



End of Summer Term Newsletter

Thursday 23rd July 2026



Neil's End of Term Words

As another incredible school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year. Every day, across all of our sites, our pupils have amazed us with their resilience, determination, curiosity and joy. From exciting learning experiences and memorable trips to performances, celebrations and everyday moments of achievement, it has been a privilege to see our school community flourish. Our school really is a magical place, made so by our extraordinary children, the unwavering dedication of our staff, and the invaluable support of our families and wider community. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making this such a successful and memorable year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break filled with fun and special moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, growth and opportunity. Have a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday.

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Boccia Championship

Amwell View School's pupils were invited to participate in a Boccia Championship held at Wodson Park (Ware). Two teams made up of pupils from Students 1 and Students 2 classes represented Amwell View School in the Herts School Games U19 Special Schools Boccia Championships.

Each team participated in an all-day tournament playing six games against local special schools in the Hertfordshire area.

Boccia (pronounced bot-cha) is a target sport where players throw a leather ball to get as close as possible to a white target ball called the jack. It is similar in concept to bowls or pétanque, but uniquely adapted for athletes with severe physical impairments. Boccia is one of the most inclusive, strategic, and precision-based Paralympic sports – designed specifically for athletes with physical disabilities – and it's also widely played in UK schools, especially special schools.

Sam Wood, Students 1 Class Teacher said *"We had a wonderful time playing Boccia matches with our peers and new friends from other schools. It was a great celebration of skills and physical activity for our pupils to be a part of."*

The pupils had a wonderful time, demonstrating their understanding and skills of Boccia that they have learnt in school during their PE lessons. We were very proud of them all."



These are the days

In the week before May half term, Amwell View School pupils took to the stage in the school hall to perform their Show **'These are the days'** in front of large audiences of parents, carers, friends and families.

On Monday and Tuesday morning, it was the turn of the Lower School pupils, who delivered a vibrant and joyful celebration of special days throughout the year. Their performances included New Year's Eve, April Fool's Day, St. George's Day, Christmas Day, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, and Valentine's Day, before they brought the Show to a close with an interpretation of the Summer Solstice.

Wednesday and Thursday morning saw the Upper School pupils tread the boards, bringing to life a lively sequence of well known celebrations. Their performances showcased Easter, Birthdays, Halloween, St Patrick's Day, Comic Relief, Fireworks Night, and the Notting Hill Carnival. The Show concluded perfectly with a May Day finale,

complete with traditional Maypole dancing. The Upper School Show was closed with the Leavers taking the final bow. Rachel Shipp, Head of Music said *"we celebrate all the pupils' skills and achievements by putting on the school show. They use music, dance, costumes and props to bring them to life. The show was a resounding success thanks to everyone's hard work and enthusiasm"*.

During the same week, the staff and pupils at the Tonwell Satellite School were busy rehearsing and preparing so that they could also perform to their audiences of parents, carers, family and friends.

The Tonwell Satellite School Show was held during the afternoons of Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May 2026. The three classes acted out the following Celebration Days: Tonwell 1 – Chinese New Year Day; Tonwell 2 – Christmas Day; and Tonwell 3 – St. Patrick's Day.

Hayley Warrington, Tonwell 1 Class Teacher and Middle Leader said *"We are so proud of all of the pupils. It was the first time they had performed a show at the Tonwell site and they exuded confidence throughout. It came together beautifully and we are all so pleased for all of the pupils and the families that came to watch them"*.

Ellen-May Shipp, Senior Leader said *"It was a wonderful afternoon and a great celebration of all the pupils' skills and achievements. The pupils narrated, sang, danced and acted brilliantly, using music, dance, costumes and props to bring their individual performances to life. The Tonwell Show was also a resounding success thanks to everyone's hard work and enthusiasm"*.



CLICK HERE FOR: [Snippets from the Lower School Show](#) / [Snippets from the Upper School Show](#)



Sports for All

Amwell View School continually evolves in how we approach both new and traditional events such as Sports Day. This year, we celebrated with 'Sports for All' events with a range of activities which were held across three different locations: Wodson Park Sports and Leisure Centre in Ware, our main school site based in Stanstead Abbots and our satellite school in Tonwell.

The younger pupils took part in a 'Stay and Play' PE Lesson. The middle school pupils attended a 'Sports for All' Festival at the Tonwell satellite school and some of the older pupils participated in a 'Sports for All' morning at Wodson Park in Ware or enjoyed sporting activities alongside their peers. Parents and carers were invited to attend the events celebrating their children's achievements and cheering them along.

Head of PE, Lucy McFayden said *"The aim was to ensure that every pupil, parent and member of staff could celebrate sporting achievement in an environment that was inclusive, supportive and suited to individual needs. The 'Sport for All' celebrations were a great success. The pupils were fantastic and really enjoyed themselves. The holistic approach to this event enabled the sporting activities to be appropriate to each individual so that they could all participate, have fun and be active."*



Amwell View Marathon

We are so excited to let you know that as part of Curriculum Week we hosted an Amwell View Marathon on Friday 17th July.

The event took place on the St. Margaretsbury Football Field and the aim was for every pupil and member of staff in the school to come out and complete at least one lap of the pitch. We tallied up the laps we done in the hope that we will have covered the distance of a marathon as a whole school.

We are thrilled to let you know that we completed 2 whole marathons, an Ultra Marathon!
An amazing achievement, well done everyone!

Ellen-May Shipp, Senior Leader, said *"This was our very first Amwell Marathon, every class came out to complete a lap of the St Margaretsbury Football Pitch with the overall aim to have covered the distance of a Marathon as a whole school, and we exceeded that by covering the distance of almost 2 Marathons. We could not have done it without the support of St. Margaretsbury Sports and Leisure Club who allowed us to use their football pitch and marked the field up with a track for the pupils and staff to follow. All of the volunteers, especially Alex Vainella (Governor), who helped us to set up, supplied medals donated from London Trophy Company and handed them out to each of the pupils and cheered on every child as they completed their lap. A special mention of course to our amazing pupils who joined in with the biggest smiles on their faces and the incredible staff who supported them. It was a great success and a fantastic way to celebrate the end of another amazing year at Amwell View School."*



Butterfly Memorial Garden and School Birthday Picnic

Amwell View School celebrated it's 63rd birthday on the 7th July 2026.

The pupils enjoyed a picnic lunch and ice-creams. The school combines this celebration by inviting families in to the school to remember loved ones and spend time reflecting at the Butterfly Memorial Garden.

Headteacher, Neil Ward, said *"Some of our pupils have very complex medical conditions and sadly pass away far too early. We believe it is important to stay in touch with all of our families and remember their loved ones and keep their memories alive. This school event is very special to all of us. We combine this event alongside the celebrations of the school's birthday, so that we can laugh and cry together."*



Community Class went of an end of term outing to the seaside.
[Click here to see their reel.](#)



We hope you have been enjoying seeing what we've been up to in school and in the community.

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Leavers Festival

On Wednesday 15th July 2026 Amwell View School hosted a Festival with music, BBQ, ice-cream and drinks to celebrate the pupils who are leaving school and moving on. Pupils who have recently left Amwell View were invited back to celebrate with their peers.



Emergency Contact Details

ACTION REQUIRED: Please can you check that we have all up to date information for your child, **2 or 3 emergency contacts** and all **photo and tapestry consents** are completed on Arbor ahead of the new academic year.

Please update your child's Arbor as necessary.

Summer Events

Summer holiday activities for young people with SEND aged 13-19
Throughout the 2026 summer holidays Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People is offering exciting outdoor activities for young people aged 13-19 with SEND, including those with SEMH needs.

[Summer 2026 Family Adventure Sessions at Hudnall Park](https://spaceherts.org.uk/events/)



SPACE

Space are offering some sessions at Therapeutic Hooves over the summer. Please click here: <https://spaceherts.org.uk/events/>

What's on at Audley End Enchanted Railway
[Summer Festival Early Bird Tickets](#)



Summer Family Fun at South Mill Arts

[Click here](#) for their scheduled events.

[Click here](#) for information on their Family Fun Day event taking place from 11 am – 3 pm on Saturday 25th July.

[Mudlarks Allotment Summer Club](#)
[Mudlarks Forest School Summer club](#)



Free Football Sessions

Football Fun Factory provide inclusive football sessions for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 all abilities welcome and they love to have children with SEND needs, and are proud to offer three completely free trial sessions to all new participants.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Private SEN Friendly Swimming Lessons

[Click here](#) for Elite Motions Swim School Flyer.

Electric Umbrella's Brand New Kids' Club!

Please [click here](#) for more information. To launch Kids' Club, they've created their [Summer Challenge: Create, Explore, & Play](#). It's a fun way for families to get involved over the holidays.



Free SEND Multi-Sports Sessions in Waltham Cross—Inclusive weekly sports activities for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. [Click here.](#)



- ◆ **Tuesday 1st September 2026** Staff Training Day - School closed to pupils
- ◆ **Wednesday 2nd September** School Opens - Start of Autumn Term
- ◆ **Wednesday 16th September** Parent Consultation Evening 6-8pm

- ◆ **Wednesday 23rd September** Lower School Harvest Festival 9.45-10.15
- ◆ **Wednesday 23rd September** Upper School Harvest Festival 10.45-11.15
- ◆ **Thursday 22nd October** Halloween Party
- ◆ **Friday 23rd October** INSET Staff Training Day - School closed to pupils
- ◆ **Monday 26th—Friday 30th October** Half Term
- ◆ **Monday 2nd November** Occasional Day - School closed
- ◆ **Tuesday 3rd November** School opens to pupils
- ◆ **Wednesday 11th November** Lower School Remembrance Service 9.45-10.15
- ◆ **Wednesday 11th November** Upper School Remembrance Service 10.45-11.15
- ◆ **Wednesday 2nd November** Christmas Carols Event 6-7pm
- ◆ **Tuesday 8th December** Xmas Fest for pupils
- ◆ **Wednesday 9th December** Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- ◆ **Tuesday 15th December** Lower School Christmas Service 9.45-10.15

- ◆ **Tuesday 15th December** Upper School Christmas Service 10.45-11.15
- ◆ **Wednesday 16th December** Father Christmas, Parties and Disco
- ◆ **Friday 18th December** Last day of Autumn term 1.15pm Parent Pick Up / 1.30pm Pupils Break Up
- ◆ **Monday 4th January 2027** School Opens - Start of Spring Term
- ◆ **Wednesday 6th January** Community Class Achievement Assembly 2.50-3.20*
- ◆ **Wednesday 13th January** Class 7 Achievement Assembly 2.50-3.20*
- ◆ **Wednesday 21st January** Students 2 Achievement Assembly 2.50-3.20*
- ◆ **Wednesday 27th January** Class 6 Achievement Assembly 2.50-3.20*
- ◆ **Wednesday 3rd February** Students 1 Achievement Assembly 2.50-3.20*
- ◆ **Wednesday 10th February** Class 5 Achievement Assembly 2.50-3.20*
- ◆ **Friday 12th February** Pupils Break Up for Half Term
- ◆ **Monday 15th –Friday 19th February** Half Term

[2026-2027 Term Dates](#)

***Please note:** No parking on site for Achievement Assemblies, due to transport buses arrival. Please park offsite and walk around to the Front Office to sign in. We are unable to open the back gate going forward.