



End of Summer Term Newsletter

Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Neil's End of Term Words

As the academic year comes to an end and we look back at the school year we all feel privileged to be part of all of the children's lives and their journey. We recognise the progress made, achievements, experiences and fun with a sense of pride. We would all like to thank parents, carers, family and friends for working with us to help us respond to children needs and to continually look to improve the school. We wish you all a very safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming all of the children and young people back to school in September. Best wishes, Neil

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Ofsted Outstanding

Amwell View School and Specialist Sports College was rated **Outstanding** again by Ofsted in April 2024.

"We are extremely proud of the children and the school. As a staff group we remain dedicated and committed to continuing to develop the school and the learning opportunities we offer so that our children have the very best education and opportunities that we can offer and that they deserve."

- Neil Ward, Headteacher



School Games Mark

We are pleased to announce that we have achieved Platinum status again for the School Games Mark.

Primary Panathlon

Amwell View School had an exciting Wednesday on June 5th as they enthusiastically participated in the Primary Panathlon Challenge. Engaging in activities like beanbag throw, basketball, bowling, boccia, and target throw, the students showcased their skills and sportsmanship. The teams demonstrated remarkable performance, earning the runner-up title. It was a fantastic day filled with spirited competition. [Click here for their reel.](#)



Sports Day

On the mornings of Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th June pupils from across the school participated in their annual Sports Day. The activities started with pupils taking part in a range of field events including well-known activities such as Archery, Boccia Blast and Quoit pick up as well as some new additions including the balance and wobble station.

Pupils completed each of the activities and then moved onto the Track event. Pupils enjoyed completing straight sprints, walks or obstacle races alongside their peers and supported by their family and friends. [Watch the video here.](#)





Butterfly Memorial Garden

Amwell View School opened its Butterfly Memorial Garden on Thursday 4th July 2024. The Memorial Garden was designed within the school's adventure playground so that the memory of the children we have lost is amongst children playing and having fun.

The Memorial Garden is at the front of the school under a tree which also creates a peaceful area for parents, family members and friends to visit. Each child has a coloured steel butterfly with their name and date of birth. Everyone at Amwell View believes that if children have attended the school they are part of the school forever.

The opening ceremony welcomed parents, family members and friends who wished to remember their child and those who kindly raised money to donate to the project. Alongside the butterfly decorations visitors enjoyed butterfly cakes and refreshments with background music provided by Rachel and Ed. Lower school children then came to the memorial garden dressed in butterfly wings and scattered butterflies that children had made around the base of the tree.



Celebration Day

On Monday the 8th of July, the whole school enjoyed celebrating Amwell View's 61st Birthday and an 'Outstanding' Ofsted result. A day filled with joy and excitement as staff and pupils enjoyed an array of activities. The celebrations included delicious ice cream and strawberries, an entertaining performance by Sally Squiggles, and a lively disco that had everyone dancing.





Visit to Hertfordshire Zoo

On Wednesday, 12th June, pupils from Foundation 3, Class 3, Class 5 and Class 7 enjoyed an exciting visit to Hertfordshire Zoo. They explored the zoo's grounds, marvelling at the diverse array of animals on display. The pupils also enjoyed a visit to see the dinosaur exhibit. The animals, reptiles and dinosaurs captivated the pupils. It was a day filled with adventure and education, leaving everyone with precious memories.



Music Week 8-12th July

Music week included a wide variety of activities this year. We began the week with a beach themed disco with guest DJ, parent Ricky Hall. On Tuesday we were entertained by Brad Flowers who demonstrated his talents by singing songs by famous male crooners including Frank Sinatra and Michael Bublé. In the middle of the week the Electric Umbrella Company and its band 'Music Machine' provided the pupils with a chance to work with professional musicians and create a special musical performance. We also celebrated the music of Andy Pidcock, whose wonderful music has brought much joy to the pupils in the school over the years. The week ended with home grown talent, the student rock band who wowed everyone with their skills learnt over the past year.



Term Dates

- ◆ **Monday 2nd September 2024** INSET Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)
- ◆ **Tuesday 3rd September** School opens to pupils
- ◆ **Wednesday 18th September** Rescheduled Yr 8 HPV1 Immunisation Session
- ◆ **Wednesday 18th September** Parents Evening 6-8pm
- ◆ **Wednesday 25th September** Upper School Harvest Festival 2.30pm
- ◆ **Wednesday 2nd October** Lower School Harvest Festival 2.30pm
- ◆ **Wednesday 16th October** Flu (Whole School) Immunisation Session
- ◆ **Friday 25th October** INSET Staff Training Day
- ◆ **Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November** Half Term
- ◆ **Monday 4th November** Occasional Day

- ◆ **Tuesday 5th November** School Opens to Pupils
- ◆ **Monday 11th November** Lower School Remembrance Service 9.45-10.15am
- ◆ **Monday 11th November** Upper School Remembrance Service 10.45-11.15am
- ◆ **Wednesday 4th December** Carol Singing 6-7pm
- ◆ **Wednesday 11th December** Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- ◆ **Tuesday 17th December** Lower School Christmas Service 9.30-10am
- ◆ **Tuesday 17th December** Upper School Christmas Service 10.30am-11am
- ◆ **Wednesday 18th December** Class parties and disco
- ◆ **Friday 20th December** Pupils break up at 1.30pm - End of Autumn Term. Parent pick up 1:15pm

Click here our 2024-2025 term dates.



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