



Newsletter 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and families,

It has been an incredibly busy (thankfully cooler) and productive week across the school, with different year groups engaging in very different, yet equally important challenges.

On Monday, our Year 6 children departed for their highly anticipated five-day residential trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. This trip is always a defining milestone in the primary school journey, offering children invaluable opportunities to take part in exhilarating new activities such as canoeing, orienteering, and braving the high rope swing. I had the privilege of spending Monday to Wednesday at PGL with the children, and it was wonderful to watch them complete five different activities a day. Each challenge pushed them physically and mentally, whilst providing a fantastic platform to develop their teamwork and leadership skills.

Beyond the pure adrenaline and fun, the residential is a cornerstone of our transition process from primary to secondary school. By spending a week away from home, the children have developed independence, learnt to manage their own routines, and relied heavily on teamwork to overcome outdoor challenges. We are immensely proud of how they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and supported one another throughout the week. An adventure like this cannot happen without the dedication of our staff, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Roberts, Miss Ramirez, Miss S Roberts, and Mr Ring, who attended and ensured the children had such an amazing time away from home.

Back at school, it has been assessment week for the rest of our year groups. The children have shown wonderful focus and determination as they tackled these assessments, which provide us with a clear opportunity to see how well they have progressed in the core subjects this term. These outcomes offer a valuable snapshot of their academic journey this year, and the end of year assessments will be shared with you in the children's upcoming end-of-year reports.

Whether conquering the high ropes or demonstrating their knowledge in the classroom, the children across the school have shown fantastic resilience this week.

Parent Forum Meeting

Our summer term Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 8th July. The Parent Forum meetings are an opportunity for the school leadership team to listen to your views and opinions about the school. If you have any whole school topics/issues/concerns which you would like us to discuss, then please contact your class rep. All suggested agenda items need to be received by Monday 6th July so that the complete agenda can be collated and circulated to the Parent Forum reps.

Thank you for continuing to support the school and working in partnership with us to achieve the best outcomes for our children. We look forward to a productive discussion.

Watton's Got Talent

Excitement is building for our School Talent Show on Monday 20th July!

Auditions will take place in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the week beginning 13th July, where everyone in the class will be able to vote for their favourite acts.

The top three performances from each class will then progress to the grand final on 20th July.

Please talk to your child about their audition ideas (as space is limited on the stage) and discuss whether they require any props or music. We cannot wait to see our children shine!

This is always a fun end of year event and the whole school is invited to watch and join in the fun!

Next Week

It is hard to believe we are entering the last three weeks of the school year, but next week is an incredibly important one for all of our children as we look toward the future.

On Monday 6th July, we are delighted to welcome a visitor from the Hertfordshire Library Service to our morning assembly to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We highly encourage all families to sign up for this brilliant, free scheme at their local library.

Research consistently shows that children who do not read regularly over the long summer break can experience a dip in their reading literacy levels—often referred to as the 'summer slide'. Reading for just 20 minutes a day maintains vocabulary, boosts imagination, and ensures children return in September feeling confident and ready to learn.

Later in the week, on Thursday 9th July, we will hold our Whole-School Transition Morning. Earlier in the week, we shared with you our whole-school staffing plan for the next academic year and this morning will see our children take their first exciting steps into their new year groups.

Children from Nursery to Year 5 will spend the morning in their new classrooms, getting to know their new teachers/teaching assistants and exploring the learning environment they will be in from September. This is the first of two important sessions for easing any natural anxieties and building excitement for the year ahead. Please take your child to their current classroom for registration. We will move classes after registration has taken place.

Whilst the rest of the school is transitioning internally, our Year 6 children will be spending the entire day visiting their chosen secondary schools. We wish them the very best of luck as they experience a taste of secondary school life, and we know they will represent our school beautifully.

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **98.36%**

This term's whole school attendance is: **96.86%**

A huge well done to Seurat Class for being our "Most Improved" this week!

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	98.6%	🚀 Rising Stars
Riley Class (Year 1)	97.2%	🚀 Rising Stars
Blake Class (Year 2)	98.3%	💎 Setting the Standard
Morris Class (Year 3)	95.5%	👉 Good Progress
Seurat Class (Year 4)	100%	🏆 Attendance Champions/ 🏆 Most Improved
Crosby Class (Year 5)	99.2%	💎 Setting the Standard
Moore Class (Year 6)	100%	🏆 Attendance Champions

We Are Here to Help

If you are finding the morning routine difficult, if your child is feeling anxious about coming in, or if there are barriers at home making attendance a struggle, please do not face it alone. We would much rather have a conversation and find a way to support you than see a child miss out on their education. Please talk to your child's class teacher/teaching assistant or speak to myself or one of the admin members of staff about your concerns.

Class Assemblies

As we approach the final weeks of the summer term, we still have some fantastic class assemblies to look forward to, and we would love for you to join us.

These upcoming assemblies will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their highlights, stories, and favourite memories from their recent residential trips.

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 8th July: Year 4 Residential
- Thursday 16th July: Year 6 Residential Assembly

Both assemblies will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Please enter the school via the wooden gates located in the staff car park.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to seeing many of you there to share in these special moments.



Summer Library Reading Challenge

In partnership with The Reading Agency, Hertfordshire Libraries are proud to present this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat.

The challenge aims to keep children reading throughout the summer holidays and rewards them for reading for pleasure. Your children can sign up for FREE at any Hertfordshire Library from 4 July 2026. The Challenge finishes on Saturday 5 September 2026.

Children are encouraged to read any 6 library books over the summer holidays. This could include listening to an e-audiobook, reading independently, or reading with parents or carers - any reading is good reading in our book!

There are also some reading and library related challenges as part of Read to the Beat. These challenges are listed in the packs that children receive when they sign up for the challenge and children can complete them to earn reward stickers if they choose to.



House Points

This week

- First place - Red House - 433
- Second place - Blue House - 304
- Third place - Yellow House - 270
- Fourth place - Green House - 335

This Half Term

- First place - Red House - 2,000
- Second place - Green House - 1,756
- Third place - Yellow House - 1,744
- Fourth Place - Blue House - 1,725

Pre Loved Uniform Giveaway

As we approach the end of the school year, many families will be starting to think about sorting out uniform for September. Before you head out to buy brand new items, please come and see what we have available in school.

We currently have pre-loved uniform that we would love to see go to new homes. Choosing pre-loved is not only a fantastic way to save money, but it also supports our school's commitment to sustainability by reducing waste. Please come along to the school hall at the following times:

- Monday 13th July at 3:20pm
- Tuesday 14th July at 8:45am

Transition Meetings in the Autumn term

We're already looking ahead to September and want to make sure the transition to a new class is as smooth as possible for all of the children. To help facilitate this, we will be holding "Meet the Teacher" transition meetings for parents at the start of the new academic year.

These meetings are a valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and teaching assistant, learn about the exciting curriculum ahead and ask any questions you may have.

All meetings will start at 9am. Please mark your calendars for the relevant dates below:

Year 3 meeting: Tuesday 8th September

Year 6 meeting: Wednesday 9th September

Year 4 meeting: Thursday 10th September

Year 5 meeting: Tuesday 15th September

Year 2 meeting: Wednesday 16th September

Year 1 meeting: Thursday 17th September

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to ensure a fantastic start to the new school year!

Groups and workshops Autumn 2026

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 5th October to 16th November, 7pm to 9pm OR
Friday 6th November to 11th December, 9.30am to 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6th October to 17th November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December, 7pm to 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Wednesday 21 October 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Monday 9 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Wednesday 25 November 7pm to 9pm

It's a Dad's Life Online Workshop

Thursday 26 November 7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Online Workshop

Wednesday 2 December 9.30am to 11.30am


For more info, please contact **Louise** on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential.



Watton at
Stone, Her
Headteach

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FOW PRESENTS
THE

SUMMER

PLAYOUT

THURSDAY 16TH JULY
3.20 - 4.45 PM

WHAT IS THE PLAYOUT?

- EXTRA TIME TO PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS
 - SWEET & TOY STALL
 - OUTDOOR TOYS
- FUN ON THE TRIM TRAIL, BUS, BOAT AND OUTDOOR GYM
- TICKET INCLUDES A PACKET OF CRISPS & UNLIMITED SQUASH

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING
YOUR POCKET MONEY
FOR THE SWEETS AND
TOYS STALL!!!**



Tickets available on Checklist

£5 each for first and second child, subsequent kids £2.50

Hertfordshire Music Service Inclusive Choir (Soundabout associate member choir)

An inclusive contemporary style choir in association with the music charity Soundabout.

- For anyone Year 5, 6 and secondary age, through to 25, with a focus on giving a voice to those with SEN and complex needs.
- Sessions are three times each half-term, twice online, and one in-person at Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts.
- £40 per term

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Scan the QR code to see Soundabout's music videos



Date	Time	Location
Friday 18 September	5pm - 6pm	Online
Friday 2 October		
Saturday 17 October	12.45pm - 2.15pm	Mid Herts Music Centre
Friday 6 November	5pm - 6pm	Online
Friday 20 November	5pm - 6pm	Online
Saturday 5 December	12.45pm - 2.15pm	Mid Herts Music Centre

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July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

ON MONDAY

WE ARE GOING TO DO SOME CRAFTS!

PLAY DOUGH

PAINTING

COLOURING

BOOK ON ARBOR

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND GET CREATIVE!

LIMITED SLOTS
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID MISSING OUT!

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Ffion G - 28th June
Lilliana R - 29th June
Matilda M - 30th June
Skylar C - 1st July
Peter S - 1st July
Don F - 2nd July

Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Luca - Has had a great week this week. He has shown us how much he has grown in confidence, exploring the environment happily, and has shown us more of his personality. Keep it up Luca, we are very proud of you!</p> <p>Ivy - Has been such a kind and caring friend this week. She has been looking after her friends, helping and supporting them, and doing it all with a huge smile on her face! Keep it up, we are super proud of you!</p>	<p>Ophelia - Has also been a really kind friend this week. She always plays nicely with her peers, showing kindness and compassion, sharing toys and playing beautifully. We are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Madeleine - for working to the best of her ability and showing a love of learning during our summer and winter sorting activity this week. Madeleine tried really hard to complete the activity with lots of independence and showed pride in her achievements. Excellent Madeleine, keep it up!</p> <p>Wilfie - for showing lots of determination and resilience this week when cutting independently. Wilfie kept going even when it was tricky and didn't give up. Fantastic Wilfie, we are very proud of you!</p>	<p>Winnie - for working to the best of her ability when learning about summer this week. Winnie shared her knowledge with her friends with lots of confidence. Great job Winnie!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Ella - for working to the best of her ability this week and showing a love of learning.</p> <p>Kasey - for always working to the best of his ability across all areas of learning.</p>	<p>Toby - for showing a love of learning and being a good role model for showing good listening during learning times.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Charlie - for showing a love of learning.</p> <p>Owen - for showing a love of learning.</p>	<p>Hudson - for being an outstanding role model in the class.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Emma - for working to the best of her ability, particularly in reading.</p>	<p>Violet - for her love of learning. Violet created a structure of a theme park ride (a pirate ship) for her homework.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>George - for working to the best of his ability making progress in his reading.</p> <p>Matilda -for working to the best of his ability making progress in his reading.</p>	<p>Jordan - for being an outstanding role model and showing his love for learning in reading.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Darcy - making the right choices by always including everyone.</p>	<p>Iris - always working to the best of her ability - excellent focus in assessment week.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Rosie - for her love of learning and working to the best of her ability.</p> <p>Millie - for paying attention to all adults.</p>	<p>Olly - for inviting children to play at after school club and working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Josh - for inviting lonely people to play and making sure that everyone was happy in the activities at PGL.</p> <p>Imogen- for showing a love of learning in all the activities we have done, with some great leadership skills shining through.</p>	<p>Daya - for working to the best of her ability in every task we have done at PGL and making the most of every moment.</p>

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:

Fajar - for being our 'star writer' this week by having high aspirations with her writing.

Beatrix - for being a kind and helpful friend.

Tristan - for being a kind friend by sharing toys with others during child-initiated learning.

Year 1:

Annie - is our 'star writer' this week for showing lots of enthusiasm for her story in English.

Freddie - for showing resilience with his learning.

Thomas - for showing curiosity in our Geography lesson.

Year 2:

Noah and Romilly - for working well together in class. They listened carefully to each other's ideas.

Oscar - is our 'star writer' for trying hard with his handwriting when publishing his story. Oscar made a super effort to apply his joining skills.

Year 3:

Arabella- is our 'star writer' for creating some beautiful writing in his English week, with consistency in handwriting.

Sophia- for having kindness and empathy, always caring for others.

Year 4:

Nathan - for his independent work and curiosity in completing extra Anglo-Saxon Homework.

Freya H - for her independence and risk taking in all areas of her work.

Freddie - is this week's PE Star for teamwork and batting skills in rounders

Verity - is our 'Star Writer' for her full and detailed answers in her reading comprehension.

Year 5:

Rafe - for having high aspirations in his homework and using point/ evidence and explanation in his answers.

Sam - for his team work and kindness in P.E.

Eleanor - is our 'star writer' this week for her creative writing.

Year 6:

Lexie and Chloe - for taking risks and pushing themselves to do challenges they thought they couldn't do.

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning
Buntingford First School SG9 9HZ
15th July 2026, 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
We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

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6 Week Courses

*Delivered by trainers with personal and professional experience of the difficulties parents face.
These courses are practical and usable, not just idealistic theory.*

Talking Additional Needs

For parents of children with any additional need, no diagnosis needed.



Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm

15th September to 20th October
ONLINE (ages 10-19) - Course ID **864**

Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am

3rd November to 8th December
ONLINE (ages 2-19)- Course ID **859**

Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm

4th November to 9th December
Face-to-Face (ages 2-19) - Course ID **858**
Longdean School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8JB

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Talking Families

For parents of children under 12



Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm
17th September to 22nd October
ONLINE - Course ID **861**

Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am
4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID **860**

Talking Teens

For parents of children 12-19



Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm

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16th September to 21st October
ONLINE - Course ID **865**

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm
4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID **866**

Talking Dads

For dads and male carers of children of all ages



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Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm

16th September to 21st

October

ONLINE - Course ID **867**

Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm

3rd November to 8th

December

ONLINE - Course ID **868**

Talking Anxiety



For parents of children struggling
with worries or anxiety aged 3-19

Wednesdays 7.45-9.30pm

4th November to 9th December

ONLINE - Course ID **862**

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

Talking Anger in Teens



For parents of children struggling to manage their anger aged 11-19
Tuesdays 7.45-9.30pm
15th September to 20th October
ONLINE - Course ID **863**

Parents can book by phoning 07512 709 556

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Please include your phone number as we cannot book a place without speaking to you.

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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red -new dates added this week

Summer Term

- Monday 6th July - New to Nursery parent meeting 6pm
- **Tuesday 7th July - Year 1 trip to Watkins Farm**
- Wednesday 8th July - Choir performance to parents (during the after school club session)
- **Wednesday 8th July - Year 4 Class Assembly 9am**
- Wednesday 8th July - Summer Term Parent Forum Meeting 6pm
- Thursday 9th July - Whole school 'Move Up To New Classes' (morning only) and Year 6 transition day to their secondary schools
- Monday 13th July - Year 6 End of Year Performance Dress Rehearsal
- Monday 13th July - Termly uniform giveaway (school hall) 3.20pm
- Tuesday 14th July - Termly uniform giveaway (school hall) 8.45am
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 performances to parents 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July - 'Move Up To New Classes' part 2
- Wednesday 15th July - IRock performances to parents 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 performance to parents 6pm
- **Thursday 16th July - whole school inflatable fun day!!**
- Thursday 16th July - Year 6 class assembly 9am
- Thursday 16th July - F.O.W Summer Payout
- Friday 17th July - End of year reports sent home
- Monday 20th July - Watton's Got Talent (change of previously published date)
- Tuesday 21st July - Year 2 trip to Lea Valley Park
- **Wednesday 22nd July - Year 6 leavers trip**
- Wednesday 22nd July - House Point Reward Treat pm
- **Thursday 23rd July - Year 6 leavers assembly in church**
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm