



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

Newsletter

Summer Term

24th April 2026

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Friendship

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week in school and a busy one. So many of our lessons have taken place outdoors in the continued sunshine from Art to English to Science. We have been focusing on our value of Friendship and Rev'd Lynn led worship on Thursday about how we can encourage one another. The children built up an encouragement tower with Jenga blocks, a new one added each time they suggested ways in which their words and actions can encourage others, and what happens when we choose not to encourage or use kind words so that when the blocks are removed the tower eventually falls.

Our Year 3 and 4 children had a very enjoyable day at Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club playing alongside other local schools. They were extremely enthusiastic about the event and played brilliantly in their teams.



Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Sarah Cook – Headteacher

Events

Tuesday 28th April - Tottenham Coaching

On Tuesday 28th April we are excited to announce that all pupils will be taking part in the NEXT GEN SPURS Primary School Football Programme. The programme is designed to inspire and ignite pupils' imagination and interest in football, while developing their knowledge, competency, and confidence through a well-structured philosophy and the coaching methodology of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. Each class will have a session delivered by Tottenham Hotspur– Spurs Football Development Coaches at school. Children should all ensure they have their PE kit in school on Tuesday to take part in what should be a great event. They will wear their trainers as not all children have shin pads for safety reasons.

Woodpecker Class This week in EYFS, the children have been busy developing their storytelling skills by using the story map we created to retell Rosie's Walk. They showed great confidence in recalling key events and using language from the story. In PSHE, the children explored the concept of money. With Mrs Kennard, they talked about how money is earned and discussed different ways we can spend it. The children enjoyed sharing their ideas and making real-life connections. On Wednesday, we celebrated Earth Day with a creative activity. The children used coloured water, pipettes, and cotton wool to make their own mini-Earths. They also learned about recycling and worked together to sort items into the correct boxes. We had thoughtful discussions about how we can help keep our planet healthy and look after the environment.



Kingfisher Class We have been really enjoying our latest text in English, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson & Kate Hindley. If you have not had a chance to read it, I would thoroughly recommend the following version on YouTube [\[SUBTITLED\] HOW TO WASH A WOOLLY MAMMOTH | KIDS READING BOOKS](#) . It has been the cause of many giggles in our classroom. Next week the children will be writing their own version of the story using an animal of their choice and I can't wait to see where their imaginations take them. On Thursday afternoon, we were transported back to 1903 to Kitty Hawk in North Carolina, when Kingfisher re-enacted the maiden voyage of Wright Flyer 1 in the playground ... a wonderful opportunity for the children to show off their acting skills. Reinhardt made a marvellous plane!

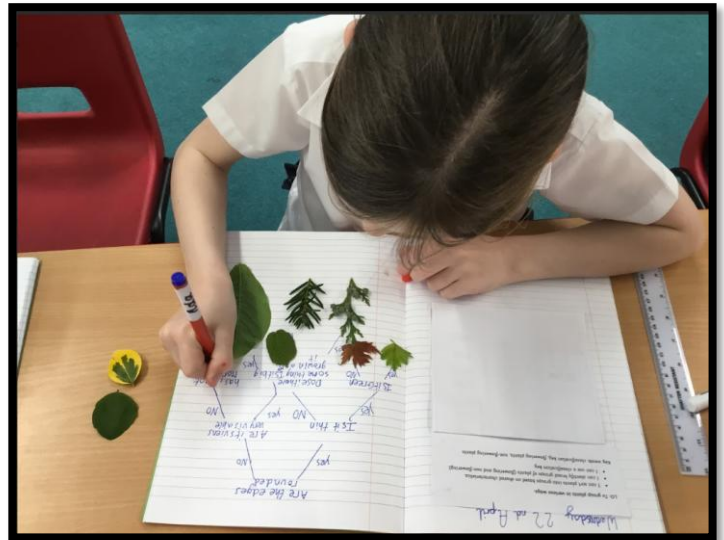


Nightingale Class On Thursday Year 3 showed great resilience, determination and above all had great fun at the Tag Rugby tournament. It is fair to say a few were a bit unsure about what to expect but by the end of the day you could feel the buzz of excitement from the children and a feeling of achievement. They were friendly matches but that did not stop our children from really trying their best and delighting in achieving tries. A great day out.

We are starting a new science topic of Living things: classification and habitats where we are hoping to take advantage of our lovely surroundings and learn outside. In English we are learning about language for persuasive letters based on a wonderful book Malala's Magic Pencil. We have been looking at persuasive language and techniques, and the children have been practising speaking aloud developing our oracy skills by using hand gestures, changing volume and repetition.

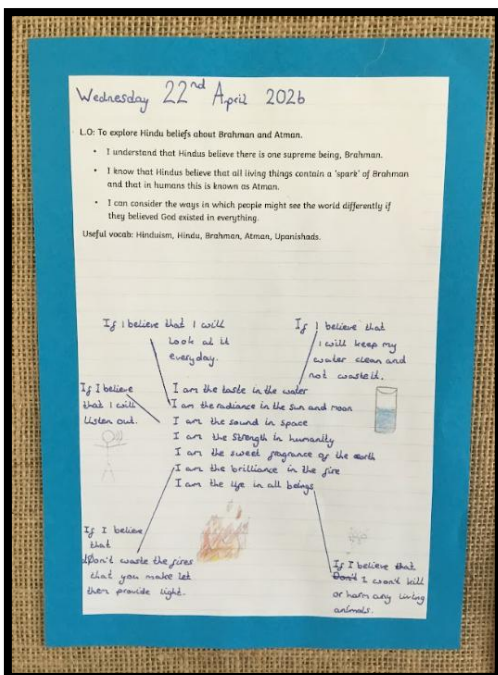
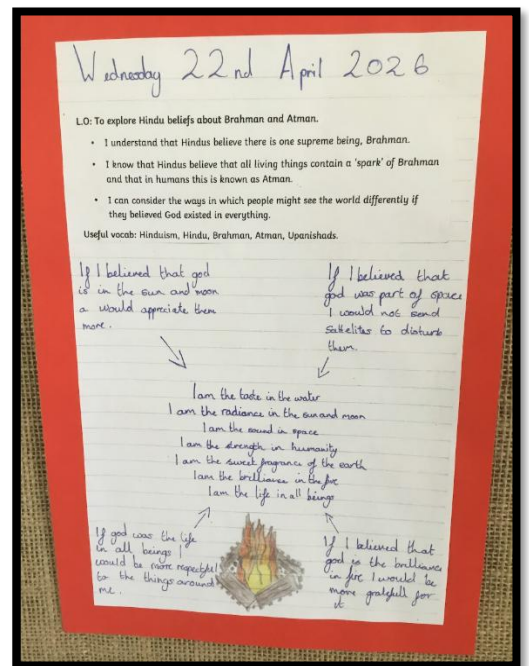


Robin Class this week in Robin class, we have taken full advantage of the lovely weather while continuing to develop our learning across the curriculum. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a local walk where the children focused on road safety, discussing how to stay safe near roads and crossings. We also began exploring how to identify and map key features using an OS map, helping to build both our geographical knowledge and practical navigation skills. On Wednesday, we took our learning outdoors with Mrs Cook, where the children engaged in a hands-on science activity. They worked collaboratively to classify and identify different leaves, thinking carefully about their features and how they can be grouped. This supported their understanding of observation, comparison, and scientific classification. Finally, on Thursday, we joined Nightingale class for an exciting rugby festival alongside several other schools. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship throughout the event. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they applied their skills in a competitive setting, and they were thrilled to score lots of tries!



Skylark Class We have had another busy week in Skylark. In English, the children have been doing a fantastic job of writing up their balanced arguments, ready to present and debate in class. They have come up with their own topics to write about, and it's been lovely to see so many creative, interesting ideas. We are very much looking forward to hearing more about each other's chosen topics next week. In Science, we have been continuing to find out more about the topic of Evolution. We have been learning about the differences within species and about some of the causes of this variation. We also started to find out about the research carried out by Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace; two very important scientists whose discoveries transformed the

way we think about life on Earth. In RE, the children did some lovely work on our new topic of Hinduism, considering how the Hindu belief of Brahman impacts the way Hindus choose to live their lives.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week

95.54%

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.



Nightingale

Tommy

Robin

Penny



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

Woodpecker

Ollie H for super participation in PE.

George V for trying extremely hard with his phonics, reading and writing.

Nightingale

Myles for showing great resilience, overcoming his doubts, having a go and enjoying the experience at Tag Rugby.

Kingfisher

Dougie for his wonderful ideas about how to wash a crocodile safely in English.

Finley for his enthusiasm and hard work in Maths, learning about fractions.

Robin

Lila for her excellent contributions and focus in Science this week.

Skylark

George and **Isabel** for settling in so well.

Abigail for her super progress in writing and reading comprehension.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Finch for his fantastic enthusiasm and sportsmanship at the Tag Ragy Event.

READING AWARDS

Woodpecker

Sienna

Kingfisher

Reinhardt

Nightingale

Angel

Robin

Leo

Skylark

William

CREATIVE AWARD

Albert C for his infectious enthusiasm for singing in music lessons.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTAR AWARDS

Penny for showing real determination and a positive attitude while learning your times tables.

MENU w/c 20th April			
Day	Menu		
Monday	Pulled Paprika Chicken Flatbread Red Bean &Vegetable Grill (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo Blue	Monday 27th April	Class Photos
Tuesday	Beef Burger Red BBQ Bean Loaded Hash Browns (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Tuesday 28th April	Spurs Next Gen coaching
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy Red Roasted Summer Veg Quiche (v) Green Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) Blue	Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday	Quorn Hotdog (v) Red Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (v) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Monday 11th May	SATs Week Year 6 Robin trip – Cambridge Polar Museum
Friday	Fish Fillet Fingers Red Margherita Pizza (v) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) Blue	Friday 15th May	Bouncy Day
		Monday 18th May	Skylark Activity Week
		Tuesday 19th May	Crucial Crew
		Friday 22nd May	Non uniform day
		Mon 25th – Fri 29th May	Half Term
		Wednesday 3rd June	Bags2 School Collection
		Saturday 6th June	FPSA Summer Fete
		Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day
		Wednesday 1st July	Reserve Sports Day
		Tuesday 7th July	KS2 Faith Tour
		Thursday 9th July	Secondary Transfer Day
		Monday 20th July	FPSA Summer Disco
		Tuesday 21st July	Leavers Service 2pm Church
		Wednesday 22nd July	END of TERM
		Thursday 23rd July	INSET DAY
		Tuesday 1st September	INSET DAY
		Wednesday 2nd September	INSET DAY
		Thursday 3rd September	Term starts
		Monday 21st September	Individual photos
		Mon 26th – Fri 30th October	Half Term
		Friday 27th November	Occasional Day
		Friday 18th December	Term ends at 1.30 pm

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 26th May Football Camp
Wednesday 27th 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 for all weather and shin pads

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MAKERS FAYRE

4th May 2026 10.00am til 4.00pm	4th July 2026 10.00am til 4.00pm	5th September 2026 10.00am til 4.00pm
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10.00am til 4.00pm

- Handmade crafts & unique gifts
- Local artisans & makers
- Art, jewellery, Home decor & more
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FURNEUX PELHAM SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
1-5PM

AT FURNEUX PELHAM SCHOOL
SG9 OLH

- ★ PUNCH & JUDY
- ★ TOMBOLAS & RAFFLE
- ★ CREAM TEAS, BBQ & BAR
- ★ CHILDREN'S GAMES & INFLATABLES
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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 17TH APRIL AND RUN EACH FRIDAY FOR THE SUMMER TERM. £1 EACH.

FPSA COMMITTEE MEETING – 29TH APRIL, 7.30PM AT THE BREWERY TAP

BAG2SCHOOL – 3RD JUNE 2026

FURENUX PELHAM SUMMER FETE – SATURDAY 6TH JUNE, 1-5PM IN THE SCHOOL FIELD.

SCHOOL DISCO – MONDAY 20TH JULY 5.30-7PM

RECENT FUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS

PICTURE NEWS SUBSCRIPTION

36 MONTH FFT READING SUBSCRIPTION

FUNDING TOWARDS THE SWIMMING COACHES

CONTACT US

YOU CAN CONTACT US ON:

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OR VIA YOUR CLASS REP

PAYROLL GIVING

A tax effective way of making regular donations straight from your pay. Allowing the tax you would have paid on your contribution to be donated to the Furneux Pelham School Association.



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 SMITH¹

ROBIN – SARAH KAUFMAN

SKYLARK – HEIDI SMITH



NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 7.30PM @ THE BREWERY TAP