



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

Newsletter

Summer Term

8th May 2026

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Friendship

Dear Parents,

Despite it being a four-day week, there has been lots of exciting things happening across the school. Woodpeckers were very excited to head out on a bear hunt this week with their binoculars and maps which they had made in class beforehand. Iris said, "It was the best day ever!".

Rev'd Lynn led Collective Worship on Thursday and the children learnt about the story of Jesus meeting Mary and Martha. Half the school were Mary and the others were Martha which was very active as they did the actions for each character whilst reflecting on the theme of 'Making time for each other'.

This afternoon, we came together as a school to join a live assembly with 6,000 pupils to celebrate the life of Sir David Attenborough on his 100th birthday. It was great fun and many of the classes have spent time today finding out all about his life.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Sarah Cook
Headteacher

Woodpecker Class: As we come to the end of our story, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, the children have thoroughly enjoyed bringing the book to life through lots of exciting, hands-on experiences. We decided to retell the story in an interactive way by stepping through the long, wavy grass, squelching through thick, oozy mud, and braving a swirling, whirling snowstorm! The children absolutely loved this activity and joining in with the repeated phrases from the story.



Yesterday, the adventure continued as we used the binoculars we had made along with our maps to go on a bear hunt around the field. The children showed fantastic imagination, teamwork, and excitement as they searched carefully to find the bear! It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow through storytelling, role play, and outdoor exploration.

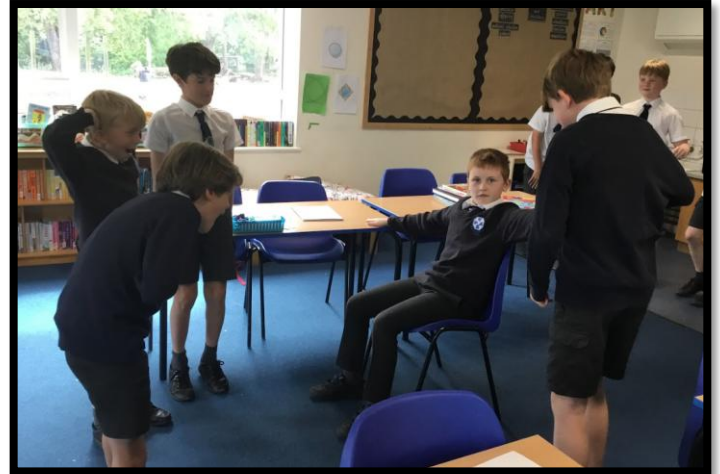
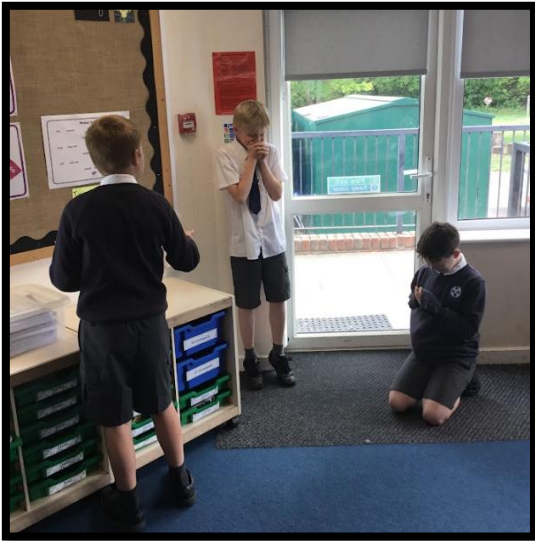


Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher arrived back to school on Tuesday full of energy and stories from the long weekend. It's a lovely opportunity for the children to stand up and practice addressing their classmates and finessing listening skills. This week we have begun our new book in English called "The Lost Homework" by renowned storyteller Richard O'Neil. It is a charming story about the adventures of Sonny who lives on a Traveller site. We are currently compiling a glossary of Romani words to help our understanding of the text. Did you know that 'Gry' is a horse and 'Kushti' means good?

Nightingale Class: This week, Nightingales have been drafting persuasive letters based on how we can all make small changes to our everyday life to make big changes to our environment and planet. They have been inspired by the speeches of Greta Thunberg and have been looking at our school environment for how we can save electricity and money by switching off lights and other electrical equipment when not in use or even generate our own electricity from renewable resources. In maths, Nightingales have started on the topic of 'money', something fewer and fewer of us seem to be physically handling these days so we will be making sure that everyone can find total costs, count the correct amounts of money and even calculate change. In our topic work the children have been researching the Roman army and investigating how they were trained to work in a number of formations, they were taken on to the playground and had to respond to Latin commands in order to get into rows (ad signa!), march (Procidite) and even get into a wedge formation (Cuneum Formate).

Robin Class: In Robin class we have been busy finalising our persuasive letters to the King, we have been writing about topics which are important to us, his majesty should expect to hear lots about climate change and some beautiful drawings! The children have also been working really hard in Science and Whole Class Reading, where they have been looking at how humans impact the environment and how we can save the bees. We were surprised to find out that bees are responsible for pollinating roughly 1/3 of the food we eat, including chocolate! In RE, we explored a Hindu mandir and in PSHE, we began looking at the British Red Cross.

Skylark Class: In Skylark this week we have been enjoying reading our model text for a new writing unit on 'Mystery and Suspense'. We have shared and discussed several chapters of Polly Ho-Yen's book, 'The Boy in the Tower.' The children have been producing some fantastic writing of their own, focusing on creating mood and atmosphere, and building up tension for the reader. In history, we studied an excerpt of a Victorian census record and used it to answer questions about what life was like for a Victorian child working in a textile mill. The children were really interested to hear about the dangerous and challenging working conditions and enjoyed creating their own 'freeze-frames' to share their learning with the rest of the class.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week

96.5%

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 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
Margaux

Skylark
Sebastian



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

Woodpecker

Max for super concentration and perseverance during our funky finger's activities.

Iris for decoding and blending words in her head.

Nightingale

Beatrice for enthusiastic contributions to writing and maths work.

Lily for super maths work.

Kingfisher

Bertie for his great effort and progress in handwriting.

Aubrey for demonstrating a great understanding of telling the time using an analogue clock.

Robin

Oscar for working hard across the curriculum and always trying his best.

Skylark

Wilfred for his great progress in independent writing tasks.

Bertie for being kind and inclusive.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Lily D for showing fantastic progress in early writing by confidently forming letters and successfully decoding and writing CVC words independently.

Hunter for always being really helpful in classroom.

Will M and **Penny** for their English writing.

READING AWARDS

Woodpecker
Esme

Kingfisher
Rosie

Nightingale
Darcey

Robin
Oliver K

Skylark
Henry

CREATIVE AWARD

Mollie for her dance productions.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTAR AWARDS

Will for showing perseverance and positivity when learning his times tables.

MENU w/c 11 th May		Friday 8 th May	David Attenborough Live Assembly
Day	Menu	Monday 11 th May	SATs Week Year 6
Monday	Chicken Curry Red Plant based sausages and gravy (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo Blue		Robin trip – Cambridge Polar Museum
Tuesday	Plant Based Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Ve) Red Mac n Cheese(v) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Friday 15 th May	Bouncy Day
Wednesday	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Red Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) Blue	Monday 18 th May	Skylark Activity Week
Thursday	Chicken Pie & Gravy(v) Red Mild Bean Chilli (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) Blue	Tuesday 19 th May	Crucial Crew
Friday	Battered Fish Red Margherita Pizza (v) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) Blue	Thursday 21 st May	Outdoor Learning Day
		Friday 22 nd May	Non uniform day
		Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	Half Term
		Wednesday 3 rd June	Bags2 School Collection
		Saturday 6 th June	FPSA Summer Fete
		Tuesday 9 th June	Parent drop-in to look at books in classes 3.30-4.30pm
		Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day
		Thursday 25 th June	Reception Stay and Play
		Monday 29 th June	KS2 production dress rehearsal
		Tuesday 30 th June	KS2 production afternoon and evening performances
		Wednesday 1 st July	Reserve Sports Day
		Tuesday 7 th July	KS2 Faith Tour
		Thursday 9 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
			Reception Stay and Play
		Monday 20 th July	FPSA Summer Disco
		Tuesday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm Church
		Wednesday 22 nd July	END of TERM
		Thursday 23 rd July	INSET DAY
		Tuesday 1 st September	INSET DAY
		Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY
		Thursday 3 rd September	Term starts
		Monday 21 st September	Individual photos
		Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th October	Half Term
		Friday 27 th November	Occasional Day
		Friday 18 th December	Term ends at 1.30 pm

NOTICES AND INFORMATION

There are currently spaces for Golf Club after school on Wednesdays for children in Y3-6. Please contact golf-for-all@outlook.com for more information.



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 0LH
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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MATT OGILVIE COACHING



The Black Horse Pub, Brent Pelham
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
- Delicious food & drinks available from pub
- Friendly village atmosphere.

Free Entry - All Welcome!



NEXT GEN brings the Club's coaching philosophy to life by delivering an authentic, innovative, and inclusive football themed provision for primary school students and grassroots players.



AUTHENTICITY: Sessions are led by experienced and highly skilled FA & UEFA-qualified Coaches from the Club who are fully integrated into our overarching Player Development Model.

PHILOSOPHY: An Academy-endorsed programme which aligns with the Club's track-record of developing young players with flair, fluidity and attacking playing style associated with Tottenham Hotspur.

PROGRESSION & DEVELOPMENT: A focus on maximising every attendee's potential not just as a player but as a confident individual.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMME



FURNEUX PELHAM SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
1-5PM

AT FURNEUX PELHAM SCHOOL
SG9 0LH

- ★ PUNCH & JUDY
- ★ TOMBOLAS & RAFFLE
- ★ CREAM TEAS, BBQ & BAR
- ★ CHILDREN'S GAMES & INFLATABLES
- ★ LOCAL TRADE STALLS
- ★ FUN DOG SHOW
- ★ & MUCH MORE

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Less Shouting
More Cooperation

This 6-week group helps you change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control. The sessions will cover:

- Exploring what helpful discipline is.
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Monday 1st June to 6th July 2026
9.30am to 11.30am
Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form

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Instrument Warriors

Calling all Key Stage 2 musicians! Join us for a fun and friendly orchestral workshop where children of all instruments (apart from piano or keyboard) and abilities can make music together, learn new skills, and feel part of an exciting team.

You'll play brilliant pieces, discover how an orchestra works, and make new friends who love music just like you. With supportive leaders, lots of energy, and plenty of smiles, this workshop is the perfect place to build confidence by now challenges.

JOIN US FOR A ORCHESTRAL WORKSHOP!



Friday 5th June
4.30pm - 5.30pm
Bishops Stortford Music Centre
£5 per child



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Kids Choir Goes Rock!

Does your child love to sing? We're inviting children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to come together in this exciting, confidence-boosting workshop to unleash their voices and their creativity.

Blending the energy of pop and rock music with the fun of group singing, this 60 minute session will give children the chance to learn new skills, make friends, and experience the thrill of performing as part of a vibrant musical community. It's all about joy, teamwork, and discovering just how powerful their voices can be.



Friday 12th June
4.30pm - 5.30pm
East Herts Music Centre
£5 per student



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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 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:

FPSA@FURNEUXP.HERTS.SCH.UK

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 - 1056480

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