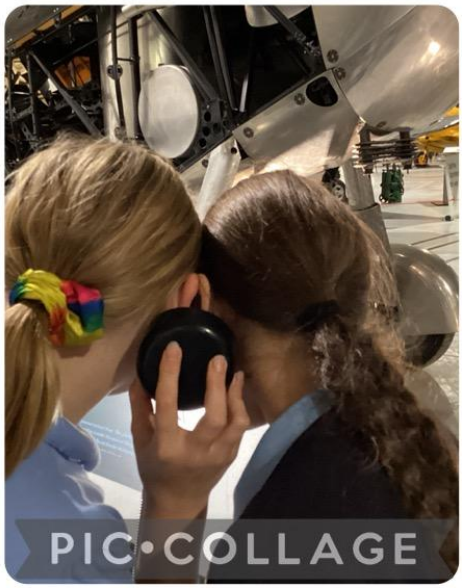
Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon











Nursery



"We are thrilled to invite you to our Bonfire Night Stay & Play Session at Morgans Nursery!

Come along on **Friday 6th November from 2:00PM - 3:00PM** for an afternoon of magical, hands-on sensory play and exploration for 2- and 3-year-olds. It's a fantastic opportunity to explore our nursery environment, meet our passionate team, and see how we nurture early learning.

Free to attend - places are limited! Please email admin@morgans.herts.sch.uk to reserve your place. We can't wait to welcome you and your child!"

House Points Results this Week

1st

RIB

218

2nd

LEA

216

3rd

BEANE

192

4th

MIMRAM

186



Dinner Menu

WEEK 1

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Home-made Pizza to go with Pasta, Carrot and Coriander Salad	All day breakfast to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Herby Diced Potatoes	Roast Chicken to go with Broccoli, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Diced Chicken Katsu Curry to go with Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread, Mixed Rice, Asian Cucumber Salad	Fish Fingers to go with Peas, Chips
Vegetarian	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Carrot and Coriander Salad	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Herby Diced Potatoes	Vegetable Cottage Pie to go with Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy	Cauliflower & Spinach Curry to go with Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread, Mixed Rice, Asian Cucumber Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels to go with Peas, Chips
Combo	Wrap to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese	Pasta to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Pasta to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Wrap with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese
		Wrap to go with Mixed Salad, Tortilla Crisps with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Wrap to go with Mixed Salad, Tortilla Crisps with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese	Wrap to go with Mixed Salad, Tortilla Crisps with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	
Step 2 ...and to finish!	Apple Sponge	Chocolate Crunch	Homemade Caramel Biscuits	Apricot Flapjack	Raspberry Ripple Ice-cream Roll
	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view relishschoolfood.co.uk for Allergen Information

Please discuss your child's meal choice and ensure your child knows their meal choice each day. We are unable to swap for an alternative once the children are in the dining hall.

CONSULTEE EMAIL

I am writing to give formal notice of the **Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Statutory Consultation** on the Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation opens, Monday 7th September 2026, and runs until midnight on Monday 26th October 2026**.**

The draft Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan, supporting documents and details of how to respond can be viewed on the Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan website:
Statutory Consultation | Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan

Responses can be submitted in the following ways:

1. Complete our online feedback form on SurveyMonkey:
   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3G2KCHS

2. Download and complete the fillable feedback form available on the consultation website and email it to castleplushertford@gmail.com.

3. Download and print a response form from the consultation website, or pick up a paper copy from Hertford Castle, Hertford Library, BEAM Hertford or the Town & Tourist Information Centre.

   Completed paper forms can also be returned to the listed venues or by post to:
   Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan
   Hertford Town Council
   Hertford Castle
   Hertford
   SG14 1HR

Hard copies of the draft Plan and response forms are available to view at the Town & Tourist Information Centre, Hertford Library, Hertford Castle and BEAM Hertford during their normal opening hours as detailed on the consultation website.

All responses received by midnight on **Monday 26th October 2026** will be considered and may be used to inform amendments to the Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan before it progresses to the next stage.

Claire Costello
Project Officer
Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan

Apply for school on time



Applying for a school place for September 2027

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Saturday 31 October 2026

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Apply online at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Hertfordshire

AUTUMN TERM

SEPT 25

THE GREAT MORGANS BAKE OFF

In aid of Macmillian Cancer Support Coffee Morning, join us for cake and a brew!



OCT 16

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Get ready for a spook-tacular night of dancing and fun!



NOV 13

AUTUMN QUIZ

Have you got it to beat the reigning champs? A fun, evening out with friends or come alone and join a table and meet like minded people.



DEC 04

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Book tickets to see Father Christmas, festive games. Raffle and tombola and many more festivities to be announced.



DEC 7 & 8

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS

Join us for a festive evening creating Christmas wreaths at one of our faboulous workshops



For more information: friendsofmorgans.co.uk

Friends of Morgans School (FOMS)

@friendsofmorgans

WELCOME BACK!

A warm welcome to all our families, and a special welcome to those joining Reception and Nursery this year.

Friends of Morgans (FOMS) is a registered charity that brings parents, carers and the school together to create the best possible experience for our children, run by parent volunteers. Through fundraising events and community activities, we help provide resources and opportunities that benefit all pupils.

We do this by hosting regular fundraising activities for the school community and by supporting the major events in the school calendar.

Ways you can help

Continue to donate outgrown school uniform. Donations are always greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the main reception at any time.

If you are looking to purchase pre-loved uniform, high-quality items are available from as little as £1 through Uniformd.

Did you know we also have a Vinted shop? Simply search for Friends of Morgans and follow our shop to browse available items, including books, Oodies, and other pre-loved finds. Every purchase helps support the school community.

Can you help at one of our events, spare 30mins, maybe an hour to help out on the day or behind the scenes, if so, we'd love to hear from you! Without help from parents, these events won't be able to happen.

Autumn Term Events:

SEPTEMBER 25th
The Great Morgan's Bake Off!

NOVEMBER 13th
Autumn Quiz

OCTOBER 16th
Halloween Disco

DECEMBER 4th
Morgan's Christmas Fair

MEET YOUR FOMS TEAM

Hayley - Chair, Theo - Treasurer, Nikki - Secretary, Sinead - Communication Officer & Meghan - Raffle Coordinator.

This year, we have also partnered with the Parent Council to support the school in providing resources that help create the best possible environment for learning

Parent Council

The Parent Council (PC) supports the development of the school, learning environment and the curriculum, to foster a positive setting for the children at Morgans School.

Friends of Morgans (FOMs) and the Parent Council (PC) meet termly to discuss school developments and FOMs activities. Members include the Headteacher, school representatives, the FOMs Chair, the FOMs Secretary, and Link Parents representing each class.

Link Parents act as a key link between parents/carers and class teachers. Each class has one or more Link Parents who attend half-termly meetings, held during the school day on a Thursday.
They help share information, coordinate volunteers, organise rotas, and communicate messages from the school and teachers

For more information about FOMS please visit our website and check for upcoming events: friendsofmorgans.co.uk

Contact us at: friendsofmorgans@gmail.com

Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 2026.
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AGES 9-14

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Parking Reminder

A reminder about parking:

Please remember not to park in the school car park at drop off or pick up from the Dell. The car park is open in the morning to allow ease of access for staff parking.

Parking for any school is always an issue and our school is no exception. The Senior Leadership Team regularly monitors and reviews parking outside Morgans School. We would emphasise the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at drop off and collection times.

For many years at Morgans we have always had our main aim of keeping our children **safe**.

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, neighbours, staff and visitors.

By following these points, you will be helping to ensure that drop off and collection times at Morgans are as safe as possible. We would like you to support us in this and ask that you observe the request so that we all do our utmost to keep everyone safe. We kindly ask you to approach the school using the following route and support us by following the important points below:

- If you access Morgans Road from Bullocks Lane, please follow the road round to the left into Highfield Road, then turn right into Queens Road which leads into Morgans Road, the school will be on your left.
- Walk to school whenever possible, including parking further from the school and walking the last part of the journey.
- Please obey all road signs on our school site, including the no entry signs on the car park gate at drop off and pick up times.
- Do not park, drop off or pick up across the yellow zig zag lines or areas for emergency access – this is illegal and dangerous.
- Do not park on the pavement or grass verges both on and off our school site.
- Do not block resident drives – help us to be **collaborative** with our neighbours and local residents.
- Do not park in the staff car park unless you are collecting a sick child.
- Do not park in the designated disabled bays unless you hold a valid disability parking permit.

We thank you for your support and understanding.







Term Calendar for Parents

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December 2026 (1.15pm Finish)

Inset Day 1: Tuesday 1st September

Half-Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Occasional Day: Friday 20th November 2026

Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December -Monday 4th January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Tuesday 5th January – Wednesday 24th March 2027 (1.15pm Finish)

Inset Day 2: Monday 4th January 2027

Inset Day 3: Friday 12th February 2027

Half-Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Inset Day 4: Thursday 25th March 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April – Wednesday 21st July 2027 (1.15pm Finish)

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Inset Day 5: Friday 28th May 2027

Half-Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Attendance Matters

100%	0 Days	0 Lessons Missed
99%	1 Day	5 Lessons Missed
98%	3 Days	15 Lessons Missed
97%	1 Week	25 Lessons Missed
96%	1.5 Weeks	35 Lessons Missed
94%	2 Weeks	50 Lessons Missed
93%	2.5 Weeks	65 Lessons Missed
92%	3 Weeks	75 Lessons Missed
90%	3.5 Weeks	90 Lessons Missed