



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

Newsletter

Summer Term

15th May 2026

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Friendship

Dear Parents,

Year 6 SATs week

We have had an extra busy week here in school. It is that time of year when external assessment points start to happen and our Year 6 children have been working extremely hard up to this point to prepare themselves for four days of English and Maths end of KS2 assessments. They have been arriving early for a pre-SATs breakfast every morning and Ms Todd has been serving them bagels, toast, fruit and yoghurt so that they were ready to start the morning calmly but together before sitting their assessments. There have been many bagels eaten and we did run out of bananas mid-week which have proved very popular (for the potassium in them!) and needed topping up. We are exceedingly proud of them all, they have taken the week all in their stride and were ready to enjoy bouncy day today, lots of them wearing their new Leavers hoodies which arrived in perfect timing for them yesterday. Thank you also to the Year 5 children who have had a different morning timetable this week in the hall so that Year 6 could use the classroom and the rest of the school in keeping everything calm throughout.



Mental Health Week

We linked up across classes as a school on Thursday for a Joe Wicks live assembly in recognition of Mental Health Week. The children had great fun doing a workout with Joe and were pretty tired by the end of it.



Bouncy Day

We have had great fun today on our first Bouncy Day at Furneux Pelham. In what we hope will become an annual tradition, we had four huge inflatables on the field all day, with each class getting their turn to spend time between all of them with their friends. The smiles and excitement were infectious and they were very sensible too.

Class Dojo

Please can I ask that when messaging teachers on Class Dojo that should you do so later in the evening or on a weekend, they are not expected to respond during their non-working hours (8am – 5pm) so you will unlikely get a response. If there is a matter of urgency that cannot wait until the following day or until after the weekend, please email admin (admin@furneuxp.herts.sch.uk) or contact myself on Class Dojo.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Sarah Cook – Headteacher









Woodpecker Class

Another busy and exciting week in EYFS! This week we started our new story, 'What the Ladybird Heard', by Julia Donaldson. The children have really enjoyed listening to the story and joining in with the repeated phrases. As part of our learning, we made delicious ladybird biscuits. The children carefully measured and mixed the ingredients before decorating their biscuits with spots and faces. They showed fantastic listening skills and teamwork during the activity. With Mrs Kennard, the children created some wonderful bug hotels. They talked about how insects need safe places to rest and shelter, and the children worked very hard using natural materials to build cosy homes for our garden insects. We also had a fantastic time taking part in a Joe Wicks assembly alongside Skylark Class. The children loved joining in with the exercises and keeping active together. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and energetic moves! The favourite was the Spiderman throw move!

Kingfisher Class

This week in Kingfisher, we have been looking at the people who make up our community, in preparation for writing our own stories based on our current English text 'The Lost Homework'. Wednesday's lesson was very much a collaborative affair where we were talking about the roles a postman, a doctor, a vicar and a teacher play within all our lives, and that they could possibly be a good lead character in our own upcoming stories. The children were absolutely fizzing with excitement after their Design and Technology lesson with Mrs Spicer this week. Following on from last week's lesson making finger puppets, it was an afternoon spent honing their fine motor skills...cutting, folding, sticking and colouring hand puppets made from paper, and then using them to tell stories. Kingfisher love a traditional tale!

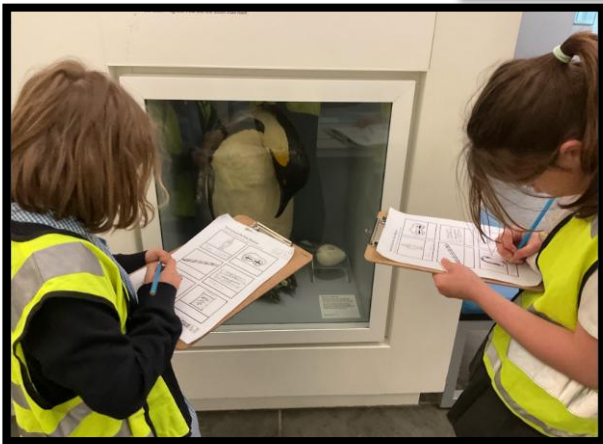
Nightingale Class

This week in maths the children have been developing understanding of addition and subtraction through a range of money problems including finding totals and calculating change accurately. They have really improved their understanding of money and have enjoyed imagining going to the supermarket! In English the children have been learning about the features of persuasive letters. They have thought about issues that affect the local environment. They have shown maturity thinking about the impact of lack of children's play areas and have written letters using rhetorical questions, personal anecdotes and scientific facts about importance of exercise for young people. Well done, Nightingale! On Thursday afternoon the children loved taking part in a live PE assembly with Joe Wicks which focused on the importance of exercise for mental health, and they all agreed that a short burst of exercise made them happier!

Robin Class

We started the week with an amazing school trip to Cambridge! The excitement began as we visited the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences, where we saw lots of fascinating fossils and prehistoric artefacts. The children were particularly interested in the prominent Iguanodon skeleton and the huge Tyrannosaurus rex skull cast (and anything shiny!) In the afternoon, Robin Class were very lucky to become VIPs at the Polar Museum. We were the only visitors there and even had the chance to sit in a lecture theatre which was very special.

As we explored the museum, the children searched for genuine artefacts that explorers had taken on their expeditions to the polar regions. They were fascinated by the stories behind the objects and enjoyed discovering what life would have been like for those living and working in such extreme conditions. Some of us even tried on clothing worn by British explorers, both in the past and today! It was a fantastic hands-on experience, and the class were praised by the staff there for their contributions and thoughtful questions.



Skylark Class

This week has been a little different to usual, with the Year 6 children taking part in their KS2 SATs in English and Maths. The children have been brilliant throughout, staying calm and focused and applying themselves really well. They enjoyed coming in early to have breakfast together before the tests and are delighted with their new Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies. Year 5 have been so helpful and supportive throughout the week. They've coped really well with the changes to their usual routines and lessons, and it's lovely to be all back together as a class now. We are all looking forward to our Activity Days next week.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week

97.7%

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.



No birthdays this week.



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

Woodpecker

Emile for being a superstar in phonics and recognising all sounds.

Jay for working hard on decoding and blending in his head.

Nightingale

Chloe for trying so hard with her addition and subtraction with exchanging.

Kingfisher

Sky for explaining what a contraction is and why we use them in writing.

Emma for her story "The Sea Pony" which she wrote at home and then read beautifully to the class.

Robin

Robin Class for being engaged, curious and well-behaved explorers at the museums.

Skylark

The whole of Skylark Class for their brilliant behaviour and attitude throughout SATs week.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

Myles for a superb piece of persuasive writing in English.

Lila for superb focus, perseverance and great progress in all her learning.

READING AWARDS

Woodpecker

Alice

Kingfisher

Tilda

Nightingale

Evie A

Robin

Beth

Skylark

Eddie

CREATIVE AWARD

To the Year 6 boys for their fantastic and enthusiastic renditions of Adele's Skyfall and other songs during SATs breakfast to entertain us all.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTAR AWARDS

Darcey W for excellent focus and effort.

William G for showing super focus and determination when practising his times tables.

MENU w/c 18 th May			
Day	Menu		
Monday	Pulled Paprika Chicken Flatbread Red Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo Blue	Monday 18th May	Skylark Activity Week
Tuesday	Beef Burger Red BBQ Bean Loaded Hash Browns (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Tuesday 19th May	Crucial Crew
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy Red Roasted Summer Veg Quiche (v) Green Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) Blue	Thursday 21st May	Outdoor Learning Day
Thursday	Quorn Hotdog (v) Red Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (v) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Friday 22nd May	Non uniform day
Friday	Fish Fillet Fingers Red Margherita Pizza (v) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) Blue	Mon 25th – Fri 29th May	Half Term
		Wednesday 3rd June	Bags2 School Collection
		Saturday 6th June	FPSA Summer Fete
		Tuesday 9th June	Parent drop in to look at books in classes 3.30 - 4.30 pm
		Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day
		Thursday 25th June	Reception Stay and Play
		Monday 29th June	KS2 production dress rehearsal
		Tuesday 30th June	KS2 production afternoon and evening performances
		Wednesday 1st July	Reserve Sports Day
		Tuesday 7th July	KS2 Faith Tour
		Thursday 9th July	Reception Stay and Play
			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

Please note next Friday is non-uniform day in return for a donation of a bottle for the FPSA bottle tombola.



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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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!
For more info: skevents2026@outlook.com



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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
- ★ LOCAL TRADE STALLS
- ★ FUN DOG SHOW
- ★ & MUCH MORE

ADULTS £2
CHILDREN £2
UNDER 2 FREE

IN AID OF PELHAMS PRESCHOOL
& FURNEUX PELHAM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



DSPL3 Delivering Special Provision Locally

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning, 20th May 2026

10am - 11.30am, St Michaels, CM233SN

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 and SENDIASS

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





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 - 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