



Newsletter 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and families,

As we reach the end of an incredibly busy and productive half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences our children have enjoyed this week. It has been a joy to see so many enrichment activities taking place, bringing our curriculum to life both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Reception children have had a fantastic week. On Monday, they visited Watkins Farm, where they had a wonderful time planting wheat, which perfectly complemented their recent visit to Mill Green in Hatfield as well as playing in the woodlands on the farm. Then yesterday, we were delighted to welcome so many parents into school for the Reception class assembly. The children did a fantastic job sharing everything they learned from both of these trips and in class this half term, speaking so confidently to a big audience. Well done, Reception!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we hosted our termly No Pens Days and Forest School visits. On their designated day, classes visited Forest School to learn about nature and art (as well as playing some games too).

For the remainder of those days, the children enjoyed hands on, practical sessions across a range of subjects—proving that deep learning and high engagement can thrive beautifully without the need to record everything in a workbook. Also on Wednesday, Year 3 went to Watkins Farm as part of the Geography curriculum 'Where food comes from'. The children learned about how different foods grow and the types of climates needed for crops and animals to survive.

Yesterday, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Henry Moore Museum. This was a particularly special outing for the children, as their class is aptly named 'Moore' class in honour of the famous sculptor.

This afternoon, our House Point winners enjoyed their special reward. Massive congratulations to every child in the Red Team, who have worked exceptionally hard to accumulate the most house points across the entire half term. Red House enjoyed a non-uniform day, an afternoon of football, archery, parachute games and an ice-lolly at the end of the day. Well done Red House - keep up the hard work for the next half term too.

Next week is half-term, and I hope you all enjoy some quality time together. Please note a key date for your diaries regarding our return: Monday 1st June: School closed to children (Teacher INSET Day), Tuesday 2nd June: School reopens; we look forward to welcoming all the children back for the final half term of the academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Have a wonderful, restful half-term break.

Walk To School Week

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Walk to School Week. Whether your child walked, scooted, or cycled into school, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. I would also like to extend a special thanks to our families who live outside the village; so many of you made the conscious effort to 'park and stride'—parking a little further away from the school and walking the remaining distance.

A bit of early morning exercise is fantastic for everyone's mental health. It gets the oxygen flowing and wakes up the brain, ensuring the children start their learning day in a calm, positive, and focused frame of mind.

While this week was a fantastic celebration, it would be even better if we didn't just do this for one week.

As we move into the beautiful summer term, I want to challenge all our families to keep this momentum going. Try to ditch the car keys just one or two days a week, or continue using those 'park and stride' spots. Let's make active travel a healthy, everyday habit for our children!

WE ARE HIRING A CLEANER

JOIN OUR TEAM!

- Permanent Position**
- Term Time Hours: 2.5 hours per day**
(After school hours, typically 4pm - 6.30pm)
- Work with a positive team maintaining high standards**

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- School Holidays: 20 hours total clean across the year

POSITION ADVERTISED ON:
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CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 29th MAY!

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Watton at stone

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Watton at stone Primary
15:15 - 16:15

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Attendance: Every M

Whole School Attendance this week: **97.29%**

This term's whole school attendance is: 97.07%

A huge well done to Riley for being our "Attendance Champions" this week!

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	98.6%	🏆 On Track
Riley Class (Year 1)	100%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Blake Class (Year 2)	92.4%	↓ Declining Attendance
Morris Class (Year 3)	99.3%	🏆 Setting the Standard
Seurat Class (Year 4)	95%	↓ Declining Attendance
Crosby Class (Year 5)	97.6%	🏆 On Track
Moore Class (Year 6)	98.2%	🏆 On Track

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.

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



Sports Day (Nursery – Year 6)

When: 9th June 2026 (reserve date is 16th June)

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!)

<u>Year 1 and 2</u>	<u>Nursery and Reception</u>	<u>Years 3, 4 5 and 6</u>
Their sports events will start at approx. 9.15am and finish at approx. 10.30am.	Their sports events will start at approx. 10.45am and finish at approx. 11.45am.	Their sports events will start at approx. 1.30 <u>and</u> 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.

Pre school sports day will be held in the pre school/children Centre gardens on Thursday 11th June and with a reserve date of Thursday 18th June. More information to follow nearer the time.

Trips to Watkins Farm This Week

Reception had a fantastic morning at the farm on Monday. As part of their 'Growing' topic, they learned how wheat is grown, planted their own seeds to take home, and loved exploring the tractor and woodlands!



Year 3 visited Watkins Farm as part of their Geography topic, "Where Our Food Comes From." The children learned about how different foods grow and the types of climates needed for crops and animals to survive. They explored the farm, discussed weather and temperature, and discovered how farmers help produce the food we eat every day. The children had a fantastic time learning through real-life experiences!



Thank you Sam and Alison for these amazing outdoor learning opportunities.

House Points

This week

First place - Green House - 332

Second place - Red House - 321

Third place - Yellow House - 316

Fourth place - Blue House - 298

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Leo D - 18th May
Tyler O'N - 19th May
Beau DS - 21st May
Jasper G - 22nd May

Year 6 Trip To Henry Moore Sculptures

Yesterday, we visited some of Henry Moore's sculptures. As we saw each one, our guide in our groups talked about the sculptures: it was very interesting and all of us learnt lots from it. We also visited Henry Moore's study where he sketched as well as the room where he sculpted lots of his famous art pieces. For the first half, we were split into two different groups but after some lunch we headed off in one whole group. In the afternoon, we walked around choosing sculptures to copy and there were many to decide from. We all ended up with beautiful drawings: each from a different and unique perspective. It was a lovely end to the day as we all enjoyed ourselves. By Penny J (Years 6)



Pre School Learning This Week

This week at Preschool has been a busy week! Our theme has been 'teddy bears picnic', but we also had lots of parents join us for our 'stay & learn' week, looking at Maths. The children have been busy using pegs to add arms and legs to our bears, making bear masks, making faces with playdough and bear templates and completing a maze to get the bears to their picnic! We also have been matching our coloured bears and numbers, which the children have been brilliant doing, and we have been measuring our bears in the garden using our bricks. We also have had a teddy bears picnic throughout the week, where the children have made their own sandwiches to eat at the picnic! The children chose their filling and made their sandwiches to eat, and even the teddies got to eat some sandwich! Also this week we released our butterflies. The children have been watching them grow since they were caterpillars and it was lovely to see them fly away! A very fun busy week! We hope all the children have a lovely half term next week and we look forward to welcoming them back for more fun and learning!



TOY & CLOTHES SWAP

SELE FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

25 Perrett Gardens, Hertford SG14 2LW

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

12PM TO 2:30PM

Swap old toys, games and kids clothing for new-to-you items

12PM - 1PM:

Drop off toys and clothes

1PM - 2:30PM:

Choose preloved items to take home and enjoy

STAY FOR FREE

crafting activities and refreshments!



Hertfordshire recycles

VEOLIA



We are inviting local residents and members of the community along to a sustainable toy and clothes swap event. Children can come along with old preloved toys and swap them for exciting new toys to play with this half term! We are also using this as an opportunity for parents to bring old clothing that no longer fits or is worn to be swapped with new clothes, school uniforms are very much welcomed!



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HERTFORD HOCKEY CLUB

COME AND TRY HOCKEY THIS SUMMER!

JUNIOR TASTER Sessions

Fun hockey sessions for boys and girls of all abilities!

5 - 14 YEARS

STARTS SATURDAY 13TH JUNE



5 SATURDAYS
13th June - 11th July
10:00am - 11:00am



SIMON BALLE SCHOOL
Mangrove Rd,
Hertford SG13 8AJ



FUN & ACTIVE
Make new friends and play active!



ALL ABILITIES
Everyone's welcome - every year can join in!



LEARN & PLAY
Develop skills, play games and have lots of fun!

SCAN TO REGISTER
or find out more!



ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE!

HERTFORDSHIRE SEND RECRUITMENT EVENT

Are you interested in making a real difference to the lives of children and young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND)?

Meet employers from:

- Hertfordshire County Council
- Teach in Herts
- Social Care Services
- Health
- Charities that support Children and Young People
- Other support services in Hertfordshire



Event details:
17th June 2026 1pm and 4pm
Fielder Centre, Hatfield, AL10 9TP



Book your place today!

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>Zhoe - Has settled beautifully into Preschool. She independently explores the environment, and has joined in with all of our activities! We are very proud of you!</p> <p>Aurora - Has been super engaged in her learning this week. She has enjoyed our teddy bears picnic and did a great job at making her own sandwich for our picnic! Great job, we are proud of you!</p>	<p>Arthur - Has been a star this week. He has shown us his wonderful manners, and has been very kind and helpful to adults and his peers. We are very proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Ivy - for showing a love of learning with our number theme this week. Ivy showed great mathematical skills in our adult led sessions. Great work Ivy!</p>	<p>Jacey - for working to the best of her ability when playing a number game. Jacey followed the instructions, waited for her turn and checked her answers. Excellent Jacey.</p> <p>Carwyn - for working really hard in phonics and naming many of the sounds we have learnt independently. Fantastic Carwyn!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Charlie and Skylar - for showing a love of learning.</p>	
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Louis - for always being well mannered in school. Freddie - for being an outstanding role model in class by showing a love of learning.</p>	<p>Molly - for always following the rules in school and paying attention to all the adults. Thomas - for always working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Alfie and Indie - for being outstanding role models at athletics club.</p>	<p>Emma - for constantly making the right choices.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Jordan - For being an outstanding role model and working to the best of his ability. Gianni - For being an outstanding role model and showing his love for learning in geography.</p>	<p>Amelia A- for being an outstanding role model and inviting people to play with her.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Iris - for listening to the adults and being well mannered.</p>	<p>Nathan - for always being well mannered.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Mayci - for her love of learning and working to the best of her ability. Frankie - for listening to adults and being well mannered.</p>	<p>Lily - for working to the best of her ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Lexie, Seren, Arien, Poppy and Martha - for showing a love of learning at the Henry Moore Studios. They all asked pertinent questions and showed a real interest in what the guides were telling them. Then took this on board when doing their own sketches.</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:

Nate - for being our 'star writer' this week by challenging himself with his sentence writing.

Tommy - for showing curiosity during our class trip.

Lily - for showing kindness.

Year 1:

Benji - for showing resilience and independence with his writing this week.

Kayden - is our 'Star Writer' this week for his independent writing in our English lessons.

Benjamin - for showing curiosity with his learning.

Archie - for showing creativity in our D.T and Science lessons.

Year 2:

George - is our 'star writer' for having high aspirations with his writing, including lots of past tense adjectives.

Bem, Lottie and Oscar - for working with others and showing creativity when trying different techniques to shape a clay pot.

Year 3:

Isaac H - is our 'Star writer' for showing great focus in his writing trying hard with his presentation.

Freddie- for showing kindness to others by coaching others when needed.

Year 4:

Freya H - for having high aspirations and working well as part of a team.

Jasper - is our 'star writer' for writing a great conclusion for his persuasive letter using time conjunctions independently.

Peter and Hadley - for showing creativity when designing a 3D model and working well together

Year 5:

Rosie - for her team work in P.E.

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

Year 6:

Penny - is this week's 'Star Writer' for thinking carefully about her writing and the structure needed to make it a successful biography.

Edie and Sam A- were voted by the class as the PE stars of the week. Edie, for resilience and Sam for high aspirations.

FREE Courses for Parents

We are now taking bookings for our Autumn Term Courses

These are all funded by Herts County Council so are free for parents to attend.

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



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**



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Talking Teens

For parents of children 12-19

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm

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

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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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

Or email bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

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

Professionals can contact us for priority places for parents they are working with.

Details of the course content are on our **flyers**, which are available in PDF and PNG (picture) formats

Full details are also on our

website. <https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html>

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We also have a number of short online **workshops** running the Summer and Autumn terms. Places can be booked through **Eventbrite**.

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Step Up to Secondary is a FREE 6-week celebratory programme designed especially for Year 6 pupils to support them as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school. We recognise this is a challenging time for many families, and the programme has been carefully designed to help young people develop healthy habits and build confidence during this pivotal time in their lives.

Programme Overview

Each week, participants will engage in:

- **Interactive Webinar or in-person session:** Delivered by our experienced health coaches, covering key transition themes such as healthy eating, movement and habit planning.
- **Physical Activity:** Guided tasks that can be done at home or in person.
- **Self-Monitoring Tool:** An experiment tracker with built in reflection
- **Family Experiment Challenge:** Fun tasks, such as screen-free dinners or creating healthy lunchboxes.

Weekly Themes - The programme will cover the following topics:

- **Week 1:** New School, New Choices – Exploring school canteen options and making healthy choices.
- **Week 2:** Making Healthy Habits – Building routines for long-term wellbeing.
- **Week 3:** Drinks and Snacks – Exploring healthy options and their impact on sleep and energy.
- **Week 4:** More Independence, More Movement – Encouraging physical activity as part of daily life.
- **Week 5:** Outside the School Gates – Understanding fast food choices and alternatives.
- **Week 6:** Time to Step Up – Celebrating progress and preparing for the transition.

This programme represents a unique opportunity to engage young people and their families at a crucial stage in their development, equipping participants with the tools and confidence they need for their next chapter!

When and where

We will be offering two online programmes and one in person programme in Hatfield, Hertfordshire – all of which will run weekly for 6 weeks.

- Monday Webinars: 6:30 - 7:30pm, starting 27th July
- Tuesday In-person: 5:00 - 6:30pm, starting 28th July at Breaks Manor Youth & Community Centre, Hatfield, AL10 8TP
- Wednesday Webinars: 5:30 – 6:30pm, starting 29th July

Our group programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

If you are interested in this FREE programme, then please contact us on 01707 248648 or via <https://hrt.maximusuk.co.uk/>

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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Summer Term

- Monday 25th May - 29th May - Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Inset Day. School closed for children
- 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
- Wednesday 10th June - Year 5 and 6 KNEX challenge
- Thursday 11th June - Year 6 trip to Watkins Farm
- Friday 12th June - Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day 2 Reserved (in case sports day 1 is cancelled due to the weather)
- 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)
- 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
- Wednesday 8th July - Choir performance to parents (during the after school club session)

- 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
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 performances to parents 2.30pm
- 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
- Friday 17th July - End of year reports sent home
- Tuesday 21st July - Year 2 trip to Lea Valley Park
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm