



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

Newsletter

Autumn Term

23rd October 2026

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Community and Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to celebrate what has been a fantastic half term of learning, progress and achievement. The children have worked incredibly hard and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and determination shine through in their learning. They have made great progress, developed new skills and knowledge, and embraced the many opportunities provided to them. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm from Skylark children after their trip to Duxford this week, bringing their classroom learning to life. We are very proud of all they have achieved and I would like to thank my dedicated staff for their hard work in supporting the children.

A reminder about healthy snacks

Please can I remind you of the importance of providing healthy snacks for your child for breaktime. We are seeing a growing number of items being brought into school which are unhealthy. Healthy snacks help children maintain their energy levels, concentrate in lessons and feel ready to learn.

Suitable snack choices include:

- Fresh fruit, such as apples, bananas, grapes or satsumas
- Vegetable sticks, such as carrots, cucumber or peppers
- Plain rice cakes or oatcakes
- Plain crackers
- A small portion of cheese

Please remember that crisps, biscuits and chocolate etc. must not be brought into school as snacks. We do have a fruit and vegetable bowl which is out at breaktime each day that is very popular. We appreciate your support in helping us encourage healthy choices and promote positive habits for our children.

As we head into the half-term holiday, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest. I hope the children have the opportunity to relax, spend time with family and friends, enjoy the outdoors if the weather is kind and return to school refreshed and ready for another exciting half term. Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school after the holiday.

Sarah Cook
Headteacher

Woodpecker Class

What another busy and exciting week we have had in Woodpecker! The children have continued to enjoy exploring our outdoor provision, and we have once again been on the lookout for the mud rat in our Dig, Dig, Dig area! The children have loved investigating, digging and using their imaginations as they explore the area together. We have also been having lots of fun with our dressing-up clothes! A huge thank you to parents who have kindly donated items. The children have been absolutely loving trying on the different outfits, and we have had lots of little superheroes flying around the classroom, saving the day! Outdoors, we have also been focusing on developing our fine motor skills. The children have been using tweezers to carefully pick up conkers and place them into egg boxes. This activity has been a great way to strengthen their little fingers, develop hand-eye coordination and practise their concentration, all while having lots of fun! As we reach the end of our first half term, I just want to say how incredibly proud I am of all the children. They have worked so hard, grown in confidence and settled into their new routines so beautifully. It has been lovely to watch them build friendships, explore their environment and develop their independence over the past few weeks.



Kingfisher Class

What a way to end a first half-term! True to their water-loving bird, Kingfisher Class have not been put off by the wet weather, still taking every opportunity to learn outside. They have gathered all that rainwater to add to their pumpkin soups, (complete with its own soup shop and stall) and turned rainy gutters into a great investigative game of 'Barky Boats'. We have been busy creating this week- having made pumpkin crafts, conker hedgehogs and fantastic masks inspired by African American artist Kimmy Cantrell. They have blown us away yet again with their fantastic writing (retelling their favourite part of the story, 'Puffin Peter') and mastering new concepts in addition and subtraction. Well done Kingfisher Class, we can't wait to see you in November!





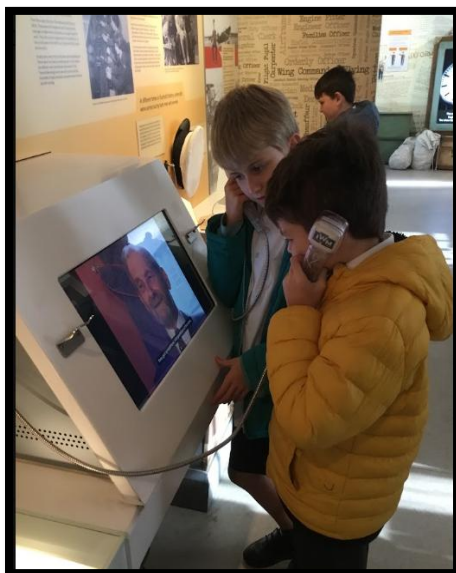
Nightingale Class

Nightingale have been embracing their creative sides this week, working collaboratively to write some fantastic autumn poems inspired by Kit Wright's *The Magic Box*. Using his imaginative poem as inspiration, the children have filled their own poetic boxes with wonderful autumnal images, ideas and descriptions. It has been particularly lovely to see them working so well together, sharing ideas, listening carefully and offering encouragement and support to their fellow writers. In their final verse, Benji, Kit and Logan made us all want to visit their box.

Skylark Class

Skylark had a fantastic day out at Duxford Imperial War Museum this week. We really enjoyed exploring all the WW2 exhibits and hangars, particularly the hands-on areas, such as the Operations Room and Briefing Room. The children were really interested to find out more about the Battle of Britain and to see so many planes and vehicles from that time. It was also interesting to learn more about life on the base and to listen to the stories of some of the real pilots who had taken part in WW2. We were even lucky enough to see several small aircraft landing and taking off whilst we were walking around the site. The children have also really enjoyed their science topic on space this half term and finished up with a lesson about the moons in the Solar System. In RE, we explored the different parts of a church and cathedral, finding out about their purpose and symbolism. We also listened to some very different types of Christian music and song, reflecting on their links to the Christian concept of God being both loving and holy. The children then wrote some fantastic song lyrics of their own, which we enjoyed sharing as a class.





Woodpecker

Kingfisher

Nightingale

Skylark

Felicity
Albert

Emma
Kit

Ada



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

Woodpecker

Georgie for fantastic role play.

Kai for working hard in phonics and continuing his learning at home.

Nightingale

Awarded to all the class for their fantastic work in English.

Kingfisher

Ivy for working so well with her peers in class.

Lio for a great increase in his resilience.

Skylark

Will M for his super progress with the Y5/6 spelling words.

George for being so helpful and thoughtful in class.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Aubrey for his hard work in learning the Yr 3 and 4 statutory spelling words.

Sienna for her super progress in her writing.

READING AWARDS

Woodpecker

Ruby

Kingfisher

Rosie

Nightingale

Reinhardt

Skylark

Oliver K

CREATIVE AWARD

Beth and Ada for doing so well in their dance competition.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week – 92.68%

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 2nd November 2026			
Day	Menu		
Monday	Pork Sausages & Gravy Red Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) Blue	Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th October	Half Term
Tuesday	Mexican Bean Burrito (v) Red Mac n Cheese(v) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Saturday 31 st October	Secondary admissions deadline
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy Red Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v) Blue	Friday 6 th November	Reception Open Morning 9.30 – 11 am
Thursday	Chicken Pie & Gravy Red Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) Green Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese (v) Blue	Monday 9 th November	Bags 2 School Bikeability week
Friday	Fish Fingers Red Margherita Pizza (v) Green Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo Blue	Thursday 12 th November	SFC Parent Awareness Session 3.30 pm
		Friday 20 th November	KS2 Sharing Assembly
		Thursday 26 th November	Decorating Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm) FPSA Disco 5.30pm
		Friday 27 th November	Occasional Day
		Tuesday 1 st December	Reception Class trip to Audley End
		Friday 4 th December	FPSA Christmas Fair
		Tuesday 8 th December	Skylark – St Michael's Carol Service (eve)
		Wednesday 9 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal 9.30 am Christingle 2pm @ St Mary's
		Thursday 10 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance 2pm
		Monday 14 th December	Panto @ South Mill Arts
		Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
		Thursday 17 th December	Christmas service 2pm @ St. Mary's
		Friday 18 th December	Term ends at 1.30 pm

NOTICES AND INFORMATION

- **FPSA Event – Paint and Sip** taking place on **Friday 13th November at 7.30 pm.**
Last few places available

MATT OGILVIE COACHING
07887808110
mattogilviecoaching@aol.com
www.mattogilviecoaching.com
@mattogilviefootballcoaching

OCTOBER HALF TERM
FURNEUX PELHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
SG9 0LH
9AM-3PM
£25 PER DAY OR £45 FOR X2 DAYS

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP
WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER MULTI SPORTS
Please bring a packed lunch, plenty of water and shin pads if participating in football camp.

OUTDOOR EDGE ACTIVITIES
EST. 2016

HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CAMP
FUN • FRIENDS • CHALLENGES • CONFIDENCE

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

FULL DAY 9.30 AM – 4.00 PM	HALF DAY 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM
£45 PER DAY	£30 PER DAY

FULL DAY ACTIVITIES

- ARCHERY
- EDGE WARRIOR ASSAULT COURSE
- MOUNTAIN BOARDING
- ORIENTEERING
- FOOTBALL
- HIGH ROPES
- BIG ZIP

HALF DAY ACTIVITIES

- HIGH ROPES
- BIG ZIP
- ARCHERY
- ORIENTEERING
- ASSAULT COURSE RACES
- PLUS LOTS MORE SPECTACULAR FUN!

SPACES ARE LIMITED – BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT!

07801 711701 | edgeoutdooractivitiesware@gmail.com | www.edgeoutdooractivities.co.uk

Paint & Sip

IN AID OF FURNEUX PELHAM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM

A CHRISTMAS THEMED EVENING LED BY LOCAL ARTIST ANNA SPICER

FIRST GLASS OF PROSECCO AND ALL ART MATERIALS INCLUDED

£35 PER PERSON

FURNEUX PELHAM VILLAGE HALL, SG9 0LL

TO BOOK WHATSAPP 07917 842852 OR EMAIL fpa@furneuxp.herts.sch.uk

RP. PERFORMANCE and coaching

FURNEUX PELHAM NEW DANCE & THEATRE CLUB
WEDNESDAYS 3:15-4:20PM

Build confidence, learn Dance Skills and Grow through a Supportive and Positive Class, lead and designed by Founder Rimini!

- Dance and Musical Theatre Training
- Builds Confidence, Friendships and Creativity
- Shows and Performance Opportunities

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DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB
3:15-4:20

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rimini@rperformance.uk
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fab science

PROFESSOR FAB'S POTIONS CLASS

£38 per child (Siblings discount available)

Half term camp
Wednesday 28th October
at Thorn Grove Primary School

Professor Fab and her gaggle of wizarding scientists will help you make colour-changing potions, fizzy explosions, pourable clouds...and even invent your own potion!

Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 6-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

BOOK NOW AT: FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.TO

fabscience.co.uk | campcoordinator@fabscience.co.uk | 01279 295669

Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day 2026

25th and 27th of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Book Now Free Entry

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

PLAY LEARN MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER!

GUITAR WORKSHOP
FOR KEY STAGE 2 GUITAR PLAYERS

A fun and inspiring workshop for young guitarists to develop their skills, play together and be part of a bigger musical community!

PLAY TOGETHER **BUILD YOUR SKILLS** **BE INSPIRED**

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026
10.00am – 1.00pm

Bishops Stortford Music Centre
Based in Birchwood High School
Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3SD

Open to guitar players in Key Stage 2 who have been playing for at least one term.

SMALL STEPS BIG MUSIC!

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01992 556752

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for parent carers of children and young people with SEND (to age 25)