MORGANS MAIL

Nurturing Life-Long Learning 23/10/2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy and positive week at school, with lots of exciting learning and opportunities for our children.

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Hertford Museum, where they enjoyed exploring historical artefacts and finding out more about the past. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they investigated objects from history.

We have also enjoyed two very well-attended parent evenings this week. Thank you to all our families who took the time to come in and talk with teachers. We have received some lovely, positive feedback about the progress children are making, which is a real reflection of the hard work of both our children and staff.

Our Nursery children have been making the most of the autumn season, engaging in some fantastic risky play as they created pumpkins. They have also been practising their quietest steps as they became *"as quiet as mice"* on their visit to the library! It has been lovely to see them developing their confidence, imagination and language through these experiences. Year 1 too showcased their poetry today, reading their poems to Reception and I was so impressed with their confidence and creativity. Well done Year 1!

Regrettably, our school attendance was the lowest at 87.9% today, significantly lower than the national average of 94.9% for this time of year. Parents and carers will be receiving letters advising of attendance below 93% and hope that we can support families with improving attendance if needed.

As we approach half term, I would like to thank our children, families and staff for another busy and successful few weeks. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and has the opportunity to relax and spend some special time together. I know from my chats with the Star Table children today there is great excitement for Halloween parties, days out to the zoo and pumpkin making to name a few!

We hope the autumn sunshine continues and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the exciting build-up to Christmas!

Helen Melidoro

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

3/11 & 1/12/26: Flu vaccination in school
10/11 Faith Tour
13/11 FOMS Quiz
27/11 Y3 Day out
4/12 Xmas Fair
8/12 Nativity Y1/2
9/12 Xmas Lunch
10/12 Nativity Y1/2
11/12 EYFS Xmas Songs (AM)
11/12 Christingle (PM)
14/12 Volunteer Tea / IRock Concert
15/12 Pantomime

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 - Ernie, Conor & Anaya
Year 2 - Rio
Year 3 - Evie & Tamjid
Year 4 - Rafael & George
Year 5 - Callum, Harper, Calliope & Alice
Year 6 - Lishaaly, Harley, William and Stanley

Attendance

Attendance Registration	Present R/C: Marks
Nursery Oak (Non Statutory)	100%
Reception	93.99%
Year 1	94.47%
Year 2	93.41%
Year 3	96.82%
Year 4	93.92%
Year 5	94.63%
Year 6	95.99%

Well done to Year 3 class for winning Attendance Alpaca. Reception classes won Punctuality Piglet.

Celebration Awards

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

Year 1 - Alexia & Liam
Year 2 - Mila
Year 3 - Ollie and Ophelia
Year 4 - Matei & Thiwoke
Year 5 - Ayan & Stevie
Year 6 -Georgie and Cora
Headteacher Award: Sebastian, Y1

Hall of Fame



Name: Mr Craig Hindal, Caretaker

Favourite Pop Artist: Paul SImon

Last book you read: Skyward book series - Brandon Sanderson

Favourite Meal: Homemade Pizza

Describe yourself in 5 words: thoughtful, enthusiastic, school minded, fairly likely to survive a zombie apocalypse!

Picture News

Let's look at this week's story

Eleven-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan from London has become the youngest person ever to earn the woman grandmaster title in chess. She achieved this while playing for England at an international competition in Uzbekistan. Bodhana said she was happy with her achievement and wanted to keep making history.



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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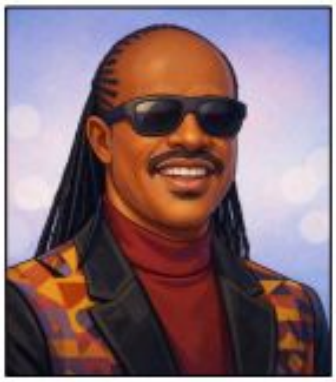


Musician of the Month

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 5 & 6 Girls Football Match

MATCH REPORT - Year 5&6 Girls Football Match vs Abel Smith

1st Quarter

Goalie: Roisin
Striker: Ivy
Defence : Grace and Lily (in year 6)
Left midfield: Joni
Right midfield: Cali
Mid midfield: Lily (year 5)
In the first half we were down 4-0 but we didn't give up. When the other team scored we didn't put our heads down and kept going

2nd Quarter

Goalie:Ivy
Striker:Ruby
Defence:Grace and Alice
Left midfield:Taleha
Right midfield:Laken
Mid midfield: Lily(year 5)
In the second quarter we still didn't score but we did take a couple of shots on goal. But we didn't let that get to us so we kept our heads up.

3rd Quarter:

Goalie:Grace
Striker:Lily (in year 5)
Defence:Alice Lily (in year 6)
Left midfield:Laken
Right midfield: Cali
Mid midfield:Ivy
We had an amazing goal by Rosin and then Lily we didn't give up.

4th Quarter:

Goalie: Grace
Striker: Lily [in year 5]
Left midfield:Joni
Right midfield:Rosin
Defence:Lily Ruby
Mid midfield:Ivy



Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been exploring pumpkins. We have hammered golf tees into a pumpkin, helping us develop our hand-eye co-ordination.

We have also enjoyed scooping lentils into containers, including a pumpkin we had cut open, developing our gross and fine motor skills.





Year 6

Some creativity from Eto in Year 6! He has taken 2 days to make the wooden model of The Titanic and share some of his knowledge about the history of the famous ship. Well done Eto.





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:
Total - Autumn 1 2026/27

1st



1001

2nd



940

3rd



922

4th



872

RIB house can come into school on Monday 2nd of November 2026 in non school uniform.

I must stress that no football kits/shirts are allowed. Appropriate footwear (i.e trainers or school shoes) must be worn, long shoulder-length hair tied back and no jewellery or makeup. If you are unsure of your child's house please speak with their class teacher upon pick up/drop off.

Dinner Menu

WEEK 3

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Home-made Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Herby Diced Potatoes	Chicken Fillet Burger to go with Coleslaw, Homemade Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon to go with Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Boiled Potatoes	Sticky Chicken to go with Green Beans, Mixed Rice	Battered Cod to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Vegetarian	Tomato & Basil Quiche to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn Fillet Burger to go with Coleslaw, Homemade Potato Wedges	Stuffed Peppers to go with Carrots, Broccoli, Boiled Potatoes	Chinese Quorn to go with Green Beans, Mixed Rice	Vegetarian Sausage Roll to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Combo	Wrap to go with Mixed Salad, Homemade Herby Diced Potatoes with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese	Pasta to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce Wrap to go with Mixed Salad, Tortilla Crisps with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans Wrap to go with Mixed Salad, Boiled Potatoes with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese	Pasta to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese Wrap to go with Mixed Salad, Tortilla Crisps with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese	Wrap to go with Chips, Mixed Salad with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese
Step 2 ...and to finish!	Chocolate Chip Cookie	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Tutti Fruity Sponge	Banana Flapjack	Mango & Orange Iced Smoothie
	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.

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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HERTFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

BTA HOLIDAY CAMPS

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AGES 9-14

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Please call 07432 120678 or 07958 521201 or email thedollbookings@gmail.com / vickthedell@yahoo.com

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