



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

Newsletter

Summer Term

22nd May 2026

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Friendship

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy and successful half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that the children have achieved and experienced over the past few weeks. This half term has been packed with memorable opportunities for our pupils. From exciting educational trips and enriching outdoor learning experiences, to our much-loved Bouncy Day, Activity Week and the fantastic Camp Out for Skylark Class, there has truly been something for everyone. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and smiles on their faces. I was lucky to enjoy a day at Stanborough Lakes with Skylark Class and did manage some sleep on the school field, albeit an early start this morning when our happy campers were awake from 4.45am! I'm sure there will be some tired children this evening after such a busy week, but they have had a fantastic time embracing new skills and enjoying being together. Many thanks to Ms Todd for all the organisation to make the week happen, as there is a huge amount of work behind the scenes in order to be able to run such an event.

The atmosphere around school has been full of energy and excitement. As I walk around the classrooms, corridors and outdoor spaces each day, it is always busy with purposeful learning, creativity and engagement. The children continue to impress us with their positive attitudes, resilience and determination to do their very best.

I am incredibly proud of our school community and, most importantly, of the progress the children are making both academically and personally. Their confidence, independence and teamwork continue to grow, and this is a credit to the hard work of our dedicated staff and the ongoing support from families at home. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout this half term. Working together makes such a difference to the children's success and happiness in school.

Please can I ask again that children do not bring items from home into school in their bookbags unless previously agreed with their class teacher. We continue to see more and more squishies and other toy items being brought in which are causing friendship issues, being broken or mis-placed. Please can hair also be tied up if long in a simple hair band. Bows and large flower hairclips are not to be worn as they are not part of our school uniform and can be unsafe in school.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term ahead.

Sarah Cook
Headteacher

Woodpecker Class

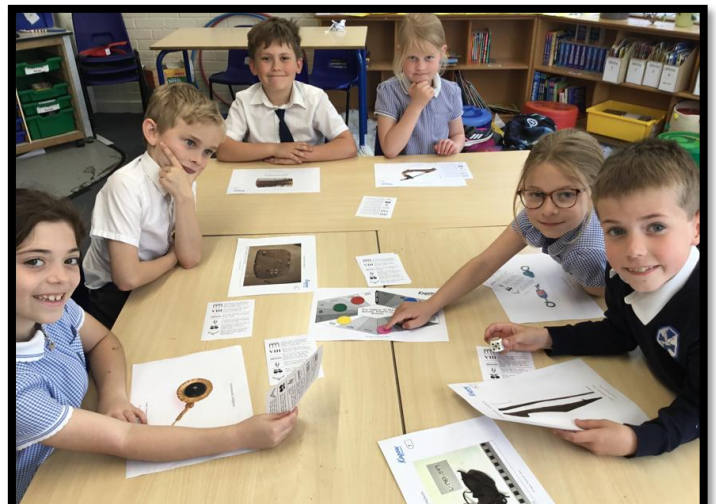
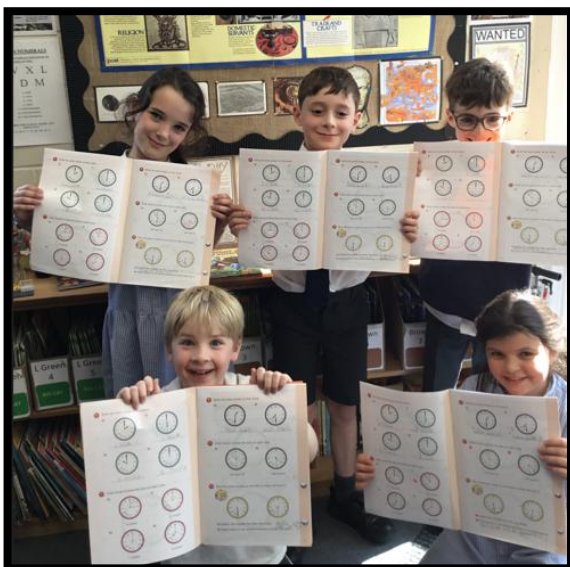
This week in EYFS, we have been busy finishing our learning based on the story, What the Ladybird Heard. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own ladybird pebbles, carefully painting and decorating them with bright colours and spots. They were very proud of their creations! As part of our story learning, the children also created their own "Wanted" posters for the sneaky characters Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh. In RE, we explored Hinduism and learnt about some of the beliefs, traditions and celebrations within the religion. The children were curious and asked some thoughtful questions during our discussions. Following the children's excitement from the Joe Wicks Assembly last week, we have continued to keep active by completing his "5 Minute Activate" videos each morning. This has been a fantastic way to wake up our brains and bodies ready for the day ahead, and the children have absolutely loved taking part!

Kingfisher Class

This week, we learned about Tim Peake, a British astronaut who travelled to space and worked on the International Space Station. We discovered how astronauts live and work in space, and also how Tim ran the London Marathon on a treadmill in the space station. We also had fun making healthy fruit kebabs, using lots of colourful fruits and learning about making good food choices!

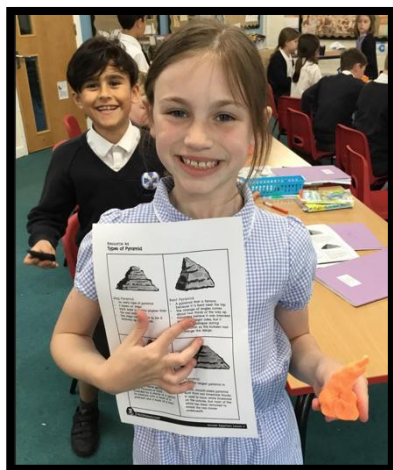
Nightingale Class

This week, Nightingales have been combining Roman topic work with maths by telling the time using Roman Numerals. They have also been examining Roman artefacts and investigating what they teach us about life in Roman Britain. As well as this we have been playing a game to help us to discover the legacy left behind by the Romans and try to answer the age-old question of 'What did the Romans ever do for us?' On Thursday Nightingale celebrated outdoor learning day with Science, English and Art. The children loved applying their classification skills in our forest school and field area and came up with many descriptive words to help identify different plants. In the afternoon the children discovered the skill of weaving by creating their own loom and weaving with found long grasses, flowers, seeds and leaves to create stunning art works. A lovely day.



Robin Class

This week in Robin Class, we have enjoyed learning more about Ancient Egypt. We focused on the pyramids and were fascinated to discover that archaeologists found a 4,000-year-old cake inside one of the tombs! The children shaped pyramids out of play dough before creating their own mini paper pyramids covered with interesting facts. On Thursday, during Outdoor Learning Day, we discussed what Ancient Egyptians may have done for fun. We then went outside in the sunshine and played a game of Senet, a 5,000-year-old Egyptian board game. The class enjoyed a double PE slot with Matt on Wednesday where they had an excellent game of rounders- coach was very impressed. Robin have also continued to show great enthusiasm towards our PSHE, we have been learning about first aid from the British Red Cross and had a special visit from a parent who is a doctor, they spoke to the children about how to help others and stay safe in an emergency.



Skylark Class

Skylark have enjoyed a fantastic week as our Year 6's went to the Barnabas Centre in Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday afternoon, to enjoy a range of activities supporting them with transition to secondary school and keeping themselves safe. They enjoyed talks from the police, Network Rail, Fire and Rescue, Saffron Building society and the Thirst Café. On Wednesday, we headed out to The Edge Outdoors Centre in Ware for a day of adrenaline filled activities including high ropes, mountain boarding, rifle shooting and archery. The children supported each other and cheered each other on brilliantly with many of them surprising themselves with what they achieved.

On Thursday, we then headed to Stanborough Lakes on a beautiful day to get wet! When we arrived, we squeezed ourselves into wetsuits and buoyancy aids then headed out onto the lake in kayaks. We had great fun playing games, clambering over each other's kayaks and racing each other. After lunch in the sunshine, we headed back out again with our paddleboards taking it in turns to be on the big one with 10 of us and on our own. Most of us did manage to fall in at some point! We then came back to school to pitch our tents and start camp out on the school field. Everyone did brilliantly, enjoying the bbq, playing games and even managing some well needed sleep despite the hooting owl and muntjac deer trying to keep us awake!









WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week

96.8%

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.

MENU w/c 18 th May			
Day	Menu		
Monday	Pork Sausages & Gravy Red Lentil Bolognese Pasta Shells (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (Ve) Blue	Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Tuesday	Beef Lasagne Red Plant Based Grill (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Wednesday 3 rd June	Bags2 School Collection
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy Red Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart (v) Green Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo Blue	Saturday 6 th June	FPSA Summer Fete
Thursday	Quorn Burger (v) Red Butternut & Chickpea Biryani (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) Blue	Tuesday 9 th June	Parent drop in to look at books in classes 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Friday	Fish Fillet Fingers Red Margherita Pizza (v) Green Jacket Potato with Beans (Ve) Blue	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	Reception Stay and Play
			Secondary Transfer Day
		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

- **VOLUNTEERS WANTED** for the FP Summer Fete on Saturday 6th June at 1pm.
- **Start collecting for the next Bags 2 School** on Wednesday 3rd June.



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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ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

ADULT BACK TO HOCKEY

14+ YEARS AND OVER

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RETURNING TO HOCKEY?
NEW TO THE GAME? COME AND JOIN US!

Whether you haven't picked up a stick in years, want to get active again, or are completely new to hockey, Hertford Hockey Club's Adult Back to Hockey sessions are the perfect place to start.

FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT | QUALIFIED COACHES | FUN, SOCIAL SESSIONS

ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME | STICKS CAN BE PROVIDED


STARTS **SATURDAY 13TH JUNE!**

SATURDAYS 10-11AM | MONDAYS 7.30-8.30PM

AT SIMON BALLE SCHOOL, Mangrove Road, Hertford, SG13 8AJ

SESSIONS ARE FREE!
SIGN UP HERE!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP TODAY!



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!



FURNEUX PELHAM SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
1-5PM

AT FURNEUX PELHAM SCHOOL
SG9 OLH

- ★ PUNCH & JUDY
- ★ TOMBOLOS & RAFFLE
- ★ CREAM TEAS, BBQ & BAR
- ★ CHILDREN'S GAMES & INFLATABLES
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Join Hertford Hockey Club for fun junior hockey taster sessions starting this summer.

5 - 14 YEARS

STARTS SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

5 SATURDAYS 13TH JUNE - 11TH JULY 10:00AM - 11:00AM

SIMON BALLE SCHOOL, Mangrove Rd, Hertford SG13 8AJ

PERFECT FOR:
Boys & girls of all abilities
Beginners welcome
Fun games, skills & teamwork
Meet new friends and get involved

WHAT TO BRING:
Water bottle
Shin pads (if you have them)
Gum shield
Sticks can be provided!

ALL SESSIONS ARE **FREE!**

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND BE PART OF THE HERTFORD HOCKEY FAMILY!

SCAN TO REGISTER or find out more

hertfordhockey@gmail.com
www.hertford-hockey.co.uk



fab science
HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years. For more information visit the Fab Science website.

CAMBRIDGE	QUEEN EDITH SCHOOL	28th July 29th July 30th July 31st July
HERTFORD	HERTFORD ST ANDREW	3rd August 4th August 5th August 6th August
SUTTON WALDEN	A A BUTLER SCHOOL	10th August 11th August 12th August 13th August
BISHOP'S STORTFORD	TUDON GROVE SCHOOL	19th August 16th August 16th August 20th August
ST ALBANS	WHITFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL	24th August 25th August 26th August 27th August

DAY 1	FANTASTIC FORCES	Find out all about forces, friction and floating. Test out pulleys, gears and levers and learn how to make yourself super-strong!
DAY 2	WACKY RACES	Investigate incredible water-powered rockets and build mini hovercraft to race against your friends. Who will design the fastest rocket car?
DAY 3	RAINBOWS AND REFLECTIONS	Find out all about light in kaleidoscopes and rainbows, investigate shadows, mirrors and lenses and make your own periscope!
DAY 4	ZOOLOGY	Get up-close to all sorts of animals with a visit from a mobile zoo. Design a habitat, investigate animal skeletons and learn about conservation.

BOOK NOW AT: FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.IO

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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

FURNEUX 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