

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

## **RE: End of Autumn Term**

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of the first term of this academic year—but what a wonderful term it has been!

The children have been absolutely brilliant and have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into their learning. They have modelled excellent behaviour and lived out our core 'We Care' values every single day. Across the term, the children have enjoyed a range of exciting experiences, including visits to the library, local walks, posting letters to Father Christmas and a fantastic Nite Owl experience. As well as experiencing our whole school events for Harvest, Remembrance, Anti-bullying week and Black History Day. The children have been a credit to our school and we are very proud of everything they have achieved so far. Hopefully this is just the start of an exciting year ahead.

A special mention must go to our Year 2 children, who delivered a fantastic Christingle service this week for the whole school and their families. Their clear narration, thoughtful retelling of the Christmas story, super jokes and wonderful singing made it a memorable event. Well done, Year 2! We then ended the term in style with a fabulous Year 1 Christmas crafts event, Christmas parties, a Christmas film (courtesy of the Friends of Hamstel) and a visit from Father Christmas himself, who truly gave the children a memorable experience alongside their small gift.

Across the term, it has been fantastic to welcome so many parents and carers into school. From our first ever 'Wake-up Wednesday Live' to workshops on maths, phonics, reading and handwriting, curriculum meetings, parent consultations and open-door Fridays. Not forgetting...our brilliant 'Colour Run' which raised so much money for our exciting outdoor learning project. Throughout, your support has been greatly appreciated and it means so much to the children and staff to have you involved so heavily in school life...long may it continue!

I would also like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank you to our brilliant staff, who work tirelessly for our children every day. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team, and they truly go from strength to strength.

As we look forward to the Spring term, we already have plenty of exciting opportunities planned—for both the children to enjoy, and for you to continue joining us in school. These include our annual Science Day, Book Week, the Reception



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relative's afternoon tea, our Year 1 Spring show, Year 2's Royal Banquet and of course, the return of the Happy Chicks!

Until then, I would like to thank you for your support over the last term and as ever, for trusting us with your children.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year and we look forward to welcoming you back to Hamstel Infants on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Warmest wishes,



Mr. Roche

Principal

