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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I hope that you had a wonderful week and were able to enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Anti-Bullying Week: As parents/carers, you understandably want your child to be happy and safe, and it is natural to worry about bullying – particularly if you have experienced bullying yourselves or think your child may be more vulnerable to bullying. The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members work with children, families and schools to help keep children safe and address bullying. Every November, schools throughout the United Kingdom are invited to take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. This year, Anti-Bullying Week will be taking place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November, with the theme 'Power For Good'.

At Mandeville, children in every class will be taking part in activities during the week with the aim that they will understand how they can use their 'Power For Good' to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.

As a parent/carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are many positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm. One of the steps is knowing when to ask for support. Therefore, please find below a link to a toolkit written by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It is designed to give you information about bullying, tips about what to do if you're worried about bullying, as well as the tools to help you talk to your children about bullying.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Parent%20and%20Carer%20Pack%20-%20Anti-Bullying%20Week%202025.pdf>

Admissions: Please note that the online application system is available at

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

The deadline for on-time applications for a Reception place is **15 January 2026**. Late applications are not dealt with until all on-time applications have been considered and therefore parents/carers are much less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools if they apply late.

Friends of Mandeville PTA: Many thanks to all those parents/carers and staff who kindly supported with the children's disco yesterday. They all seemed to have a wonderful time!

Community: Please see the link below to The Sawbridgeworth Flyer. This month's edition includes community news and a number of festive, upcoming events which sound great fun for all the family!

<https://e-magazine.flyeronline.co.uk/p/sawbridgeworth-flyer/31-10-2025/r/1/1/6975/2028191>

This is always an exciting half term and I know how much the children will be looking forward to sharing events with you.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

