



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

WEEKLY Newsletter

Autumn Term

12th September 2025

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Generosity

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term and I hope that you enjoyed the summer especially as the weather was so lovely. We have had a very busy start with the first full week back seeing lots of learning happening across the school. It has been lovely to see the children getting back into the swing of things so quickly and we have welcomed some new families into the school as well as new staff members. I hope that you have received a warm welcome and soon start to feel part of the school. Reception and Nursery children have all started to settle into their new routines and have quickly become part of our school community. We now have 5 classes in school now that Robin Class (Year 4) has started. September is such an important month in the school calendar as it is when new routines and expectations are embedded with children getting to know their new teacher after a long 6-week break, re-capping on prior learning and getting their brains warmed up again. I'm sure that they will be tired at the end of this first full week back.

Many thanks to the FPSA for their welcome back cakes and drinks on Monday after school. It was lovely to see so many of you there and should you wish to volunteer to join the FPSA, there is the opportunity to do so on Thursday 18th September, 7.30pm at The Brewery Tap in Furneux Pelham or please speak to Sarah Kaufman, should you wish to know more details. We do also have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor. It is a great opportunity to help support the school so if you are interested in the role, please ask myself for a form which will need to be completed.

As the new term starts, please can I remind you that Class Dojo is the go-to for messages to teaching staff regarding changes to pick up and any information that you may wish to pass onto your child's teacher. Teaching staff will no longer respond via their email address. Should your child be absent due to illness, please contact the school office before 9am for each day they will be absent before the registers are completed. If you require absence leave, there are forms in the office which are required to be completed for this. Your help with this is greatly appreciated and helps us to streamline communications within school.

Please have a look at diary dates on the calendar at the end of the Newsletter informing you of this half term's sharing assemblies and teachers will have informed you via Dojo about Meet the Teacher timings for next week for KS1 and KS2 when they are looking forward to seeing you. If you are unable to attend, please let them know and they will forward any information on to you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cook

Woodpecker Class What a fantastic and busy first week we've had in Woodpecker Class! The children have settled in brilliantly and are already beginning to feel at home in their new environment. This week, we've been focusing on establishing routines, learning about school expectations, and most importantly, building positive relationships with each other. It's been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence each day. Inside the classroom, the children have enjoyed exploring the role play area, playing with the cars and knights, and expressing their creativity through drawing. Outside, there's been lots of fun too – from singing and riding the bikes to creating colourful masterpieces

with chalk. We also had our very first PE Session with Matt, which was a big hit! The children loved practising their jumping, balancing, bouncing, and catching skills. We're so proud of how well everyone is settling in and are excited for all the fun and learning still to come.

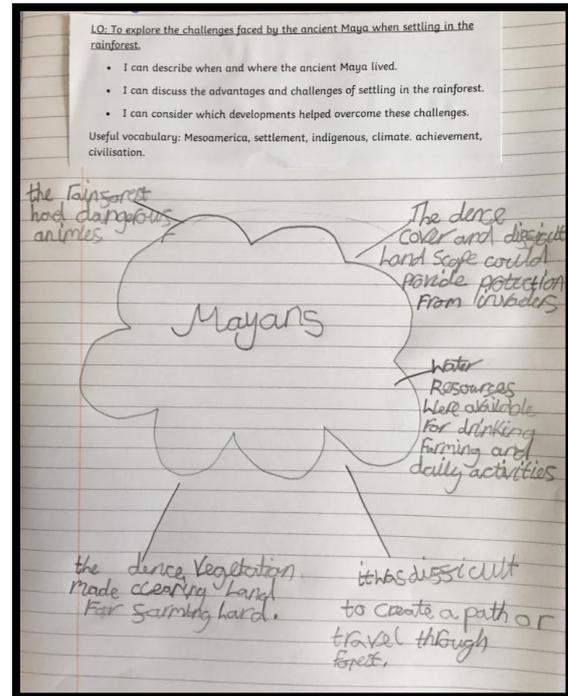
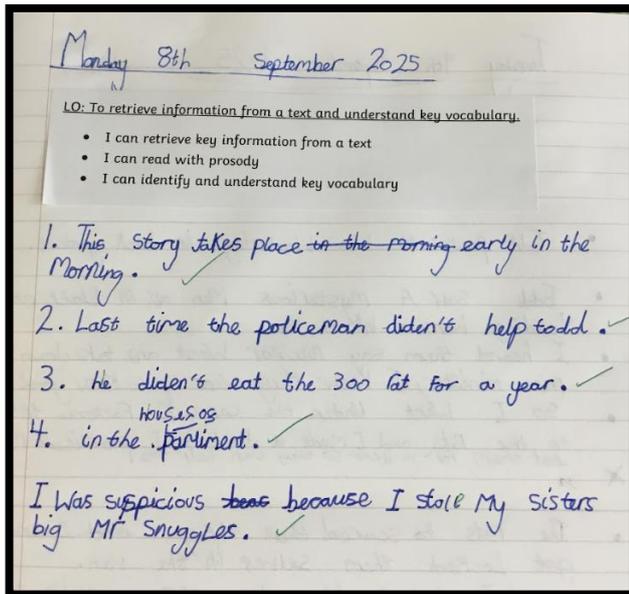


Kingfisher Class this week the children have enjoyed listening to the story 'Luna loves Dance' by Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers. We have been generating words and sentences to say what Luna likes to do and discussing her feelings at different points in the story. The children also enjoyed their P.E this week where they began practising netball skills such as bouncing a ball in a hoop and bounce passing to their partners.



Nightingale Class have worked very hard this week and have been getting used to new routines and expectations for KS2. The children have started their new English book which is about a favourite subject - cake. They have been using conjunctions to join sentences and thinking about language choices to create an atmosphere in a story. In maths the children have loved learning about hundred and thousands and have been practising their understanding of place value. New topics of Skeletons and Mayans have started, as well as lots of PE and PSHE.

Robin Class have been reading 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs' in English, exploring persuasive speeches and forming their own opinions about who was really to blame! In History, the class are beginning to uncover the secrets of the Ancient Maya, discussing what life might have been like in the rainforest and the challenges the Maya faced.



Skylark Class This week, Skylark have been finding out about the beginnings of the Sikh Empire in history and learning about Sikhism in RE. In English, we have been working on non-chronological report writing linked into 'The Book of Mythical Beasts & Magical Creatures'. In science we have been learning about life cycles and reproduction in plants this week. They enjoyed a practical investigation by dissecting a range of flowers so that they could use magnifying glasses to observe the structure of a flowering plant more closely.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Woodpecker

Alice
George V

Kingfisher



Nightingale

Hunter

Robin

George

Skylark

ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

Woodpecker

George C for settling well into Woodpecker Class and for fantastic number recognition.

Alice for settling into reception life well and showing exceptional behaviour.

Nightingale

Finley has made an excellent start to Year 3 working very hard in English and Maths and great enthusiasm for our new topics.

Kingfisher

Dolcie for a positive attitude and settling in so well.

Reinhardt for great participation in all lessons and making an excellent start at his new school.

Robin

Oliver K for being ready to learn with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Skylark

Sam for being so helpful and thinking of others.

Mollie for fantastic participation in all lessons.

READING AWARDS

Woodpecker

To start next week for Woodpecker Class.

Nightingale

Sam

Kingfisher

Albert

Robin

Jack

Skylark

Sebastian

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance –95.5%
Whole School Target Set – 96%

Please contact school every day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 777344** and leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.



MENU w/c 15 th Sept 2025		DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES	
Day	Menu		
Monday	Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (V) (Red) Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Pasta (Green) Jacket Potato with Tuna (Blue)	Thursday 4 th September	Term Starts for pupils
		Monday 15 th September	Skylark Class Meet the Teacher 3.15 – 3.30
		Tuesday 16 th September	Robin Class Meet the Teacher 3.15 – 3.30
		Wednesday 17 th September	Nightingale Class Meet the Teacher 3.15-3.30
		Friday 19 th September	Kingfisher Class Meet the Teacher 3.15-3.30
		Friday 17 th October	Woodpecker and Kingfisher Sharing Assembly 2.45pm
		Friday 24 th October	Nightingale, Robin & Skylark Sharing Assembly 2.35 pm
Tuesday	Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Red) Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Green) Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (Blue)	Mon 27 th -Fri 31 st October	Half Term
		Tuesday 11 th November	Bags2 School collection
		Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day
		Monday 24 th November	EYFS Audley End Trip
		Thursday 27 th November	Whole School Decorating Day
		Friday 28 th November	Occasional Day
		Friday 5 th December	FPSA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday	Chicken Pie with Gravy (Red) Roasted Summer Veg Pasta (V) (Green) Jacket Potato with Cheese (Blue)	Thursday 18 th December	FPSA Christmas Disco
		Friday 19 th December	End of Term
		Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET DAY
		Tuesday 6 th January 2026	INSET DAY
		Wednesday 7 th January	Term starts for pupils
		Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term
		Wednesday 4 th March	Bags2 School Collection
Thursday	Cheese & tomato Pizza (V) (Red) Plant Sausage with Bow Pasta (V) (Green) Jacket Potato with Beans (Blue)	Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
		Thursday 26 th March	FPSA Easter Disco
		Friday 27 th March	End of Term
		Monday 13 th April	INSET DAY
		Tuesday 14 th April	Term starts for pupils
		Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
		Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Friday	Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) Herby Tomato Pasta with Cheese (V) (Green) Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (Blue)	Wednesday 3 rd June	Bags2 School Collection
		Tuesday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm Church
		Tuesday 21 st July	FPSA Summer Disco
		Wednesday 22 nd July	END of TERM
		Thursday 23 rd July	INSET DAY

NOTICES AND INFORMATION

- **Play equipment** - Please ensure that children are not on the play equipment after school as there is no staff supervision at the end of the day, so we kindly ask you help support us with this to ensure that all children are safe.
- **Healthy snacks** – please send a healthy snack to school for break such as fruit or veg. We are noticing an increase in sugary foods when we would like to encourage healthy eating.

Apply for school on time

Applying for a school place for September 2026

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical
College Application deadline: Friday 31 October 2025

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Thursday 15 January 2026

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



**FREE Healthy Lifestyle support
for families in Hertfordshire**



Our **FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes**
start on **week commencing 22nd September 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm
CHESHUNT Andrews Lane Primary School, EN7 6LB 4:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

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Sign up today!



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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

**Looking for healthy
after-school snack ideas?**

We've got you covered!

Our free, Beezee Families healthy lifestyle programme can help your family make healthy habits.

Tuck into these healthy snacks:

- Two wholegrain crackers and tzatsiki
- Rice cakes or corn cakes
- Two crackers with a spread of low-fat cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs
- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Ayran (yoghurt-based drink)
- Baked plantain
- Sebze kebab (grilled vegetable skewers)
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Apple slices with peanut butter.

Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



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*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up

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DSPL3 SEND COFFEE MORNING

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice & emotional support
- Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
- Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
- Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!



DSPL3 Delivering Special Provision Locally

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu **i**mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter