

ALPHA NEWS

Friday 8th May 2026

Our four day week has been as busy as ever at Alpha. We have been joined this week by Miss Virdi, a Year 10 work experience student from Nower Hill, who has been working with every year group across the school and we wish her every success for her GCSEs and beyond. On Wednesday, Year 5, accompanied by Mrs Lehane, Mr Gonsalves and Mr McAllister, visited Hazard Alley Safety Centre in Milton Keynes to enhance their learning of being a safe citizen – to learn more about Hazard Alley, you are invited to visit their website at the following link: [Hazard Alley - The Safety Education Charity](#). On Thursday, as Polling Stations opened across the country for local elections, Reception took part in their own vote and voted on which book they wanted to hear during their afternoon Story Time. On Friday, we were delighted to welcome back Rollo the Dog and his owner, Sindy, from Pets as Therapy. Rollo spent time with the Year 3 children and our Year 6 Wellbeing Prefects. For more information on the benefits of Pets as Therapy, their website link is: [Pets As Therapy | About](#). Today is David Attenborough's 100th birthday and this afternoon some of the children took part in an online assembly exploring the life and achievements of the renowned broadcaster, conservationist, writer, narrator and producer – a big thank you to Mrs Sagar for registering Alpha's participation in this national celebration of Mr Attenborough. Our assembly today was led by Mr Kanvar, who spoke about how smiling and laughter can be contagious and if we show positivity in our faces, our gestures and our manner, our smiles and our laughter can be passed on to help brighten up someone else's day. It is hard to believe that another weekend is about to start...this week has flown by rather swiftly...have a lovely weekend and I do hope it is bright for all.

My Ninja Vocabulary words for this week are:

Rec to Year 2	Year 3 to Year 6
historian	conservationist



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 11th

Year 6 Depart for the Isle of Wight

Friday 15th

Manga Art Club and Debate Club will Take Place with Mr Kanvar
Year 6 Return from the Isle of Wight

Due to the Year 6 trip, there are a number of clubs that will not run this week:

Tuesday 12th

No Drawing Club Today
No Sports Club Today

Wednesday 13th

No STEM Club Today

Thursday 14th

No Dance Activity Club Today

Future Dates:

Wednesday 20th May

ALPHA STEM DAY – Non-Uniform Day
Children and Staff (and Parents) are encouraged to dress up in anything that relates to Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Maths...We are very much looking forward to celebrating all things STEM!

Monday 22nd June

6:00pm - Year 6 Performance of 'Aladdin' @ Victoria Hall

Thursday 25th June

Year 6 Leavers' Party @ Alpha

Thursday 2nd July

6:00pm - Prize Giving @ Harrow Speech Room

Prize Giving Arrangements:

On Thursday 2nd July, the children should come to school in non-uniform clothes. In the morning, we will be traveling to the Harrow Speech Room for a rehearsal and return to school for an early collection. Collection on Thursday 2nd July will be:

12:00 – 12:15pm – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Hindes Road Gate)

12:15pm – 12:30pm – Years 3 to 6 (Hamilton Road Gates)

On the evening of Thursday 2nd July, the Harrow Speech Room doors will open at 5:30pm and all guests should be seated by 5:50pm. Further information about Prize Giving will be sent in due course.

CONGRATULATIONS

Anoushka Kothari	Year 3	British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards Harrow Gymnastics Achievement	Level 4 Orange Award
Veer Kathrecha	Year 2	Tower Bridge Cat Trail Certificate	Apprenticeship

Congratulations also goes to Mr Bhavnani (father of Ahaan (Year 3) and Lyanna (Year 6)). On Sunday 26th April, Mr Bhavnani took part in the London Marathon...his first full marathon... and raised money for the charity 'One Cause', a charity dedicated to improving the lives of underprivileged people around the world through education: [One Cause UK – Education Is The Answer To Poverty](#). Mr Bhavnani shared the news that the day went well and that he successfully completed the 26.2 miles in 4 hours and 55 minutes. Mr Bhavnani wanted to pass on his heartfelt thanks to all the parents for their encouragement and support.

Should you wish to donate to One Cause, you can do so directly at the above website or through the link to Mr Bhavnani's justgiving page: [Navin Bhavnani is fundraising for One Cause](#).

Well done, Mr Bhavnani!



SWIM GALA

Mr Kanvar Writes...

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 - 6 pupils who were selected to compete against local prep schools at John Lyon School. The team threw themselves into every race with superb enthusiasm and gave it their all, resulting in some exceptionally close finishes; literally split-second decisions separating the racers throughout the afternoon. Given this was my first time accompanying Alpha pupils to a swimming event, it was especially rewarding to see how confident and competent they were in the water. Every single one of them should be incredibly proud of their performance, not just for their racing effort, but for showing that swimming, a fundamental life-saving skill, is something in which they are becoming genuinely confident and capable.



SPORTS REPORT

Mr Kanvar Writes...

On Thursday 7th May, our Year 5 and Year 6 boys split into hardball and softball teams for two exciting cricket matches against Buckingham Prep. Both teams showed excellent effort across batting, bowling, and fielding, with some fantastic "Hollywood" shots resulting in several boundaries (four runs each!). An area for the boys to develop moving forward would be communication around when to run, and decision-making on the pitch.

Star performances:

Rishi (Year 6), our Cricket Captain of the hardball team was named Star Player by umpire Mr. Evans from Buckingham Prep, for scoring an impressive 25 runs.

Samir (Year 6), Captain of our softball team earned a nomination for outstanding captaincy and all-round play.

Mark (Year 5) received a special shout-out for his bowling development on the softball team and for showing great consistency.

Well played to all the boys - a superb effort from both teams!



Whilst the boys were playing at Harrow Town Sports Club, the girls were enhancing their rounders skills at Harrow Recreational Ground...



PETS AS THERAPY

Thank you very much to Mrs Vallabh who arranged another visit for us from Sindy and Rollo the Dog from Pets as Therapy. Rollo spent time with Year 3 today. For more information on Pets as Therapy, please go to [Pets As Therapy | Home](#).



HAZARD AWARE WITH YEAR 5

Sienna Writes...

This week, on Wednesday 6th May, my class and I went to Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes.

First, we were learning how to keep safe online and that not everything on the internet is good or true. Next, we made a rap about being safe online – it was extremely fun.

After, we had lunch and we split into groups so we could go and see the hazard area. My favourite part was when we were learning about road safety and I went to the phone box to call 999 because a car had crashed into the Hazard Alley sign!

It was an amazing trip and I would love to go again.

Zaha Writes...

On Wednesday 6th May, Year 5, accompanied by Mrs Lehane, Mr Gonsalves and Mr McAllister, went to Hazard Alley. We all had such an excellent time!

It was a 1 hour and 10 minute journey, and we were all chatting about our time ahead. We had to drive to Milton Keynes. When we arrived, we were welcomed by a lovely lady named Katherine, who taught us the dangers of being online. We each made a rap about online safety and then performed them to the group. Then, we went on a tour around the rest of the warehouse. It was made to look like a city so we could walk around and see the daily dangers.

Overall, I think the best part was learning about the age rating of apps, as I had not realised that some games I thought were for ages 3+ were actually for ages 7+. I had a great experience and I would love to visit again.



