



Newsletter 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and families,

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, it is remarkable to look back at everything we have achieved in such a short space of time. It has been an incredibly busy term, and I am immensely proud of how our children have embraced the many whole-class events, off-site sporting fixtures, and enrichment opportunities that have filled our calendar.

The final week of term has been particularly exciting. We held two No Pens Days, which challenged the children to develop their oracy and collaborative skills through creative, practical learning. Our Forest School visits took a creative turn this week with a focus on storytelling. It was a joy to see the children working in groups to create their own stories, developing their listening skills, and enjoying traditional outdoor games.

We also celebrated personal successes and teamwork across the school. On Tuesday, children in Blue House enjoyed a well-deserved reward afternoon for earning the most house points this term. We were then treated to a fantastic guitar assembly on Wednesday, where our budding musicians showcased their hard work, as well as two other special celebration assemblies during the week to recognise the outstanding progress made by individuals.

We have rounded off the term today with our Enterprise Day. The children worked incredibly hard during our No Pens Days to hand-craft a wonderful variety of items. In response to parent feedback, we ensured that prices were kept as low as possible to make the event accessible for everyone.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported the day, whether you joined us in person or made a purchase online. Every penny of profit made by the children will be returned to their year groups to be spent on their own classes during the Summer Term.

I wish you all a very happy and restful Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 14th April. Please remember that Monday 13th April is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to children while staff undertake professional training.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sponsored Bounce

Following the successful sponsored bounce event on 12th March, we would now appreciate children and parents collecting any sponsorship money during the Easter holiday. Your fantastic efforts will help us reach our target, and we are incredibly grateful for the time you have spent coordinating with family and friends to support this cause. All the money raised will go directly towards replacing and increasing IT devices for the children to use. These resources are essential for enhancing their learning experience and ensuring they develop the digital skills needed for the future. Payments can be made easily online via the Arbor app or in cash at the school office.

To show our appreciation for their brilliant jumping, all children who return their sponsorship money will be thanked with a special sponsored bounce certificate. This is a wonderful way for the children to celebrate their achievement and feel proud of their contribution to the school fundraiser. Thank you for your continued support in improving our technology resources for the children.



Behaviour Curriculum Consultation

At our school, we are constantly looking for ways to ensure our children are not only achieving academically but are also developing the personal qualities that will help them flourish in later life. With this in mind, we are going to be consulting with you on the development of our new Behaviour Curriculum.

A Behaviour Curriculum is essentially a framework that treats social and emotional conduct as a subject to be taught, rather than just a set of rules to be followed. Much like we teach a child to solve a maths problem or write a story, we believe we should explicitly teach the habits and manners that lead to a successful and harmonious school life.

We recognise and appreciate that many children arrive at school already equipped with these essential social skills through the wonderful support they receive at home. However, we also know that every child starts from a different place. By establishing a clear Behaviour Curriculum, we provide a "level playing field" for every child in our care. It ensures that no child is left to guess what is expected of them, giving everyone the same opportunity to master the social confidence and self-regulation required for success in secondary school and beyond.

In a rapidly changing world, having a clear, shared understanding of what "good behaviour" looks like provides a sense of security and consistency for every child. By being explicit about our expectations, we remove the guesswork, ensuring our children feel confident and capable in any social situation.

We understand how incredibly busy our school timetable already is. Therefore, these lessons will not be taught as standalone sessions. Instead, the Behaviour Curriculum will be weaved through the fabric of our school day. It will be a central focus of our assemblies, referenced during class conversations, and modelled by staff in the playground and corridors. This approach ensures that positive habits become second nature.

To spark some ideas, here are ten examples of the types of habits we believe help a child thrive. We want to know if these resonate with you:

- Making eye contact and offering a polite "Good morning" to staff and peers.
- Giving full attention when someone else is speaking.
- Moving through the building quietly and purposefully.
- Having the "bounce-back" ability when a task becomes difficult.
- Valuing their work and keeping shared spaces tidy.
- Showing sportsmanship and dignity in all activities.
- Using 'please' and 'thank you' instinctively.
- Noticing when a peer or member of staff needs a hand.
- Learning how to voice a different opinion politely.
- Being in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment.

We are eager to hear your suggestions: What specific behaviours or social habits do you believe every child should have mastered by the time they leave primary school? After the Easter holiday, we will be asking parents to share their views and ideas with us. On the staff training day on 13th April, we will be talking to the staff too about their views what will make a great Behaviour Curriculum for our school. We want to involve all stakeholders in making these decisions.

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **97.83%**

This term's whole school attendance is **96.78%**

A huge well done tofor being our "Most Improved" this week!

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	95.7%	↓ Declining Attendance
Riley Class (Year 1)	99.3%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Blake Class (Year 2)	99%	🌟 Rising Stars
Morris Class (Year 3)	98.5%	👉 Good Progress
Seurat Class (Year 4)	97.1%	📈 On Track
Crosby Class (Year 5)	98%	📈 On Track
Moore Class (Year 6)	97.1%	👉 Good Progress

We Are Here to Help

We understand that every family's circumstances are different. 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 feel free to talk to your child's class teacher/teaching assistant or speak to myself or one of the admin members of staff about your concerns.

Let's work together to make sure every child has the best possible start to their day.

Enrichment Clubs – Summer Term

The enrichment club booking system is designed to allow as many children as possible to benefit from our fantastic opportunities.

When clubs first go live for booking, parents will be able to choose one club per week per child (for clubs run by school staff and also where spaces in clubs are limited). This ensures more children have the chance to participate. We do not limit the number of external clubs you can sign your child up for.

Should there still be available places after the initial booking period, we will then open up the opportunity for parents to book an additional club for their child. We will communicate clearly when this second booking phase will open.

We have provided a copy of the summer term clubs for you below to look through. Please take the time to discuss the exciting options with your children. You will see new club opportunities added for next term.

The first round of bookings will open on Monday 13th April at 6pm and close on Thursday 16th at 8am. The clubs will start the week beginning 20th April.

We are confident that these arrangements will continue to allow more children to engage in enriching experiences outside of the regular school day.

Due to rising costs of resources and staffing, we need to increase our booking fee for the staff led enrichment groups to £4 per club. I'm sure that you will agree that this is excellent value for money. It is possible that we will need to increase the cost to £5 in the autumn term but we will confirm this at the end of next term.

Please note: The enrichment clubs ran by members of school staff will also not be taking place during the last week of the summer term (week beginning 20th July).

Pryvit everyone!

This week we're letting you know about recent fundraising



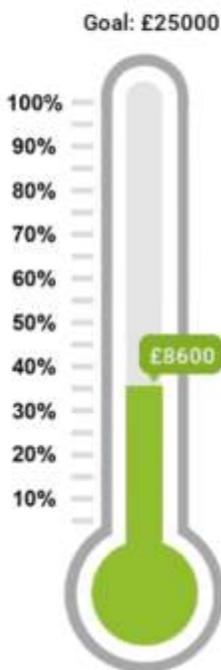
Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Disco! To everyone who came and to our wonderful volunteers. We really wouldn't have been able to do it without you and the children had a fantastic time!

The Spring Disco also raised an absolutely fantastic

£993.71

This money will all be going to support the school, both on items/events usually supported by FOW, and towards the new climbing frame.

Want to see how much we've raised towards the climbing frame? Check out our new fundraising thermometer!



EasyFundraising Easter Egg Hunt

Every day at 10am EasyFundraising are sharing a clue to find an easter egg on their app or website. If you find it, click it, and continue to the retailers website, you'll get two free entries to win £250 for the school. What have you got to lose!

End Of term Message From The Chair Of Governors

Last week, Governors at the meeting of the Full Governing Body welcomed two new governors to the governing body - Kellie-Ann Mower, who has been appointed as a parent governor, and Vicky Ramshaw. We are really pleased that Kellie-Ann and Vicky have joined the Governing Body and we also welcome the skills they bring to the role.

At the Full Governing Body meeting we discussed a number of topics, including SEND provision, attendance, behaviour, pupil premium and early years. We also reviewed and agreed policies relating to Attendance and Curriculum.

This term there have also been meetings of both the Standards and Resources committees, and Governors have been into school to undertake visits on equality and safer internet day. Governors have also enjoyed hearing about the variety of activities and experiences the children have benefitted from this term - it has definitely been another busy term!

We would like to wish everyone a relaxing Easter break - fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Commonwealth Sports Event At Wodson



On Wednesday, a group of children from Year 5 went to the Commonwealth Festival, representing Hertford and Ware at Wodson Park. In the opening ceremony, Mayci and Alessia paraded with the England flag and other schools paraded with different national flags to represent all of the Commonwealth countries. There were 3 different events for us to take part in - bowling, basketball and volleyball and following that we took part in relay races. It was an amazing day. Thank you to Mrs Thorpe for coming along and helping.
By Sam T (Year 5).

Enrichment Clubs Summer Term

Lunchtime

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time
Colouring Club	Mrs Gugerly	KS1	Monday 12.30-1.00pm
Lego club	Mrs Marchese	KS1	Wednesday 12.40pm – 1pm KS1 1pm – 1.20pm – KS2
Homework Club	Mrs Shortland	KS2	Monday 1pm – 1.30pm
20:20:20 club	Miss Knott	KS2	Daily 1.10 – 1.30pm

After school enrichment clubs will commence the week beginning 20th April and finish 17th July 2026.

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time	Location	Number
I ROCK (Play in a rock band. Choose to play the electric guitar, drums, keyboard or sing vocals) Pay direct to company	Issy Tyers	Reception – Year 6	Wednesday afternoon	D.T room	Provider to decide on maximum number
Multiskills sports Rec/KS1 Pay direct to company	Stevenage Borough Football Club	Rec/K.S.1	Tuesday	Outdoors/Hall	Provider to decide on maximum number
Multiskills sports KS2 Pay direct to company	Stevenage Borough Football Club	K.S.2	Tuesday	Outdoors/Hall	Provider to decide on maximum number
Chess Club Kings and queens Chess Club Pay direct to company (£5 per week)	Zayn	Years 2-6	Thursday	D.T room	Provider to decide on maximum number
Computer Xplorers – Pay direct to company	Neill Melville	Years 3-6	Tuesday	Library	Provider to decide on maximum number
Disney Dance Club – Pay direct to company	The Little Performers	Years R - 6	Wednesday	Hall	Provider to decide on maximum number
Street Dance Club – Pay direct to company	The Little Performers	Years R - 6	Thursday	Hall or DT room	Provider to decide on maximum number
Athletics club Summer 1 23/4/26-21/5/26	Mr Ring	Reception, Years 1 and 2	Thursday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Field or hall	20
Athletics Club Summer 2 4/6/26-16/7/26	Mr Ring	Years 3 - 6	Thursday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Field or hall	25
Rounders Club (Miss Olivia will oversee one team and Mrs Stevens will also oversee the other team)	Miss Oliva and Mrs Stevens	Years 3 – 4 Years 5 - 6	Monday 3.20-4.20	Field or in the hall	40
Choir	Mrs Roberts	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Wednesday	Hall	unlimited
Outdoor Art Club £3 per week	Mrs Bunce and Mrs Clark	Reception, Years 1 and 2	Monday	DT room	15
Photography Club (using ipads to take themed photos and then collate all photos in a Powerpoint presentation)	Mrs Rees	Years 3 and 4	Wednesday	D.T room	15
Nature Club	Mrs Butler	Years 1 and 2	Wednesday	Year 1 classroom	15
Outdoor Science Club £1 per week	Miss Martin and Miss Dell	Reception/Years 1 and 2	Monday	Reception class	20
Sewing/embroidery club	Mrs Lanson	Years 5 and 6	Monday	Year 5 classroom	10

House Points

This week

First place - Blue House - 382

Second place - Red House - 373

Third place - Yellow House - 358

Fourth place - Green House - 345



Birthdays this week and During The Easter Holiday

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Molly W - 24th March

Thomas C - 27th March

Fraser W - 28th March

Tadeusz MS - 1st April

Oscar S - 2nd April

George P - 3rd April

Daisy M - 4th April

Charlie C - 5th April

Isabella P - 5th April

Aurora A - 12th April

Amelia M - 12th April

Lily Z - 13th April

Netball Tournament

On Monday 23rd March, 9 children in Year 6 and 1 child in Year 5 attended a netball tournament at Chauncy School. We played four matches against four different schools. We won all four of our games and the scores were 11-0, 8-6, 8-4 and 7-1. Overall, we ended up as the overall winners of the local small schools and all received gold medals and certificates.

All of the players tried their very hardest and it paid off! We all showed very good sportsmanship by shaking hands with the players after all of our matches. A big thank you to Becky Clark and Miss S for supporting us at this event.

By Edie Mehmet (Year 6)



Netball Match

On Monday after school, year 5 netballers (and Jess from Year 4) went to Tewin school to play a netball match. We started strong with both a good defence and good attack. However, Tewin school scored first. At half time, we had a team talk with Mrs Stevens. We reminded ourselves to stay positive and not give up. Bettie scored in the 3rd quarter. The final score was 6-1 to Tewin School. Despite not winning, we all tried our hardest and didn't give up. We all enjoyed this opportunity to play this match.

By Mayci and Alessia (Year 5)



Spring Term Progress Awards

<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Creative Arts</u>
			
Etty	Haisley	Lily	Victoria
Kasey	Lenny	Toby	Charlie
Eoin	Eva	Antoine	Theo
Lilliana	Frankie	Dylan	Aurora
Bem	Alfie	Indie	George
Emma	Lottie	Fraser	Kaylee
Arabella-Rose	Gianni	Kennedy	Milly
Lucas	Arthur	Isaac W-P	Amelia H
Jasper	Mila	Eric	Frankie
Freya B	Verity	Iris	Aiden
Beatriz	Lily H	Connor	Danny
Olly	Rafe	Lille	Ffion
Chloe	Bobby B	Beau	Martha
Sam Mc	Imogen	Erin	Penny

Pre School Awards

Everley - For her love of learning and her kindness and empathy towards others.

Florence - For her enthusiasm and excitement for learning.

Ada - For her growth in confidence within the preschool environment and independently exploring.

Joe - For his growth in confidence with settling into Preschool.

Bertie - building on his personal social and emotional development skills and making friendships.

Arthur - for his expressive imagination and creativity at Preschool.

Nursery Awards

Olive for her progress in physical development.

River for her progress in the prime areas of learning.

Matisse for her great progress in all prime areas of learning particularly her personal, social and emotional development.

Gracie for her progress in her progress in her personal, social and emotional development.

Paislyn for her fantastic progress in her personal, social and emotional development especially her relationships.

Carwyn for his progress in all areas of learning.

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Beezee FAMILIES

Hello Easter Holidays!



Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started:

Activity 1:

Get active as a family

Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video



Activity 2:

Try a mini "mission"

A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves



Activity 2:

Keep it simple with food

Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!


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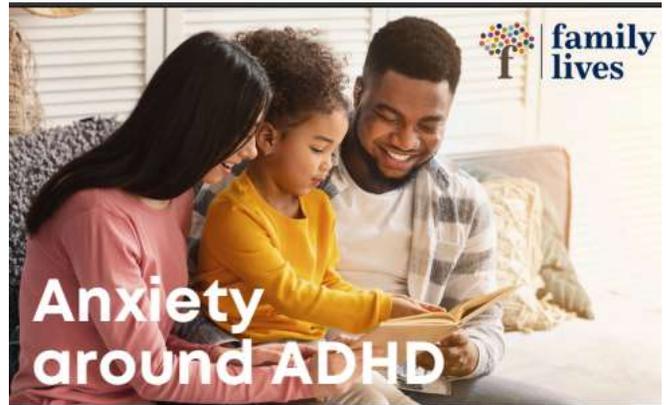
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Save the date...
SUNDAY 12th APRIL
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family lives

Anxiety around ADHD

The workshop helps parents and carers navigate:

- What is ADHD
- Understanding why a child with ADHD may also have anxiety
- Explore strategies to help support you and your child
- Signposting to other support that is available



Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm or
Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am
Online via MS Teams

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Year 6 V.E Day

Yesterday, Year 6 celebrated their history's fantastic finish' in style. Dressed as evacuees, they adopted a 1940's name (we had Dennis, Ronald, Frank, Ivy, Dorothy and Elizabeth to name a few) and stepped into our VE Day party. We made wartime sandwiches, rock cakes and jelly. We played 'pin the cigar on Winston Churchill', 'musical chairs' and pass the parcel. The children performed a 1940's style dance and sang 'There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover' to the rest of Key Stage 2. We had a wonderfully spiffing time!





Swifts

The common swift has declined in the UK by over 62% (more than 1 million birds) in the last 30 years and was red listed in 2021.

Providing nest sites (swift boxes) and Swifts bricks is a proven way to restore numbers. Watton still has Swifts and the Hertford Swift Group is hoping to boost their numbers by installing Swift boxes here. They cost £35 including installation.

Swift boxes are generally sited 5 metres or more from the ground so installation is not straightforward for most people.

Swift talk by
Hertford Swift
Group

Tuesday 1st May 2026

At 7.30pm

Watton Memorial Hall



If you are interested in coming along to a short talk about Swifts and how you can help, please contact

Marion Dunne
07939 044906

ATHLETICS CAMP



Run, Throw or Jump at SNHAC Easter athletics camp run by qualified athletics coaches at Ridlins athletics track, Stevenage.

Open to all children ages 8 - 14 years old.

Activities	Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sprints & Relay Endurance High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump Throws: Shot, Javelin & Discus Games 	30 March - 2 April 7 April - 9 April
	10am - 3pm: £26 Half day: £14 Discount for 5+ days

Secondary age children:
Pole vault: 30 March & 8 April
Hammer throw: 1 April & 9 April



Email holidayclubsnhac@gmail.com or scan the QR code to book



Also available on Hertfordshire HAPpy camps scheme if eligible - book via playwaze.

Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

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
- Wednesday 29th - Class Photos
- Monday 11th - 14th May - Key Stage 2 SATS
- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May - Walk To School Week
- Tuesday 19th - 20th May No Pens Day/ Forest School
- Monday 25th May - 29th May - Half Term

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- 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)
- Thursday 18th June - Year 6 Crucial Crew 1pm start (Morgan's Primary School)
- 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