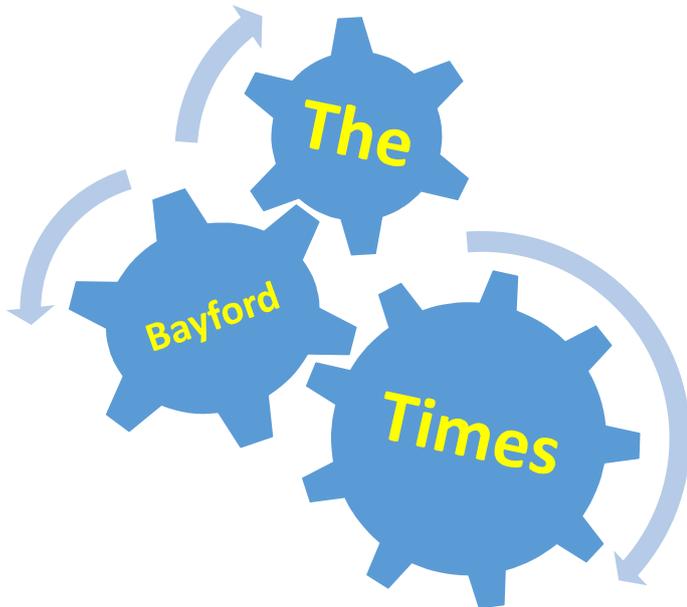


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Ofsted

We are delighted with our recent Ofsted grading of 'Good' and is one that our whole community can be proud of. The report, which you will have received a copy of, is extremely positive in many areas. I have picked out a number of extracts as follows:

- The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding
- Most-able pupils typically make at least the progress that is expected of them in all subjects
- The pupils are all confident that if bullying happens it is dealt with quickly by staff
- The conduct and behaviour of pupils around the school is exemplary
- Reading is well taught
- Maths is taught well
- The standard of writing has improved across the school
- Children in Early Years are enthusiastic, happy learners who engage in their learning



Some of our children were interviewed by the inspector and it was very pleasing to read some of their comments in the report. These included 'there is always someone to listen to us' and 'We are a family. Like a family we look after one another'...what a lovely way to think of our school!

Breakfast Club

Following the survey we sent out, we are pleased to be trialling a Breakfast Club in the summer term, with the aim to roll out an after-school club from September. A letter went home this week, which has also been put onto our website.

EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

Miss Young and her team are again holding an Easter Bonnet Parade. Children can make a bonnet and parade them at 10am on Tuesday 22nd March in the hall.

Parents are welcome to attend.

There will be coffee and cake afterwards in the classroom.

Netball

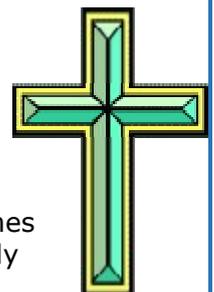
Congratulations to our netball team in their recent success in the small schools' tournament. Not only did they win but they then played the winners of the medium schools' tournament and won that match too!

A big well done and thank you to the team and Mrs Sims!

Value

This half term our value is 'Respect'.

We will be focussing on this during assembly times and also in our daily school life.



Herts Schools Gala

On Sunday 13th March Class 3 children have been invited to sing in the Royal Albert Hall.

With the help of Katie Neilson, the children have been rehearsing regularly, and will be coming together with other schools from Hertfordshire in what I expect will be a fantastic occasion!

Mud

The School Council recently met to discuss the mud issues around the school. They were concerned that children are sometimes stepping/jumping over the cones and chains used to rope off areas that are particularly muddy and this can be dangerous.

We will be reminding children of the need to be particularly careful at this time of year for safety reasons and to ensure the school is kept as clear from mud as possible.

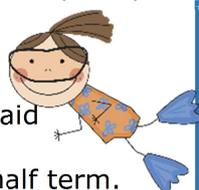
We have recently re-installed the lines of gravel at both ends of the playground in order to support our efforts to reduce the mud around the school.

Class 2 Swimming

This term Class 2 have been swimming at Hartham swimming pool, Hertford on a Wednesday afternoon.

The children are trying very hard and are progressing well. They have 3 weeks to go.

Well done children - keep it up!



If you haven't yet paid swimming is

£6/wk or £36/half term.

Football

Our football team have been gearing up ready for their competition on Monday 14th March at Wodson Park.

Children are able to join the football club led by Alan Mallett. Times are as follows:

Y4/5/6 Wednesdays 12:30-1pm

R/1/2/3 Wednesdays 3:30-4:15pm

Please see the office for details

Parent Consultations

These will take place on Monday 21st March 3:30-6pm & Wednesday 23rd March 5-8pm

A letter has been sent home and appointment requests should be returned to school by Monday 14th March

Spring Music Festival

Class 3 will be taking part in the Spring Music Festival, which will be held at 7:30pm Tuesday 22nd March at The Drill Hall, Ware. They have been rehearsing very hard and I'm sure the evening will be a big success.

Class Sharing Assemblies

Before half-term we held 2 very successful Class Sharing Assemblies for Reception and Class 1.

We have 2 more scheduled for this half-term as follows:

Friday 11th March - Class 2

Friday 18th March - Class 3

Sports Relief

On Friday 18th March the school will be celebrating Sports Relief.

Please see the letter Dr Foster sent out last week.



Easter Church Service and Holidays

Our Easter church service will be held in Bayford church on Thursday 24th March at 2pm.

Please join us for this occasion.

The children will then be off school for the Easter weekend i.e. Friday 25th March and Monday 28th March. They will then return to school for 4 days before breaking up for 2 weeks.

Children then return to school on Monday 18th April.

