



Tuesday 6th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring Term Update 1

Happy New Year to you all. I trust the break provided you all with a chance to rest, enjoy the festivities and spend some quality family time together.

As we return for the start of the spring term – not that you would know it by the weather – there are a few reminders to share with you.

Snow

Having mentioned the cold weather we are currently having, it makes sense to remind you of what we would do in the event of heavy snowfall in and around Hitchin.

A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and has only been done a couple of times in recent years. We would endeavour to make the decision as early as possible and in consultation with Highbury Infant School and other local schools. The key factor I have to consider is whether I am able to staff the school safely, with many teachers and support staff travelling some distance to get to school. It is rarely to do with the snow on the school site, more to do with the roads and the advice from the police.

If we were forced to close the school for the day, we would share the information via our social media page and via SchoolComms, asking you to spread the word via any WhatsApp groups you may be in. Please always assume no news means we remain open.

Watches

I have noticed several pupils wearing smart watches to school, probably having received them as presents over the holidays. Can I please ask that these remain at home and should a child wish to wear a watch, a cheaper analogue or digital watch is used instead. I wouldn't want an expensive watch to go missing or get broken and equally, there would be aspects of their functionality which is not appropriate for school.

Jewellery

As per the [school's uniform policy](#), for pupils with pierced ears, only a single pair of small, suitable studs may be worn in school. The school may insist that these are covered or removed for PE lessons.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Steve Mills
Headteacher