



Newsletter 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and families,

It has been a truly lovely start to the second half of the Spring term. As the days begin to lengthen and the weather shows signs of turning warmer, it is wonderful to see the children settling back into their learning routines with such focus and curiosity. I hope you and your children had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We have enjoyed a wonderfully calm start to the week. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see the children settling back into their routines so quickly.

Yesterday, our Year 6 children attended a local sporting event. I would like to say a huge well done to everyone involved; they represented the school with such sportsmanship and effort. Overall both the girls and the boys finished in second place (in the small schools category). They should all be very proud of their achievements.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Jolley, one of our midday supervisors this week. Mrs Jolley has been away on a considerable period of leave following a recent illness, and it is wonderful to see her back on the playground supporting the children at lunchtime once again. The children have given her a lovely, warm welcome.

Because Easter falls early in April this year, this is a very short half-term. However, we have crammed an incredible amount into the calendar to ensure it is a memorable one for the children. Starting from next week, there will be at least one themed day, fun event, or special activity happening every single week!

Next week's highlights include:

Tuesday: Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Workshops A high-energy, luminous experience for children in both KS1 and KS2. **Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit in school on Tuesday.**

Thursday: World Book Day A day to celebrate our love of reading (please see further information below). Children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in a dance workshop.

It is going to be a very busy but very exciting few weeks ahead. Thank you for your continued support in making these events possible.

Sponsored Bounce - 12th March

Each year, we hold our popular sponsored bounce event to help raise much-needed funds for the school. Specifically, the money raised from this event has been used year after year to purchase laptops and ipads, helping us to increase the number of devices available for the children, buy charging trolleys for each class and replace devices which have broken. Unfortunately, due to updated technical requirements, all school devices must now be Windows 11 compliant. This change has meant that we have had to retire a considerable number of the devices we previously owned as they no longer meet the necessary specifications.

Our immediate priority is to replace these devices to ensure that every class has enough devices for children to work effectively with a partner. Beyond this, we remain committed to growing the number of devices on our trolleys each year; our ultimate goal is to reach a point where every class has enough hardware for all children to have their own individual device to use. A separate information letter regarding the details of this event was sent home at the beginning of this week. We recognise that this vision for our children's digital learning simply won't be achievable without the help of our wonderful families to support the school in this goal.

Themed Dressing Up Costumes

At our school, we are always looking for ways to better support our families. Following a fantastic suggestion from one of our parents, I am delighted to announce that we have agreed to a new initiative regarding themed days and dressing-up costumes.

As you know, we already run a pre-loved school uniform scheme at the end of every term, and we would like to extend this now to our themed events. We understand that while we never ask or expect parents to purchase specific costumes, many of you find it a quicker or more convenient option.

However, we also know that these outfits often end up tucked away in a cupboard once the day is over, never to be worn again as the children grow.

If you have any purchased costumes from previous events that are still in good condition but no longer needed by your child, we would be incredibly grateful for your donations. By donating these items, you are helping us build a "Costume Bank" that will benefit other families in the coming years. It's a wonderful way to be more sustainable and take a bit of the time and financial pressure off for some parents.

To keep things organised, please hand any clean, good-quality costumes directly to your child's class teacher rather than the admin office. This ensures they are stored in the correct classrooms for easy access. In the future, a few weeks before any themed event takes place, we will let you know what full or partial costumes we have available. These items will be offered on a strictly first-come, first-served basis to any family who would like to make use of them.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make our school events as inclusive and easy as possible for everyone.

Class Assemblies

We are delighted to share the dates for our next class assemblies. Although we had originally hoped to schedule both of these assemblies during this half term, our school calendar is incredibly full with extra-curricular events and activities for the children and so therefore, this has not been possible. However, we have managed to plan one assembly for this half term and one assembly soon after we return from the Easter holiday.

Year 5 - Thursday 19th March

Year 1 - Thursday 23rd April

These assemblies are a fantastic opportunity for all families of the children in these year groups to come and find out what the children have been learning about in class. Assemblies typically last for 20 minutes and provide a wonderful insight into what the children have been learning across the curriculum. Whether they are sharing scientific discoveries, historical projects, or creative achievements, the children take great pride in presenting their progress to an audience.

We kindly ask that you arrive via the wooden gates in the staff car park a few minutes before the 9:00 am start time so that we can begin promptly. We know how much the children value having their families in the audience, and we very much look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate their achievements first-hand.

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Hertford and Ware Sporting Events This Half Term

Sports are a vital part of life at our school, and we have a packed calendar of events over the coming weeks. To help provide clarity on the different types of fixtures we participate in, I thought it would be useful to explain the three tiers of events we enter. This framework ensures that every child, regardless of their current skill level, has the opportunity to represent the school in a way that suits their development.

We categorise our sporting involvement into three distinct areas:

- **Inspire and Engage:** These events focus on participation and igniting an interest in sport. The emphasis is on fun, trying something new, and building confidence in a non-competitive environment.
- **Aspire and Develop:** These fixtures are aimed at children who show a keen interest or already play the sport. The focus is on skill development, understanding rules, and improving performance through friendly matches.
- **Compete:** These are competitive tournaments where we enter a squad to play against other schools with a focus on results, league standings, or qualifying for further rounds.

Yesterday, our Year 6 children took part in a Sports Hall Athletics event. This was an Inspire and Engage session, and it was fantastic to see the children supporting one another and giving their absolute best in a variety of track and field activities.

Rapid Fire Cricket - 3rd March

Next week, a selected group of children from Year 4 will be heading out for a Rapid Fire Cricket tournament. As this is a Compete event, we are only able to send a squad of 8 children. Selection for these types of events is often based on specific skills demonstrated during PE lessons.

District Netball - 23rd March

Our netball team will be representing the school at the District Netball tournament. This is classified as an Aspire and Develop event, allowing our team to play against local opposition in a supportive environment.

Inclusion Commonwealth Games

Finally, at the end of March, we will be participating in the Inclusion Commonwealth Games. This is an Aspire and Develop event, and we will be selecting 10 children from Year 5 to represent the school. This is a brilliant opportunity for these children to experience a multi-sport festival and build on their athletic abilities.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will celebrate World Book Day in school which is just one small way that we promote a love of reading. To mark the occasion, we have an external company visiting the school to lead story-telling workshops for children in Reception to Year 6 based on the story of Pinocchio.

Children are welcome to come dressed as a favourite book character, or they may come in their pyjamas or onesies, ready for a story. Please do not feel pressured to purchase a specific costume for this day.

Important Reminders:

- All children will be going outside for break and lunch, so please ensure their costume is warm enough.
- Safety and school rules still apply. This means no earrings or crop tops. While face paint is allowed, please avoid other types of make-up.
- No football kits are allowed

All children will be bringing home a World Book Day voucher on the day, which can be swapped for a free book or used as a discount at participating retailers.

House Points

This week

First place - Yellow House - 416

Second place - Red House - 390

Third place - Blue House - 389

Fourth place - Green House - 386

This term

First place - Yellow House - 824

Second place - Green House - 794

Third place - Red House - 783

Fourth place - Blue House - 780



This weeks attendance %

Wilson Class (Reception)	95.7%
Riley Class (Year 1)	93.2%
Blake Class (Year 2)	99%
Morris Class (Year 3)	97.8%
Seurat Class (Year 4)	98.3%
Crosby Class (Year 5)	98%
Moore Class (Year 6)	97.5%

Whole School Attendance this week 97.04%
this term 96.38%

Well done to _____ for 100%
attendance.



Spring Term Workshops 2026 for parents in Hertfordshire



Reducing Conflict

Tuesday 3 March 7pm to 9pm or
Thursday 5 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry

Friday 13 March 9.30 to 11.30

Anxiety around ADHD

Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm
Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Empowering Parenting

Friday 20 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Its a Dads Life

Tuesday 24 March 7pm to 9pm

For more information, you can scan our QR code to
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Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Everley M - 23rd February
Samuel B - 26th February

Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Amelia - Has been a superstar this week. She has been really chatty with the staff and her peers during play, engaging in play with others and verbalising her wants and needs. We are really proud of you Amelia!</p> <p>Imogen - Has had a great week at Preschool. She has settled quickly, and has joined in with all the activities this week, sharing her thoughts and ideas. We are very proud of you Immy!</p>	<p>Isla - Has had a great week this week, and has been doing really well with a personal challenge! She has also got involved with our activities this week and particularly enjoyed helping to make, and try, the porridge! We are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Grace - for wowing us all with her determination this week. Grace has been setting herself goals when out in the garden and not giving up until she had achieved them. Excellent Grace!</p> <p>Freddie - for working to the best of his ability and trying really hard in our phonics lessons to name the sounds we have learnt so far. Fantastic Freddie!</p>	<p>Leia - for showing a love of learning when using her imagination and exploring the doctor's kit. Great job Leia!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Etty - for showing a love of learning and completing the different challenges set up during CIL.</p> <p>Nate - for working to the best of his ability and paying attention to the adults, especially during carpet times.</p>	<p>Parker - for showing a love of learning and always working to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Alice - for always being an outstanding role model to others and being well-mannered.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Charlie - for working to the best of his ability in science.</p> <p>Freddie - for working to the best of his ability in phonics all week.</p>	<p>Archie - for making the right choices.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Tiora - for constantly making the right choices and being an outstanding role model.</p>	<p>William - for always having impeccable manners.</p> <p>Fraser - for working to the best of his ability with his reading.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Sienna- for showing her love for learning in her spellings.</p> <p>Harlen- for working to the best of his ability in all subjects.</p>	<p>Isaac WP - for being an outstanding role model all around the school.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Jess - constantly making the right choices - recommended by Mrs Harrow for helping with resources at lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Jasper - outstanding role model in the class and the playground.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Thomas - for his love of learning. Thomas has really been working hard and pushing himself with his learning.</p> <p>Bea - for working to the best of her ability and always listening to adults.</p>	<p>Millie - for showing all the Great to be Gold values and being an amazing role model.</p> <p>Lillie - for her love of learning and always working to the best of her ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Logan - for showing a love of learning in maths and English, trying his best in every lesson to produce the best work he can - a super improvement is clear to see.</p>	<p>Gracie - for working to the best of her ability in maths and her newfound understanding of fractions - a super effort this week.</p>

Friends of Watton Update



Zdravo everyone! 🌻
This week we're asking for volunteers



We need you!



In the spirit of 'Teamwork makes the dreamwork', we're still in need of volunteers for two upcoming events.

If you can spare half an hour, or know someone who can, please let us know! The roles we need are:

1) Mothers Day Stall - 12th or 13th March

- Setting up tables - **12th March** - 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- Selling gifts and packing them into boxes - **13th March** - 8:50am - 12:00pm

2) Spring Disco - 19th March

- Setting up tables - 2:30pm - 3:20pm
- Handing out crisps and squash - 3:20pm - 4:45pm
- Supervising children in the hall - 3:20pm - 4:45pm
- Packing up - 4:30pm - 5:00pm (approx.)

Ways to volunteer

Whatsapp class chats 🗨️

Email us ✉️

Friendsofwattonfow@gmail.com

Mothers Day Stall link 🌐

(type into your browser)

<https://volunteersignup.org/EJDWW>

Spring Disco link 🌐

(type into your browser)

<https://tinyurl.com/2yys7f6r>

or the classlist app. 📱

Ending hunger together



Easter Egg Appeal

Help our food bank provide Easter eggs in the parcels we'll be giving out this Easter to those in crisis.

Please bring all chocolates and Easter eggs to the Hertford, Ware & District Foodbank

by **13 March 2026**

Thank you!

Donations can be dropped to:
Hertford United Reform Church
Mon/Wed/Fri 10-11am
or

The Foodbank at the Priory, Ware
Tues/Thurs 10.30-11.30

Registered Charity Number:1157028 - Registered in England & Wales

Stevenage Moon Palace Experience

A FREE cosmic experience

Friday 6 March 6 until 8.30pm

Saturday 7 March 1:15 until 8.30pm

MOON PALACE BUS EVENT ISLAND

Come and explore this mobile observatory – tickets are free, scan to book.

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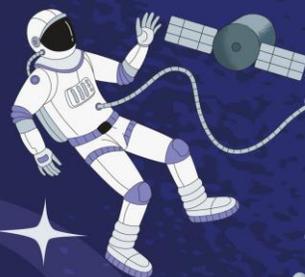
Experience the wonder of the cosmos - tickets are free, scan to book. Also including Mad Science, Airbus and more, on Saturday from 1-6pm.

JUNCTION 7 CREATIVES:

FRI EVENING: 'Moon Palace Poetry' - drop-in creative writing workshop 5-6.30pm; **Open Mic readings** 7-9pm
SAT DAYTIME: 'A galaxy of art' drop-in session

Suitable for all ages.

Under 14s need to be accompanied by an adult. Please note that the bus is a shoe-free zone.



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:

Ella - for being our 'star writer' by showing resilience and being independent with her writing during phonics.
Miles - for being creative by writing his own book at home and showing pride by bringing it in to show the class.
Ada - for being reflective with her writing during Busy Fingers.
Soren - for having high aspirations and challenging himself.

Year 1:

Cameron - is our 'star writer' for using fantastic adjectives in his sentences.
George - for showing respect to all adults by listening to instructions.

Year 2:

Vittori - for working well with others in lots of different tasks this week.
Noah - is our 'star writer' for his fantastic blue whale fact file and sharing it with Year 1.

Year 3:

All of Year 3 for being independent and resilient in their writing, they all working hard and showing consistency with their handwriting and presentation.

Year 4:

Eric - for having high aspirations. Not only for completing the Herts Library Winter Reading challenge, but also winning it!
Charlie - is our 'star writer' for his excellent newspaper report on the stolen birthday cake.

Year 5:

Logan - for having high aspirations, especially with his times tables this week and for his amazing effort at swimming.
Louis - for being a great team player in P.E. encouraging others and his resilience.
Olly - being resilient in maths.
Rafe - is our 'star writer' for his impressive creative writing in English.

Year 6:

Arien - is our 'star writer' for really thinking about his handwriting style and presentation this week - we can see a real improvement.
Edie and Daya - for being amazing sports champions at Wodson Park, cheering everyone on and congratulating everyone's efforts.



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



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Supporting Emotion Regulation at Home
Friday 6th March 2026, 12-1pm

The **SEND Mental Health Support Team** welcomes parents to attend a **FREE** workshop to support you with strategies to support your child with their emotion regulation at home.

Aims of the workshop:

- To learn how co-regulation can be used to support your child with managing their emotions at home
- An opportunity to chat with like-minded parents and share tips with each other

For parents whose children attend a school supported by the SEND MHST.

Scan me! 

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/co-regulation-to-support-your-childs-emotional-regulation-tickets-19830699465937aff-odditicreator>

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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Spring Term

- Monday 2nd March - NSPCC assembly
- Tuesday 3rd March - Glow In The Dark Dodgeball Workshops KS1 and KS2
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 5th March - Story telling dance workshops R - Year 6 'Pinocchio'
- Monday 9th March - Science week themed assembly
- **Monday 9th - 13th March - Assessment Week**
- Thursday 12th March - Sponsored Bounce
- Friday 13th March - Pupil Parliament Meeting
- Friday 13th - FOW Mother's Day marketplace
- **Tuesday 17th March - FGB meeting**
- Tuesday 17th March - Parent Forum meeting 6pm
- **Thursday 19th March - Year 5 class assembly 9am**
- Wednesday 18th March - IROCK performances for children (1.30pm) and parents (2.30pm)
- Thursday 19th March - FOW disco
- Friday 20th March - Comic Relief Day
- **Monday 23rd March - Pre Loved Uniform Giveaway 3.20pm**
- **Tuesday 24th March - Pre Loved Uniform Giveaway 8.45am**
- Tuesday 24th March - House Point reward treat
- Tuesday 24th - 25th March - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Thursday 26th March - Year 6 VE Day Fantastic Finish
- Friday 27th March - Enterprise Day 1.40pm
- Friday 27th March - End of Term 2.15pm

Summer Term

- Monday 13th April - Inset Day
- Tuesday 14th April - Back to School
- Tuesday 14th- 17th April- Pupil progress meetings
- **Thursday 23rd April - Year 1 class assembly 9am**

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- 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