



St Hilda's School  
HARPENDEN  
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# NEWSLETTER

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*'May my actions be worthy of St Hilda, not the result of weak desire,  
Strive to improve, give thanks to those who guide me,  
Fail, but then determine to succeed and to inspire.'* School song

Dear Parents,

The end of this week represents a very busy time for our school community, with mounting excitement over the Christmas Bazaar next week and plenty of fun to be had this week and next in sporting endeavour, special days, whole school reflections and much hard work across the curriculum. This morning, it was a pleasure to welcome Mr Nichols, headmaster at St Francis' College to address the children in assembly. He talked about realising our dreams and how ambition needs to be blended with motivation and determination in order to succeed. We also reflected on our school values, currently fearlessness, as we also marked St Hilda's Day. Our girls are very proud of their school and sang with great enthusiasm, as always. The words above, which form the second verse, really sum up what it means to keep trying, most of all building our resilience, which is so important, especially thinking of those with challenging circumstances.

Thank you to everyone who came to pay their respects at our remembrance assembly last week. Despite the grey and cold, it was lovely way to commemorate the fallen. I would also express my grateful thanks for the 114 Rotary shoe boxes which filled our entrance last week. Your generosity is so appreciated.

Congratulations to Mrs Tull who has completed 1000 burpees over the past four weeks, the final 20 of which were completed this morning in bright sunshine. If you wish to contribute to Mrs Tull's Justgiving page for Children in Need, please do so [here](#).

## \*FOSH Christmas Bazaar – Update\*

From our FOSH Team:

May we take this opportunity to thank parents for their very generous donations and Form reps, in particular, for their hard work in pulling everything together for this year's Bazaar. It has been great to see the FoSH team effort in full swing, as evidenced by the hamper wrapping this morning.

If you are intending to pre-purchase tokens/raffle tickets, please do so as soon as possible to allow time for these to be prepared and handed to your Form rep for distribution ahead of the Bazaar. A final email will be circulated next week with stalls information, layout, Santa's Grotto time slots and more.

### Easyfundraising

With Black Friday sales starting already, there's no better time to use the Easyfundraising tool to donate to FoSH. The link, as always, is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foshs/>

## Staffing News

I am sorry to announce that Mrs Madden, my PA and Office Administrator, will be leaving us on 19<sup>th</sup> January to take up a similar post at Berkhamsted Prep. Mrs Madden has been a calm and supportive presence in the School Office and will be much missed.

## Christmas concerts

A reminder that spaces at our Christmas performances are always at a premium, so please let Mrs Madden know which you need seats for.

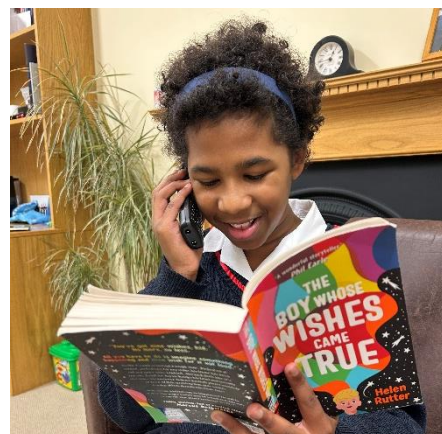
Many congratulations to our Cross-Country runners (photo above) who represented the school this week in the Harpenden District and ISA London North competitions. I also was delighted to see winning performances in this week's netball fixture against Sherrardswood School.



Finally, one of the really special things that I have enjoyed being a part of this term has been Silver Stories, where some of our older pupils read a story over the phone to an elderly person. It is such a nice thing to do and really encourages our community connection between the generations. Well done to all the pupils and to Mrs Ahmad for facilitating this.

Wishing all of you a good weekend. I look forward to Science Days, Florence Nightingale in Form II, and seeing many of you at the Bazaar next week.

With best wishes  
Dan Sayers  
Headmaster





ST HILDAS PRE-PREP  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

# Aldwickbury Pre-Prep Film Afternoon

**Jan  
27th**

**Snack  
Provided**



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**SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2024**

**2-4PM**

**CHIDELL HALL**

**ALDWICKBURY SCHOOL**

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**BOOKING DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**VOLUNTEERS FROM ST HILDA'S PARENTS REQUESTED**