



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

Newsletter

Autumn Term

11th September 2026

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Community and Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week we have had! It has been wonderful to see so much learning taking place across the school and the children are now beginning to settle really well into their new routines. There is a lovely sense of calm and purpose around school, and we are very proud of how well the children are adapting.

Attendance

A huge thank you to our families for your support with attendance. We have seen an improvement this week, which is fantastic. There are certainly a few bugs making their way around at the moment, so thank you for supporting us by sending children into school when they are well enough to attend even if they are a little under the weather. This enables us to keep an eye on them throughout the day and, where appropriate, administer Calpol with your permission if needed. Of course, if your child is genuinely unwell and not fit to be in school, please continue to keep them at home until they are well enough to return.

House Captains, Eco-Team, School Council and Pelham Praise

A huge well done to our Year 6 children for their House Captain presentations this week. They all did a super job and should be incredibly proud of themselves. It was wonderful to see the confidence, enthusiasm and thought they put into their presentations.

Congratulations to:

Isabella R – Sycamore

George – Ash

Emma – Maple

Darcey – Oak

Our Year 6 children will also continue to take an active role in organising and presenting our Friday Celebration Worship. Our first group were extremely excited to get started today and have already been busy writing up certificates for our celebrations. Meanwhile, Sam and Sebastian are being trained up in the very important role of badge making. I was equally pleased to see the enthusiasm from all of our Year 6 children to take on the other leadership roles available across the school. Every one of these roles is important and makes a valuable contribution to our school community, and it is fantastic to see so many children keen to get involved and make a difference. We have also had lots of other children across the school putting themselves forward for our school committees, which were announced today. It is brilliant to see such enthusiasm for taking on responsibility and having a voice in our school. We look forward to seeing what they achieve in their new roles. Pelham Praise will be announced during Monday's Values Worship.

A Huge Thank You to Our FPSA

We would also like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful FPSA and to all of our parents and carers for your support which has enabled us to help us to renew our classroom whiteboards. The new boards are already making such a positive difference to our classrooms. They give our teachers so many more opportunities to enhance their lessons and make learning even more engaging and interactive for the children. Our teachers have received training and are already discovering lots of fantastic features — including some very fancy things.

Keep Reading!

As always, please continue to read regularly with your child. Reading together is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning, and it is also a lovely opportunity to spend some quality time together. Please talk about the story, ask questions, discuss new words and encourage your child to share their thoughts and opinions. Your involvement really does make a difference.

Dates for Your Diary

A reminder that our Meet the Teacher meetings are taking place next week. These are a great opportunity to find out more about your child's year ahead, classroom routines and what they will be learning. We have also added some new dates to the school calendar, so please do take a moment to check these and add them to your diaries. We will continue to send reminders as dates approach. Finally, I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend. Although we are only just at the start of term, it has already been a busy one — and I think it is fair to say that the children, staff and families are all ready for a little rest! Enjoy your weekend and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sarah Cook
Headteacher

Woodpecker Class: What a fantastic first week we have had in EYFS! We are so proud of how the children have settled into school life. They have shown such enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence as they have begun to get to know their new surroundings, make friends and become familiar with our daily routines. The children have quickly picked up the rules and expectations of both our classroom and school. They have been learning how we look after our learning environment, listen to one another, share and take turns, and show kindness to our friends. It has been lovely to see them beginning to feel safe, happy and confident in Woodpecker



Kingfisher Class: What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Kingfisher! The children have settled in beautifully, quickly becoming familiar with our routines and continuous provision, where their creativity, curiosity and independence have already shone through — our water tray even transformed into a wonderful lemonade stall, complete with signs, money and price tags, following the children's own ideas! In English, we have begun exploring *Someone Just Like You*, developing our labelling and sentence-writing skills, with a focus on capital letters for proper nouns. In Maths, we have been exploring number through careful counting, representing numbers, writing numerals and number words, and practising our number bonds.



Nightingale Class: What a fantastic start to the new school year we have had in Nightingale! The children have settled brilliantly into their new classroom routines and have shown a wonderful attitude towards their learning. One of the highlights of the week has been choosing new books to read. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the range of stories available and were excited to take home their new reading books. We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful books they discover this term.

Nightingale have also shown great enthusiasm for our new history topic, What was important to Ancient Egyptians? where we will be investigating the River Nile, Egyptian Gods and Goddesses as well as their belief in the afterlife. We can't wait to continue our journey back in time and explore more about pharaohs, pyramids and everyday life in Ancient Egypt. Well done to all the children for such a positive and successful first week!

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week **94.7%**

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.
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 14 th September 2026			
Day	Menu		
Monday	Pulled Paprika Chicken Flatbread Red Bean &Vegetable Grill (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo Blue	Monday 14th September	Meet the Teacher (Nightingale)
Tuesday	Beef Burger Red BBQ Bean Loaded Hash Browns (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Tuesday 15th September	Meet the Teacher (Skylark)
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy Red Roasted Summer Veg Quiche (v) Green Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) Blue	Thursday 17th September	Meet the Teacher (Kingfisher)
Thursday	Quorn Hotdog (v) Red Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (v) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Monday 21st September	Individual Photos
Friday	Fish Fillet Fingers Red Margherita Pizza (v) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) Blue	Wednesday 7th October	Flu Vaccinations
		Thursday 15th October	Harvest Festival 2pm - all welcome
		Mon 26th – Fri 30th October	Half Term
		Friday 6th November	Reception Open Morning 9.30 – 11 am
		Monday 9th November	Bags 2 School
		Monday 9th November	Bikeability week
		Thursday 26th November	Decorating Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm)
		Friday 27th November	Occasional Day
		Friday 4th December	FPSA Christmas Fair
		Friday 18th December	Term ends at 1.30 pm

NOTICES AND INFORMATION

- Meet the Teacher timings have been sent out on Class Dojo this week. We would welcome you to attend, even if your child's teacher has not changed as there will be new information to share with you. If you are unable to attend, the teachers will put the information onto Class Dojo after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you then.

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

Parenting Support

Family Toolkit



Free

Session Details
Thursday 17th Sept - 15th Oct
09:15 - 11:00
Doors open at 9am
Avanti Brook Primary School, CM23 2UW

For families with children 2 to 5 years old. 5 week workshops to support school transitions, learn new ideas and strategies for children's emotions and behaviour. Supporting you to get the best out of family life. **Booking is required!**

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CONFIDENCE **PURPOSE**

Apply for school on time



Applying for a school place for September 2027

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Saturday 31 October 2026

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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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.

YOUR DONATION	COST TO YOU	
	standard rate tax payer	higher rate tax payer
£5	£4	£5
£10	£8	£10
£20	£16	£19

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