



Roots to grow,  
Wings to soar

# Newsletter

Summer Term

17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

### Value: Friendship

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term and I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been delightful to see the children come back in this week and they have returned full of energy and are enjoying being out on the school field at break times in the sunshine. They have been getting back into their routines for the start of a busy term ahead and the children enjoyed their first Values Worship of the term with Reverend Lynn yesterday focusing on the theme of Friendship. We have a new weekly award in our Friday Celebration Worship starting this week – the Creative Award. This will be awarded to children for excellence in music, art, design and technology and drama.

#### **School Uniform**

As we continue through the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our school uniform policy and the expectations we have for all pupils. Our uniform plays an important role in promoting a sense of pride, belonging, and equality within our school community.

We ask that all children come to school each day dressed in the correct uniform, as outlined in our policy which can be found on the school website. This includes a plain hair tie for longer hair to be tied back as we are noticing a range of hair accessories coming into school which are not in line with our policy. Please also ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name to help us return any lost items promptly.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in meeting the uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to support you and can offer guidance where needed.

#### **School bags**

Please can children bring a school bookbag into school rather than a large rucksack as we are seeing an increase in larger bags being brought in. Unfortunately, these do not fit easily into the children's lockers, which leads to belongings being left in corridors and creating potential safety hazards. Bookbags are the most suitable option for school as they are compact, easy to store, and help children to be independent and organised with their belongings. They support pupils in managing what they need for the school day and taking responsibility for their items. We understand that on some days children may need to bring additional kit, for example for after-school clubs. On these occasions, we kindly ask that items are kept to a minimum and only essential belongings are brought into school. Thank you for your support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Sarah Cook  
Headteacher

## Events

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Writing** and all the many elements within the teaching of this subject will be the focus for a Parents Information Session to be held in the school hall at 3.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The session will explain how writing is taught across the school, highlight the national curriculum requirements across the year groups, look at how it is assessed by teaching staff and talk you through what an English writing unit looks like, and the scheme we use. Alongside reading, writing is a key life skill, and we would like to support you in ways in which activities at home can help support your child in writing at school.

**Woodpecker Class** It is hard to believe that we are already in the summer term. The children have settled well and have quickly returned to the routine of daily phonics, writing and reading. They have been making excellent use of the improved reading area and are demonstrating a strong enthusiasm for reading and looking at books. In PE, the children have begun their athletics unit; this week they practised the javelin and engaged with the activity with great enjoyment.

**Kingfisher Class** Kingfisher appeared fully recharged after their Easter break and came into school ready to hit the ground running. We kicked off our new science topic where we will be learning about habitats and the different life processes of different living things. I am hopeful this will give us lots of opportunities to get outside and explore the grounds and make use of the fantastic new outdoor learning space. We have also begun our new topic in English, which is all about information texts. Having spent the last couple of days discussing and writing instructions on how to brush our teeth, I'm sure the children will be dazzling you with their pearly whites!

**Nightingale Class** this week the children have been consolidating their learning in maths on mass and capacity. They have read scales and measure using standard units such as grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres. They have compared, added and subtracted different amounts, and built their understanding as to how units are related (for example, 1000g = 1kg and 1000ml = 1 litre). They have solved real-life problems involving measuring and comparing mass and capacity. The teaching follows a practical approach using real objects and visual representations to help children develop a deep understanding. In English writing, we have been finishing our unit on Haiku poems which they will write up in their best handwriting onto a watercolour background which they created in our Art lesson.

**Robin Class** have had an excellent start back this week. In PE, the children have been developing their tag rugby skills and practising greater control of the ball in tennis. They are highly engaged in our new English writing unit, persuasive letters, and have shown great enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas. We have been exploring the book Malala's Magic Pencil, learning about her childhood and her powerful belief that one teacher, one child, one pen and one book can change the world. This led to meaningful discussions about the importance of equal access to education, and the children were very moved to discover that around 272 million children worldwide do not currently have access to schooling. In reading, the class have been following instructions on how to shoot like Robin Hood. We have been unpicking new vocabulary together and learning how to avoid shooting our allies in the backside!

**Skylark Class** In Skylark this week, we have been learning about Statistics in Maths and finding out about different ways to read, interpret and represent data. We have started a new topic in our English writing lessons and are going to be writing our own balanced arguments that we will then be presenting and debating in class. In PE, the children are going to be working on their tennis skills with Matt this half term and we had a really fun start to our Rounders lessons yesterday. In History, we are finding out about the Census and how this is a great source of information for historians. We found out about its origins and purpose and enjoyed creating our own Skylark Class Census.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

### Attendance this week

97.98%

### 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 and will need to order a school lunch, you can either make your own selection on Arbor before 8.15 am or ring the school office before 9.15 am. Orders placed after this time may not be accepted.



### Kingfisher

Aubrey

### Robin

Leo



## ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

### Woodpecker

**Lily** for demonstrating excellent skills and outstanding concentration during PE.

**Henry** for always trying his best and showing a positive attitude towards learning.

### Nightingale

**Carris** for always being kind and respectful to everyone in school.

### Kingfisher

**Bertie** for his enthusiasm and contribution to our history lesson about the Wright Brothers.

**Reinhardt** for his excellent work in spelling, grammar and guided reading.

### Robin

**Oliver G** for showing great focus and participation in Maths lessons.

### Skylark

**Emma** for being such a kind and helpful member of Skylark class.

**Oliver** for his fantastic behaviour for learning.

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

**Esme S** for being kind and supportive to others.

## READING AWARDS

### Woodpecker

Jay

### Kingfisher

Rosie

### Nightingale

Darcey

### Robin

Jasper

### Skylark

Abigail

## CREATIVE AWARD

Henry J for great progress in his piano lessons and successfully passing his ABRSM Initial Grade.

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTAR AWARDS

Lila for showing great effort and dedication practising in her own time.

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Tuesday	Beef Lasagne <b>Red</b> Plant Based Grill (Ve) <b>Green</b> Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) <b>Blue</b>																																																										
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## NOTICES AND INFORMATION

The FPSA would welcome donations of second-hand books for their stall at the Summer Fete. Please drop off at the school office.



**MATT OGILVIE COACHING**  
UEFA QUALIFIED COACH

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May Football Camp  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May Multi Sports  
Boys and Girls year 1 to 6

Furneux Pelham Primary school SG9 OLH  
9am -3pm ( early drop off 8:30am)  
£25 per day or £45 for both days  
10% siblings discount

Bring a packed lunch, drinks, clothes  
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## NOTICE BOARD

### WHAT IS THE FPSA?

THE FPSA IS A REGISTERED CHARITY RUN BY A COMMITTEE OF PARENTS AND STAFF WHO ARRANGE SOCIAL EVENTS AND RAISE MONEY TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE OF OUR CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL. OUR SUPPORT CAN BE SEEN THROUGH PURCHASING NEW EQUIPMENT, EDUCATIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, BOOKS & TRAINING.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

TALK TO YOUR CLASS REP AND SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP.

COME ALONG TO THE NEXT FPSA MEETING AND JUST LISTEN TO SEE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR CONTRIBUTE YOUR SKILLS IN ANYWAY.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND KNOWLEDGE WITH US.

SUPPORT OUR EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

FROZEN FRIDAY ICE LOLLY SALES. WILL START AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AND RUN EACH FRIDAY FOR THE SUMMER TERM. £1 EACH.

FPSA COMMITTEE MEETING – 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 7.30PM AT THE BREWERY TAP

BAG2SCHOOL – 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2026

FURNEUX PELHAM SUMMER FETE – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1-5PM IN THE SCHOOL FIELD.

SCHOOL DISCO – MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 5.30-7PM

### RECENT FUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS

PICTURE NEWS SUBSCRIPTION

36 MONTH FFT READING SUBSCRIPTION

FUNDING TOWARDS THE SWIMMING COACHES

### CONTACT US

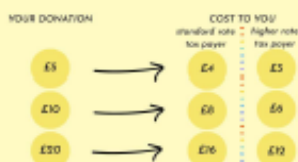
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[FPSA@FURNEUXP.HERTS.SCH.UK](mailto:FPSA@FURNEUXP.HERTS.SCH.UK)

OR VIA YOUR CLASS REP

### PAYROLL GIVING

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Charity Number - 1056440

*We would be grateful for donations of Adult or Children's books.*

### CLASS REPS

WOODPECKER – RACHAEL ROBINSON

KINGFISHER – SARAH KAUFMAN

NIGHTINGALE – HEIDI SMITH<sup>1</sup>

ROBIN – SARAH KAUFMAN

SKYLARK – HEIDI SMITH



### NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7.30PM @ THE BREWERY TAP