



Newsletter 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and families,

We are excited to inform you that we have now officially launched our updated school website. While you will find all the same essential content you need, we have given the site a significant "facelift." The new design is modern, clean, and, most importantly, fully optimised for mobile phones. We know many of you check updates on the go, and this new website design ensures that menus and documents are now much easier to navigate from your handheld devices.

One of our primary goals for the website update was to provide greater transparency regarding your child's learning. We have redesigned our Curriculum page to be more user-friendly. For every subject, you will now find:

- * Clearer overviews of what is taught in each year group.
- * Key learning milestones to help you track progress.
- * Resources and website links

Our aim is to empower you with the information needed to support your child's academic journey at home.

This is just the first phase of our website improvements. We are currently working on integrating our social media channels directly into the website. Soon, you will be able to see a live feed of the wonderful activities and achievements happening in our classrooms in real-time, all in one central location.

I encourage you to take a few minutes this week to browse the new site and familiarise yourself with the updated layout.

Behind the scenes, it has been a very productive week for the leadership team. Mrs Gill and I have been having Pupil Progress Meetings with class teachers and teaching assistants.

These meetings are a vital part of our commitment to your child's success. They allow us to:

- * Rigorously track the progress every child is making in their core subject learning.
- * Identify specific areas where children are excelling or where they may need a boost.
- * Plan targeted support and interventions to ensure that every pupil has the resources they need to reach their full potential.

We believe in keeping you closely involved in this process. Therefore, if these meetings have resulted in a change to your child's support plan, we will be sending letters home by the end of next week to keep you fully informed.

Coming Up Next week

Creative Arts Day

Next Wednesday (21st), we will be having a whole school Creative Arts Day. Our theme this year is 'The Grifflie'—a mysterious fictional character. Each class teacher has planned an exciting day of creative arts activities, including creative writing, drama, music, art, dance, design. It is always a joy to see how a single prompt can spark such diverse and wonderful ideas.

You will be able to view some of the children's work during our upcoming Parents' Evenings, where each class will display some of the work produced.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see the progression of work and imagination from Nursery all the way to Year 6. We hope you enjoy seeing how our children's' skills and confidence grow as they move through the school. We look forward to sharing these "Grifflie" creations with you soon!



Year 3 Class Assembly

We were pleased to welcome so many Year 3 parents and families into school yesterday morning for the Year 3 class assembly. The assembly provided an opportunity for the children to share some of the work they completed during the Autumn term. It is always a valuable experience for the pupils to stand in front of an audience and recap what they have been studying in class.

The assembly touched on a wide variety of subjects from the past few months:

History & Art: A look back at the Stone Age, including a display of the children's cave paintings.

Design & Technology: The children shared the results of their recent sewing projects.

Writing & Poetry: Alongside some thoughtful poetry, the children shared their creative writing on "Dream Jobs." There were certainly some laughs in the hall as they described the roles of Sloth Nannies and Armpit Sniffers!

Science & Geography: The pupils discussed nutrition and skeletons (Animals including Humans) and shared facts about the Tropical Rainforest.

At the end of the assembly, the children had the chance to sit with their families and show their workbooks. Well done Year 3.

Managing Children's Digital Lives

This week, we have shared an extremely helpful document with you called "What I wish my parents or carers knew...", a guide from the Children's Commissioner. This guide is a vital resource designed to help you navigate the fast-changing digital world and ensure your children remain safe online. Because the guide is quite comprehensive, I urge you all to take the time to read it thoroughly—perhaps by tackling one section every few days over the next week or so.

The digital landscape has changed rapidly, with the introduction of the Online Safety Act and the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Children today often feel a "widening gap" between their online experiences and their parents' understanding.

This guide is unique because it was written with direct input from teenagers. They have shared what they truly need from the adults in their lives: not necessarily a "friend," but a guide who can set firm, kind boundaries. Research shows that talking early and often is far more effective than simply confiscating devices.

Summary of the Guide

The document is broken down into several key areas to help you support your child with confidence:

Managing Screen Time: It explains that children often feel "hooked" by design features and actually want rules to help them feel in control. It offers practical tips, such as keeping phones out of bedrooms and establishing phone-free mealtimes.

When Bad Things Happen: This section addresses difficult topics like cyberbullying, harmful content, and grooming. It highlights that children often fear their parents' reactions, which stops them from asking for help.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): As AI is now embedded in everything, the guide helps you understand how children use these tools and how to teach them to be skeptical of AI-generated content.

Practical Tools: The guide includes conversation starters to move away from "the big talk" toward casual, everyday check-ins. It also features a checklist of actions and an activity pack you can complete together with your child.

Our goal is to help you "create the culture before the crisis". By staying curious and involved, you can ensure your child feels comfortable coming to you if anything ever goes wrong online.

I strongly encourage you to review the electronic copy sent home this week and use it as a starting point for these essential conversations.

Watton At Stone Nursery

Admissions 2026-2027

Flexible 30 hours available



Led by a qualified teacher



Nurturing staff and environment

We will be offering wrap around care for
Nursery children from September 2026

Was your child born between

1st September 2022 & 31st August 2023?

Please join us for a Nursery offer information meeting on:

Tuesday 20th January at 6:00pm

Please contact the school office on 01920 830233 to book your place.

House Points

This week

First place - Green House - 478
Second place - Yellow House - 453
Third place - Red House - 443
Fourth place - Blue House - 405

This term

First place - Green House - 1,099
Second place - Yellow House - 1,043
Third place - Blue House - 1,022
Fourth place - Red House - 955



This Weeks attendance %

Wilson Class (Reception)	97.1%
Riley Class (Year 1)	83.1%
Blake Class (Year 2)	97.6%
Morris Class (Year 3)	98.8%
Seurat Class (Year 4)	94.2%
Crosby Class (Year 5)	99.6%
Moore Class (Year 6)	96.1%

Whole School Attendance this week 95.11%

Whole School Attendance this term 96.52%



Looking After Our Planet

This week's assembly focused on Climate Warming and its impact on our planet's wildlife. We discussed how rising temperatures affect the habitats of polar bears and giant pandas, sparking a lot of empathy from the children.

To help minimise our impact, we have introduced new recycling procedures across the school which include separate recycling for food waste, paper/cardboard and plastics. We also discussed practical ways to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in our daily lives.

Please take a moment this weekend to talk to your children about what they've learned. Ask them:

- How can we help protect the animals we talked about?
- What items can we recycle or reuse more effectively at home?

By working together, we can help our children see that small changes lead to a big difference.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Jacey B - 11th January
Darci T - 11th January
Wilfred W - 11th January
Macie C - 13th January
Arien L - 13th January
Jack P - 14th January
Beatrix B - 16th January

Great to Be Gold		
<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Bodhi - Bodhi has had a fantastic week at Preschool. He has settled well and has fully submerged himself in the Preschool learning. We are very proud of you Bodhi!</p> <p>Oliver - Oliver has been a really kind friend this week. He has been helping his peers if they are sad, and has gone out of his way to help his friends with finding toys. We are very proud of you!</p>	<p>Macie - Macie has been a star this week. She has come to Preschool and Nursery with a smile on her face, and has been very creative this week. We are very proud of you!</p> <p>Everley - Has shown her caring side this week. If a friend has been upset she has asked if they are ok, and comforted them. She has also done a great job with sharing the toys. We are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Leo - for being a star this week, Leo has tried really hard to listen to instructions and follow new routines. Fantastic Leo, keep it!</p>	<p>Matisse - for listening to adults and following instructions and trying really hard. Excellent Matisse, keep it up!</p> <p>Gracie - for working to the best of her ability at a sorting activity during her independent play. Excellent Gracie!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Soren - for working to the best of his ability, especially with his independent writing this week.</p>	<p>Beatrix - for working to the best of her ability and showing a love of learning by continuing and extending her learning during CIL.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Antoine - for being an outstanding role model to others.</p>	<p>George - for working to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Aurora - for showing a love of learning.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Lola - for working to the best of her ability when calculating with money in maths.</p>	<p>Tiora - for being well-mannered and constantly making the right choices.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Arthur - always making the right choices in school.</p> <p>Sophia - always following the school rules.</p>	<p>Arabella - an outstanding role model in and out of the classroom.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Amelia - for working to the best of her ability in all areas and producing some good pieces of work.</p>	<p>Aiden - for a love of learning in all areas and producing some good work in Maths and English this week.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Erin - for always working to the best of her ability and for her love of learning, as well as creating an amazing solar system at home.</p>	<p>Frankie - for being well mannered and his love of learning.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Gracie - for paying attention to all the adults and working to the best of her ability in all lessons.</p> <p>Logan - For showing a love of learning this week, really thinking about what he is learning and how to show what he has understood. We have seen some super manners from Logan this week - very impressed.</p>	<p>Eliza - for showing a love of learning in writing and maths this week, really taking on board what has been asked of her and producing some great (and amusing) pieces of writing.</p>



Merhaba everyone! 🌟

This week we're reminding you about easyfundraising
(yes, again! 😊)

Whether you're dreaming of escaping the cold winter weather, or maybe had a bit too much of the grind - it's that time of year where most of consider booking a holiday!

If you are looking to book that break (family or solo!) remember that you can get



donation on travel (🎪 ✈️ 🚆 🚗) hotels, package holidays and even insurance!

Here are just some of the brands & what % they'll donate to us:

Disneyland
PARIS

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Headteacher's Awards



Each week, staff are constantly looking for children in the school who are showing awareness of one or more than one of our school learning values. These values will help children to become better learners as well as developing their relationships with others around them. Children are recognised for their achievements with being awarded Headteacher's Awards.

Reception:

Lenny - for being our 'star writer' this week by taking risks with his writing and really challenging himself.

Victoria - for having high aspirations, especially with her writing.

Jasper - for working well with others.

Year 1:

Grace - is our 'star writer' this week for her excellent writing in English.

Frankie - for showing resilience in his learning.

Hettie - for her independent learning.

Year 2:

Oscar - for showing teamwork in PE.

Fraser - for showing teamwork in PE.

Zachary - is our 'star writer' for taking pride when using commas in his writing.

Year 3:

Lucas - for resilience in the class assembly.

George- is our 'star writer' for showing independence in his writing.

Year 4:

Shiva - for working with others and showing kindness and empathy.

Charlie and Jasper - for working well with each other in P.E, listening to instructions and being a great partner..

Freddie - is our 'star writer' for a very good piece of descriptive writing using expanded noun phrases.

Year 5:

Lillie - for having high aspirations in maths.

Beatriz - is our 'star writer' for her creative writing, producing a persuasive letter.

Izzy - for her high aspirations in P.E.

Year 6:

Sam B and Edie - both of them have shown kindness and great skill in working with others in maths this week, both always willing to coach and guide their friends, whilst maintaining high quality in their own work.

Imogen - is our 'star writer' this week as she has high aspirations and really wants to make her work the best she can. She uses the scaffolds and word banks to help her and still goes back to edit and improve her work.

Changing habits keep you healthy...all year long!



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family.

Top Tips to brave those winter mornings

Keep hydrated: This is a sure-fire way to get our bodies fired up in the mornings. A fresh glass of water will give your body the boost it needs to start the day.

Breakfast: There is a reason it holds the title as the most important meal of the day! Make sure little (and grown up) tum's don't leave the house empty, it's important to have a good healthy breakfast to give our bodies the energy they need.

Sleep: It's important no matter your age to get enough sleep and sticking to regular sleep patterns can help support this.



Healthy lunch boxes

Keeping school lunch boxes interesting can be a challenge at the best of times so we appreciate how hard it is to make sure they are kept healthy too.

But healthy doesn't have to be a chore, it can actually make life much easier!

Fruit is a great way to give little ones a boost of energy and if bought in packs will generally last the whole week and keep costs down too. A satsuma, banana or small handful of grapes will add a tasty (and vibrant) addition to their lunch boxes.



Fresh air fix

It's tough during the colder months to find ways to get our much-needed Vitamin D. Fresh air is a great way to improve both our physical and mental well-being and even short bursts of outdoor time can make a big difference.

Try swapping the car or bus for a short walk from time to time or get the little ones wrapped up and outside for a quick play in the park.



Scan here

or

Click the link



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Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5-16 years.

Beane Valley SG14 3QA, 10am - 11.30am

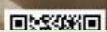
You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- 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, SPACE and ADD Vance

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

DSPL3 Parent Coffee
Morning 21st January

2026



DSPL3

Delivering Special
Provision Locally

What's On in East Herts District January - April 2026

Please see session descriptions, including guidance on the age of the child attending

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Self Weigh Stations - drop in Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG Weekly 09:00-12:00 (Not on 6 th Apr)	Stay and Play - £2.50 Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL 09:30 - 11:00 (Not on 31 st Mar & 7 th Apr)	Self Weigh Stations Silver Birches Family Centre, Ware, SG12 0AW Weekly from 09:00 Book via Eventbrite	Self Weigh Stations Bramble Hill Family Centre, Buntingford, SG9 9SZ Weekly from 09:00 Book via Eventbrite	Active Rhyme Time - £2.50 Seth Ward Community Centre, Buntingford, SG9 9SG Weekly 10:00 - 11:00 (Not on 2 nd Jan & 3 rd Apr)	Becoming Dad Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG 24th Jan, 09:00 - 12:00 Book via Eventbrite
Self Weigh Stations Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL Weekly 09:00 - 12:00 (new time) (Not on 6 th Apr) Book via Eventbrite	Family Fun - £2.50 Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL 31st Mar & 7 th Apr, 09:30 - 11:00	Stay and Play - £2.50 Southern Maltings, Ware, SG12 7BS Weekly, 09:30 - 11:00 (Not 1 st & 8 th Apr) Family Fun on 1st & 8th Apr	Family Toolkit Silver Birches Family Centre, Ware, SG12 0AW 15th Jan - 12 th Feb 09:15 - 11:45 Book via Eventbrite	Stay and Play - £2.50 Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG Weekly 09:30 - 11:00 (new time) (Not on 2 nd Jan, 3 rd & 10 th Apr)	Becoming Dad Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NE 21st Mar, 09:00 - 12:00 Book via Eventbrite
Baby Group - £1.50 Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG Weekly, 10:00 - 11:30 (Not on 6 th Apr)	Stay and Play - £2.50 Beane Valley Family Centre, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3QA Weekly 09:30-11:00 (Not on 31 st Mar & 7 th Apr)	Active Rhyme Time- £2.50 Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NE Weekly 10:00 - 11:00	SEND Chat and Play Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG Weekly 09:30 - 10:30 (Not on 1 st Jan, 2nd Apr)	Family Fun - £2.50 Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG 10 th Apr, 09:30 - 11:00	Saturdads Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL 28th Feb 10:00 - 11:30
Baby Group - £1.50 Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL Weekly, 10:00 - 11:30 (Not on 6 th Apr)	Family Fun - £2.50 Beane Valley Family Centre, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3QA 7 th Apr & 31 st Mar 09:30 - 11:00	Introduction to Solid Foods Beane Valley Family Centre, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3QA 11th Mar, 10:30 - 12:00 Book via Eventbrite	SEND Family Fun Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG 2nd Apr, 09:30 - 11:00	Self Weigh Stations - drop in Beane Valley Family Centre, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3QA Weekly, 10:00 - 12:00 (Not on 2 nd Jan & 3 rd Apr)	Saturdads Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG 11 th Apr 10:00 - 11:30
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Physical Fun - £2.50 Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG Weekly 13:30 - 14:30 (Not on 6 th Apr)	Introduction to Solid Foods Online 24 th Feb 10:00 - 11:00 Book via Eventbrite	Baby Massage - £25 Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG 25 th Feb - 25 th Mar 10:00 - 11:30 Book via Eventbrite	Baby Massage - £25 Silver Birches Family Centre, Ware, SG12 0AW 5 th Mar - 9th Apr (not on 19 th Mar) 10:00 - 11:30 Book via Eventbrite	Little Chefs Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL 23rd Jan - 20th Feb, 10:00 - 11:00 Please call 0300 123 7572	
Baby Massage - £25 Little Squirrels, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL 12 th Jan - 9 th Feb 13:30 - 15:00 Book via Eventbrite	Parent Cafe Beane Valley Family Centre, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3QA 17 th Feb, 09:30 - 11:00	NEW Twilight Tales - £1.50 Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG Weekly, 16:30 - 17:15	Preparing for Parenthood Selections Family Centre, Hertford, SG14 2DG 14 th Jan, 11th Feb, 11 th Mar 16:00 - 18:00 Book via Eventbrite	Baby Massage - £25 Beane Valley Family Centre, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3QA 8 th Jan - 5 th Feb 10:00 - 11:30 Book via Eventbrite	Baby Massage - £25 Silver Birches Family Centre, Ware, SG12 0AW 9 th Jan - 6 th Feb 10:00 - 11:30 Book via Eventbrite
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	Preparing for Parenthood Little Squirrels Family Centre, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2NL 27th Jan, 24th Feb, 24th Mar 16:00 - 18:00 Book via Eventbrite				

Headteacher: Mrs N. Etienne

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill



Active Rhyme Time (0-5 years) £2.50*

Fun, active rhymes and songs for your baby and toddler. A great way to meet other families and develop your child's communication and physical skills. Siblings welcome. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Baby Group (pre-walkers) £1.50*

Meet other families with young babies in a supportive, stimulating and friendly environment. During the 90 minute session there will be time for babies to play, discover more about their development and support your wellbeing as a new parent. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Physical Fun (18 months +) £2.50*

A fun, active session. Come and meet other local families and enjoy lots of play opportunities to support your child with their physical development. Siblings welcome. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Stay and Play (0-5 years) £2.50*

A fun session with various activities and resources for children. There's a special area for babies with family support staff available to help, plus the chance to socialise with other parents and carers. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Twilight Tales (0-5 years) £1.50*

A warm and welcoming session to engage children in book sharing, storytelling and themed activities that inspire imagination and creativity. Older siblings up to 8 years also welcome to join.

*The cost is per family, per session, with contactless payment only. Pick up a Loyalty Card, your 6th session is free! If the cost of the session would prohibit you from attending, please speak to one of our team in confidence either in a centre, one of our sessions or call us - we are here to help!

Important Information

We have a maximum number of spaces in the sessions that are on a first come first served basis. Please arrive promptly to minimise disappointment.

Parents and carers are responsible for supervising their children throughout the sessions.

Sign up here today!



YMCA

Baby Fair

A FREE fun event for expectant parents or parents of a child under one year. Meet other local families, enjoy refreshments, find out what's on and enjoy choosing preloved maternity and baby clothes. Our friendly team will be on hand to offer you free support and advice, alongside stalls from local partners. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Baby Massage - £25

Learn to massage your baby. Find out how it helps with their sleeping, digestion and colic. Get to know other families and ask for help and advice. This is a 5 week course. This course is aimed at parents/carers of babies aged between 2 - 6 months. *Booking via eventbrite is essential.*

Becoming Dad

Becoming Dad is an inclusive information session for new and expectant fathers to help them to connect with and understand their babies' needs. This is a hands-on session where your baby aged 0 - 1 year can come too! *Booking via eventbrite is essential.*

Bumps to Babies

Meet other expectant families during this exciting time. Build your social network and chat with a friendly family support service team member. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Family Fun - (0- 5 years) £2.50*

Fun sessions with a wide range of activities for you and your children to play together, meet other local families and the Family Centre team. As well as lots for Under 5's to enjoy, there will be activities for siblings up to the age of 8. *This drop in runs during the school holidays.*

Family Toolkit

For families with children aged 2 to 5 years old. A great course to learn some new ideas about how to manage children's behaviour and get the best out of family life. *Booking is required, please call the team.*

Family First Aid - £25

A 2-hour introduction to First Aid. This session covers essential first aid topics like CPR and choking for babies and children. For parents/carers and also parents-to-be. *Booking via Eventbrite is essential.* Babies under 6 months can attend with their parent/carer.

Breastfeeding Social Group

A great opportunity to get out and about. You will also be able to meet other families in a safe, relaxing environment. There will be UNICEF accredited Family Support staff available to support you on your feeding journey and answer any responsive feeding questions you may have. For Specialist Breastfeeding Support please call 0300 123 7572. Parents with babies 10 days and younger should contact their midwife for any feeding concerns. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Introduction to Solid Foods Workshop

NHS guidelines recommend introducing solid foods to your baby at around 6 months. Join us when your baby is 4-6 months to get to know the signs that your baby is ready for solid food and receive information in line with NHS guidelines. This session runs face to face and online. *Booking via eventbrite is essential.*

Little Chefs

This course is aimed at parents/families with a child aged 15 months to 36 months. Each session will include games and activities focused on healthy eating and trying new tastes. Children will help their parents prepare a dish which will either be cooked during the session or taken home to cook. All ingredients and equipment will be supplied. *Booking is required, please call the team.*

Parent Cafe

These sessions will give families the opportunity to meet some of the team and other local families, plus include information, advice and guidance from our community partners, workshops and play activities. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Preparing for Parenthood

For expectant parents 25-34 weeks. This session covers lots of the essential information you need to prepare for parenthood and beyond. Delivered by Family Support Staff. *Booking via eventbrite is essential.*

Saturdads

A fun session for children aged 0-5 years and their male carers. We have a range of activities and resources for children to explore. Dads can come along to meet other dads and carers. *Drop in, no booking required!*

Self Weigh Stations

An opportunity to check your baby's weight at 16 weeks, 20 weeks, 8 months and 12 months, and receive information and advice from the Family Support Team. Either book an appointment or drop in at specific times. If your baby is outside of these key touchpoints or if you have any concerns, please contact your Health Visitor. For more information, please visit [Health for Under 5s](#). Please bring along a thin blanket or baby mat to put on the scales for your baby to lie on.

SEND Chat and Play

Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Chat and Play sessions are a great opportunity to come and meet other families going through a similar journey, in a relaxed environment. Our SEND Champions are on hand to talk to you, signpost to different organisations or to simply act as a listening ear. All are welcome whether your child is diagnosed or you are concerned about a possible need. We have toys out for the children or you can come by yourself. *Drop in, no booking required!*

www.hertsfamilycentres.org

0300 123 7572

Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Spring Term

- Tuesday 20th January - Prospective Nursery Meeting (starting September 2026)
- Wednesday 21st January - Creative Arts Day
- Friday 23rd January - Heathmount KS3 pupils reading with Year 3 children
- Thursday 29th January 6pm - Year 6 parents SAT's meeting
- Wednesday 28th January - Rugby taster session workshops Years 2 - 6
- Friday 30th January - Heathmount KS3 pupils reading with Year 3 children

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- Monday 2nd - 6th February - Year 6 Mock SATs
- Friday 7th February - Heathmount KS3 pupils reading with Year 3 children
- Tuesday 10th February - Internet Safety Day
- Tuesday 10th February - Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 11th February - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Monday 16th - 20th February - Half Term
- Friday 27th February - FOW clothing collection
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 12th March - Sponsored Bounce
- Friday 13th March - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Monday 16th - 20th March - Assessment Week
- Wednesday 18th March - IROCK performances for children (1.30pm) and parents (2.30pm)
- Friday 20th March - Comic Relief Day
- Tuesday 24th - 25th March - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Friday 27th March - Enterprise Day
- Friday 27th March - End of Term

Summer Term

- Monday 13th April - Inset Day
- Tuesday 14th April - Back to School
- Tuesday 14th - 17th April- Pupil progress meetings
- Wednesday 29th Class Photos
- Monday 11th - 14th May - Key Stage 2 SATS
- Tuesday 19th - 20th May No Pens Day/ Forest School
- Monday 25th May - 29th May - Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Inset Day
- Tuesday 2nd - 5th June Year 4 multiplication check for Year 4
- Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - Year 1 phonics screening checks
- Tuesday 9th June - Sports Day 1
- Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day 2 Reserved (in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- Friday 19th June - Watton's Got Talent
- Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th June - Hudnall Park
- Friday 26th June - Pupil Parliament Meeting

- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Year 6 PGL
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Assessment Week
- Monday 13th July - Year 6 Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 14th - 15th July - Year 6 play
- Friday 17th July - End of Year Reports
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term