



Newsletter 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and families,

What an incredibly busy week we have had across the school. Unfortunately, the British summer weather got the better of us on Tuesday and again on Thursday, and we were forced to postpone our annual Sports Days and Year 6 trip to Watkins Farm due to the rain. I know how disappointing postponing sports day was for some children, but we are keeping our fingers firmly crossed that the skies clear for our reserve date next Tuesday 16th June.

In addition to our outdoor plans, it has been an important week for assessments, and I want to say a huge well done to our Year 1 and Year 4 children. Throughout the week, the Year 1 children have been taking their statutory Phonics Screening Check and our Year 4 children completed their statutory Multiplication Tables Check. The children have all worked so hard leading up to this week, and we are incredibly proud of their resilience and positive attitudes.

On Wednesday, our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in for our annual K'Nex Challenge. For those who may not be familiar with it, the K'Nex Challenge is a fantastic Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths initiative run in primary schools by an external company. Working in pairs, the children are given a specific engineering brief— this year, it was to create a rocket with a detachable component using only K'Nex rods and connectors. It is an excellent way to develop problem-solving, spatial awareness, structural design, and communication skills under a fun, time-limited challenge, and the creativity on display this year was fantastic. More news about this event on p5 of this newsletter.



Today, Year 1 took a trip back in time with a visit to Mountfitchet Castle in Essex. Mountfitchet Castle offers a unique historical experience, featuring a fully reconstructed Motte and Bailey castle and an open-air Norman village built on its original historic site. The children were able to wander through the thatched-roof timber houses, experience what daily life was like in 1066 which really brought their history learning to life. I would like to extend a special thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to help out with this trip. Your support on the day was invaluable. However, I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who help throughout the year on various trips and events across the school. We quite simply could not run these enriching experiences for the children without your help, and we are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive community of parents.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support across such a packed week of school activities. I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing weekend.



Next Week

As well as the re scheduled sports days next week, there are lots of other trips, events, and important dates for your diaries. On Monday Year 5 will be attending WWW Games Sporting Event in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, our Year 3 children will be heading off on their class trip to Celtic Harmony. This fantastic outdoor experience directly links to their current history learning, allowing them to step back in time and explore life in ancient Britain through hands-on activities.

Then on Thursday, our Year 6 children will be visiting Morgan's School to take part in the annual Crucial Crew event. Crucial Crew is a highly valuable, multi-agency safety initiative designed specifically for Year 6 children as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

Organised in partnership with local emergency services and community safety teams, it features a series of interactive, real-life scenarios.

The children will learn vital personal safety skills, covering topics such as road and rail safety, fire prevention, internet safety, and how to make emergency calls. It is always a thoroughly engaging day that empowers the children to make safe, independent choices.



Also on Thursday, the photographer will be back to school for our class photos. Please ensure that all children come to school looking super smart in their full school uniform that day so we can capture some wonderful group memories.

Finally, on Friday, the Friends of Watton will be running their annual Father's Day Stall. This is always a lovely opportunity for the children to independently choose and purchase a small gift ahead of Father's Day on Sunday 21st June.

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **96.56%**

This term's whole school attendance is: **96.91%**

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

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	98.6%	🏆 Most Improved
Riley Class (Year 1)	99%	👑 Setting the Standard
Blake Class (Year 2)	92.4%	↓ Declining Attendance
Morris Class (Year 3)	94.4%	👍 Good Progress
Seurat Class (Year 4)	99.6%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Crosby Class (Year 5)	98.4%	👑 Setting the Standard
Moore Class (Year 6)	94.2%	↓ Declining Attendance

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.

Online Safety Talks for Children and Parents

On Wednesday 24th June, we are pleased to host a vital session for our Year 5 and Year 6 children, led by a Hertfordshire Constabulary Cyber Protect and Prevention Officer.

The children will participate in a workshop during the afternoon, designed to engage them in thinking about their digital footprints. To ensure parents are equally informed, there will be a dedicated online session at 6 pm on the same day. We strongly encourage as many Year 5 and Year 6 parents as possible to log in and listen. The focus of these sessions is to highlight the types of illegal online activity children can inadvertently become involved in, ensuring both parents and children understand the serious real-world impact and legal repercussions of such actions. Furthermore, the sessions will emphasise constructive and positive ways for our children to apply their technical interests and talents for the future.

A Note on Smartphones

In line with our commitment to the children's well-being, we would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement.

As a school, we support the recommendation that parents wait until their child is at least 14 years old before providing them with a smartphone. Delaying access to these devices can significantly help protect children from the pressures of social media, reduce the risks of online harm, and support their emotional and social development during these formative years.

Update - Thank you for your support

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to the many parents who have reached out to share their support for the school's approach to this matter. Whether through emails or in conversation during morning drop-offs and afternoon collections, your feedback has been incredibly reassuring. It is clear that so many of us share the same deep concerns regarding how vulnerable young children can be when they have unrestricted access to smartphones—particularly concerning the impact on their mental health, exposure to inappropriate content, and the risks of online bullying. Working in partnership with you to protect our children during these formative years is immensely valuable.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/349844913999413?p=hz1Ds88R6Q7DsrIoon>

Meeting ID: 349 844 913 999 413

Passcode: 2hF739CS

House Points

This week

- First place - Red House - 427
- Second place - Green House - 394
- Third place - Blue House - 341
- Fourth place - Yellow House - 331

This Half Term

- First place - Red House - 1,030
- Second place - Green House - 976
- Third place - Yellow House - 948
- Fourth Place - Blue House - 926

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



Sports Day (Nursery – Year 6)

When: 16th June 2026

Where: On the school field

Please ensure that children have their water bottles, a sunhat and are wearing sun cream if it is a hot day. We will have gazebos for the children to sit under but unfortunately, there is no shelter available for spectators.

Lunchtime arrangements:

Family Picnic – 12pm – 1pm (so long as it isn't raining!)

Year 1 and 2

Their sports events will start at approx. 9.15am and finish at ~~approx.~~ 10.30am.

Nursery and Reception

Their sports events will start at approx. 10.45am and finish at ~~approx.~~ 11.45am.

Years 3, 4 5 and 6

Their sports events will start at approx. 1.30 ~~and~~ finish at ~~approx.~~ 3pm.

- Parents are welcome to walk around with the children whilst they take part in the team events.
- Parents are kindly asked to remain in the seated areas when the children are running in the sprint events.
- Children are to come to school dressed in their P.E kits and with t shirts in their house colour.
 - Please enter the school grounds and exit via the main gate near the school office.
- Toilets – available for the elderly, infirm or for young children. Please go to the admin office.
- Toilets are also available at the community centre which is only a short walk from the school.
 - Main gate will be unlocked all day but manned by a member of school staff.

Year 5 and 6 K'NEX Challenge



On Wednesday, our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a brilliant K'NEX Challenge. They were tasked with a complex engineering brief - to design and build a rocket featuring a completely detachable part.

It was fantastic to see the children working so collaboratively. Every single child demonstrated our core school values of teamwork, pride, resilience, and creativity as they problem-solved their way through structural challenges and design tweaks.

The judges had an incredibly difficult task picking the final designs, but huge congratulations must go to our overall winners:

Ethan and Louis (Year 5) and Edie and Joshua (Year 6)

Highly deserved winners' certificates were awarded for their exceptional designs. A huge well done also goes to every child who participated; they all received participation certificates and should be incredibly proud of their engineering achievements.

Ciao everyone! 🍷

This week we're asking for volunteers for Fathers Day stalls and the upcoming playout



Fathers Day Gift Stalls: 19th June Calling for volunteers!

We still need some volunteers to help us run stalls with gifts for Fathers Day.

We'll need you for any time you can spare between **8:45am - 11:30am (you don't need to do the whole slot!)**

If you can help, please let us know either via an email to the school, or on the class whatsapp.

Or if you'd like to take a look at the jobs we need doing, you'll find them at <https://volunteersignup.org/TJTRA>



Playout 16th July Calling for volunteers!

We are also in need of volunteers to help support the summer playout.

This will be for **3:20pm - 4:45pm (you don't need to do the whole slot!)**

If you can help, again please let us know either via an email to the school, or on the class whatsapp,

Or take a look at the jobs at <https://volunteersignup.org/K3TYX>



SEND Mental Health Support Team (SEND MHST)

The SEND MHST is an **early intervention service**, working with **mild to moderate mental health difficulties**, delivered by a mental health practitioner

We can support you with your young person's anxiety, sadness, understanding feelings or summer holidays/transitioning back into school

Summer Holidays 2026

We are offering **parent/carer self-referrals**

6 virtual (weekly) sessions working on specific difficulties with goals for **parents/carers**

Parents/Carers can **self-refer** to our team prior to the holidays starting, for support over summer. These referrals should be sent in by **7th July 2026**

Parents/Carers will need access to a device which allows video calls

Interested in support?

Call us on 01727 732031 or



Important Information

To self-refer, your family should not have received MHST support in the last term.

We cannot support if your family is experiencing high level risk or safeguarding concerns

Sometimes we are not the best service to support your child. We will work with you and the school to signpost on to other services/resources.

Mental Health Support

We are pleased to let you know that the SEND MHST (Mental Health Support Team) are introducing a new referral process for parent support over the summer holidays.

This offer is available to any parent/carer whose child attends a school with a SEND MHST, including those due to start at the school in September.

The support will consist of 6-8 weekly sessions delivered online via Microsoft Teams across the summer holidays. These sessions are to support parents to support their children with:

- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Emotional regulation
- Coping with the summer holidays
- Transitions

Parents/carers can self-refer by scanning the QR code on the attached poster or by contacting the SEND MHST team on 01727 732031 to request a referral form.

Please note that the deadline to submit a referral is 7th July. Referrals received after this date will not be accepted, and support can instead be accessed through school referral processes from September.

If you feel this support could help you to support your child, we would encourage you to get in touch.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



- Aila G - 5th June
- Grace M - 6th June
- Freya B - 9th June
- Amelia R MC - 10th June

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!

Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Amelia - Amelia celebrated her birthday this week, and she celebrated our class teddy Otto the owls birthday too. She took great care of him all day, setting him a space for snack and giving him lots of cuddles throughout the day. She took great care of him! Well done, we are very proud of you!</p> <p>Jimmy - he has made some fantastic progress this week communicating with the adults. We are super proud of you, well done Jimmy!</p>	<p>Bertie - he has shown great kindness to his peers this week. When a friend was upset one morning he went to get a teddy for them to help cheer them up and really looked after them! We are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Don - for showing a love of learning in our phonics lessons this week, Don has tried really hard to name some of the sounds by himself as well as showing lots of pride in his achievements. Excellent Don, keep it up!</p> <p>Jacob - for showing a love of learning during our yoga session this week, Jacob showed lot of determination to carry out the moves. Fantastic Jacob!</p>	<p>Leia - for being a really kind friend and helping others when they were stuck. Excellent Leia, we are very proud of you!</p> <p>Violet - for settling well and trying really hard to join with rules and routines. Great work Violet, keep it up!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Soren - for working to the best of his ability and developing his reading fluency.</p>	<p>Kasey - for being an outstanding role model and always working to the best of his ability, even when something is tricky.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Lilli and Eva - for constantly making the right choices and being fantastic role models for others.</p>	
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Lottie - for being well-mannered and respectful at all times.</p>	<p>Aila - for being an outstanding role model and constantly making the right choices.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Kennedy - for following his instructions and working to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Matilda - for being an outstanding role model.</p>	<p>Jordan - for being an outstanding role model and showing his love for learning.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Freya B - outstanding role model when working with other children.</p>	<p>Daisy - working to the best of her ability with a partner in Literacy this week.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Isabelle G - who has developed an amazing attitude to her learning and is a super role model.</p>	<p>Danny - for working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Imogen - for being an outstanding role model - always doing the right thing in class and in particular, helping another child with ideas in writing, when they were stuck, without being prompted to do so.</p>	<p>Beau - for meeting all the Great To Be Gold criteria, all the time - quietly gets on with her work and listens carefully to her next steps and acts upon it.</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:

Ada - for being our 'star writer' by always wowing us with her amazing creative writing.

Ida - for being reflective with her writing and taking pride in what she has written.

Fajar - for being reflective with her writing.

Year 1:

Frankie - for his creativity in art.

Antoine - for always being respectful to others.

Louie - is our 'star writer' for working hard on his presentation.

Year 2:

Oscar - is our 'star writer' for taking pride when adding some super suffixes.

Alfie - for taking risks and being resilient when answering questions in lessons.

Year 3:

Gianni- is our 'star writer' for being reflective and making the right corrections independently.

Freddie- for having kindness and empathy for others at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Ameila H - for working well with others and having good coaching skills.

Year 4:

Verity - PE Star for excellent effort in swimming - showing resilience

Jasper - he is our 'star writer' for his excellent persuasive letter to our local MP about traffic safety concerns in Watton.

Riya - high aspirations in her Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check.

Year 5:

Logan - for having high aspirations in P.E.

Rafe - for his excellent team work in our Knex challenge.

Connor - for his excellent team work in our Knex Challenge.

Erin - is our 'star writer' for her creative writing.

Year 6:

Edward - is our 'star writer' - he is really thinking about the purpose and audience when writing - a target that he has been working on. Well done.

Martha - for being reflective in all lessons - she really thinks about what she is doing and why she is doing it - everything has a purpose.



Struggled with high energy bills Last winter?

Free home energy improvements with the Warm Homes Local Grant can help you stay warmer and save money this winter.

You may be eligible if:

- You are a homeowner or private tenant
- Your home has an EPC rating of D, E, F or G
- Your total household income is £35,000 or less
- Someone in your household is getting certain benefits.

HOW TO APPLY: CONTACT US FOR FREE (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

0800 107 0044
bhhb@hmf.org.uk

East Herts

Need a cheap healthy recipe to make this weekend?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle with time AND finding something everyone will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our healthy pizza below for a taste of our recipe selection!



Ingredients:

- 1x8 inch tortilla wrap (or you can use pitta bread)
- Tomato passata
- 30g grated light mozzarella or cheddar

Toppings of your choice, such as:

- Peppers
- Mushrooms
- Sweetcorn
- Pineapple
- Ham
- Spinach
- Tomatoes



Method

- Place tortilla/pitta bread on a plate and spread tomato passata over it
- Add your chosen toppings
- Sprinkle with the grated cheese
- Microwave on high until the cheese is just melted (45 seconds), or place in a pre-heated oven at 200/ges mark 6 for 5-10 minutes
- Leave to cool for a few minutes and then enjoy!

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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red -new dates added this week

Summer Term

- **Monday 15th June - Year 5 Wodson Park Sporting Event pm**
- Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 3 class trip to Celtic Harmony
- Thursday 18th June - Class photos
- Thursday 18th June - Year 6 Crucial Crew 1pm start (Morgan's Primary School)
- Thursday 18th June - Pre school Sports Day
- Friday 19th June - FOW Father's day marketplace
- Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th June - Year 4 residential trip to Hudnall Park
- Wednesday 24th June - Year 5/6 Online safety talk (delivered by Hertfordshire Police) 1.30pm
- Wednesday 24th June - Parents Online Safety talk (delivered by Hertfordshire Police) 6pm
- Thursday 25th June - Peter Pan drama workshop Nursery - Year 2
- Thursday 25th June - District Sports
- Thursday 25th June - Full Governing Body Meeting
- Friday 26th June - Pupil Parliament Meetings
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Year 6 residential trip to PGL
- Monday 29th June - 3rd July - Assessment Week
- Thursday 2nd July - New to Reception parent meeting 6pm
- Monday 6th July - New to Nursery parent meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 8th July - Choir performance to parents (during the after school club session)
- **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
- Friday 10th July - Watton's Got Talent
- Monday 13th July - Year 6 End of Year Performance Dress Rehearsal
- Monday 13th July - Termly uniform giveaway (school hall) 3.20pm

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- 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 - Year 6 class assembly 9am
- Thursday 16th July - F.O.W Summer Playout
- Friday 17th July - End of year reports sent home
- Thursday 23rd July - Year 6 leavers assembly. Venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm