



Newsletter 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and families,

It has been lovely to see the better weather returning this week so that our calendar of events could take place. Despite having to postpone Sports Day last week, it was great that it could take place this week. This week has been incredibly busy and action-packed, filled with sporting achievements, special trips, and school events. The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and sportsmanship across all year groups, making it a thoroughly rewarding week for the entire school community.

Our Year 5 children kicked off the week with a trip to Wodson Park for an afternoon of competitive sports. They represented our school beautifully, demonstrating brilliant teamwork, determination, and encouragement for one another. It was wonderful to see them putting their athletic skills into practice against other local teams.

On Tuesday, we held our annual Sports Day, and what a magnificent occasion it was! The weather was kind to us, and the energy on the field was electric. The children gave their absolute best in every race and activity, showing great resilience and true team spirit. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us on the field for our family picnic at lunchtime; sharing that time together as a school community is always a real highlight of the day. The winning team on the day was red house with a fantastic score of 3,362 points. The team who won the Respect Cup were the Blue House who collected 19 respect points throughout the day.



An event of this scale requires a huge amount of organisation, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff whose hard work behind the scenes made the day run so smoothly. I must also praise our Year 6 children, who did a magnificent job helping to set up the field and spent the day supporting our youngest children through their events with such kindness and patience. Finally, thank you to all the families who came along to cheer the children on—your support created a fantastic atmosphere.

On Wednesday, our Year 3 children stepped back in time with an educational visit to Celtic Harmony. They spent the day immersed in history, exploring Celtic roundhouses and taking part in hands-on activities. It was a wonderful way to bring their classroom learning to life, and they returned to school full of excitement about their discoveries.

Thursday was exceptionally busy with three major events happening across the school. There was a lovely buzz in the morning as the children lined up looking smart for their official class photographs, which will make wonderful keepsakes. Meanwhile, our Year 6 children visited Morgan's Primary School to take part in the 'Crucial Crew' safety workshops. This valuable event teaches vital life skills, from emergency responses to personal safety, helping to prepare our oldest children for their upcoming transition to secondary school. Children in Pre-school had their sports day and enjoyed participating in various activities including an obstacle course, target throwing and an egg and spoon track, followed by an award ceremony. It was a fantastic event enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the families who joined and supported us on this occasion, the day was an abundance of smiles, laughter, and fantastic effort to their races.

We then rounded off the week with the Friends of the School (FOW) Father's Day Marketplace. The children thoroughly enjoyed browsing the stalls and independently choosing special gifts for the fathers, grandfathers, and caring figures in their lives. A huge thank you to the FOW volunteers for organising such a lovely event. Finally, looking ahead, I would like to wish all the dads, grandfathers, and male carers in our school community a very happy Father's Day this Sunday. I hope you all have a wonderful day being celebrated by your families. Thank you all for your continued support across this busy week. I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing weekend ahead.

Next Week

Looking ahead to next week, our school calendar remains just as busy with a fantastic variety of learning experiences, workshops, and important events scheduled for the children.

On Monday morning, our Year 4 children will be setting off for their highly anticipated residential trip to Hudnall Park, returning on Wednesday afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their independence, teamwork, and confidence through a range of outdoor team-building activities. We wish them a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcome Hertfordshire Police into school to deliver an important online safety talk to our Year 5 and Year 6 children at 1:30pm. Following this, they will also be hosting a dedicated Online Safety session for parents at 6:00pm online. In an increasingly digital world, navigating internet safety can be challenging, so we strongly encourage as many parents and carers as possible to attend this valuable and informative presentation.

Thursday promises to be another incredibly active day across the school. Our younger children, from Nursery through to Year 2, will be sparking their imaginations during an exciting *Peter Pan* drama workshop. Meanwhile, our school athletes will be heading out to represent us at District Sports, and we wish them the very best of luck in their events.

Finally, we will round off the week on Friday with our latest round of Pupil Parliament meetings, where the children will gather to discuss their ideas and continue ensuring their voices are heard in shaping our school community.

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **98.68%**

This term's whole school attendance is: **96.9%**

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

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	98.9%	💎 Setting the Standard
Riley Class (Year 1)	98.6%	💎 Setting the Standard
Blake Class (Year 2)	98.6%	🏆 Most Improved
Morris Class (Year 3)	98.9%	👉 Good Progress
Seurat Class (Year 4)	98.8%	💎 Setting the Standard
Crosby Class (Year 5)	99.2%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Moore Class (Year 6)	97.9%	👉 Good Progress

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 - Yellow House - 268

Second place - Red House - 264

Third place - Green House - 239

Fourth place - Blue House - 227

This Half Term

First place - Red House - 1294

Second place - Yellow House - 1216

Third place - Green House - 1215

Fourth Place - Blue House - 1150

Sunhats and Sun cream

With the warmer weather returning again next week and the temperatures expected to be much higher than they are currently, we ask all parents to ensure that the children come to school wearing sun cream and have sun hats with them. If the temperatures are high and children don't have sun hats with them in school, then we will have to restrict them to only play in the shaded areas of the field.

In class, we try and keep the classrooms as cool as possible by opening windows, closing the blinds and using portable fans.

Year 1 Trip To Mountfitchet Castle

Year 1 had a wonderful experience at Mountfitchet Castle on Friday. A fantastic finish to our topic, where children got to try on helmets, lift swords and shields and see what life was like for Normans living and working in a Motte and Bailey castle. Year 1 were complimented by staff at the castle for their outstanding behaviour. They represented our school beautifully! Well done year 1, we hope you had a lovely day.



Sports Day



What a fantastic sports day we had on Tuesday. At the end of the afternoon, we awarded two trophies. The first trophy awarded was to the Red House as they accumulated the most points throughout the day. The second trophy was the Respect Cup. This was awarded to Blue house as they had accumulated the most respect points during the day. Both cups were awarded by Mrs Stevens, our sports coach.

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

Year 3 Class Trip To Celtic Harmony

Today, we went on a coach to go to Celtic Harmony Camp. We met a person called Wolf and we did various activities like making Celtic bread and making herb stew with sage, rosemary and more! At the beginning of the day, we had lolly sticks and there were three bags - one meant we were sad to be there, one meant sort of Ok to be there and one meant we were happy to be there! We really enjoyed making the bracelets, making dens and weaving a basket! We were also read a story at the end of the day.

By Logan C



Year 5 Trip To Wodson Park

On Monday, our Year 5 pupils proudly represented Watton at a multi-sports event held at Wodson Park. The day featured a diverse array of activities, including frisbee, netball, rounders, badminton, bowls, table tennis, and athletics. Having selected their preferred sports in advance, the children spent the first part of the day honing their skills before putting them into practice during a series of competitive races, matches, and games.

It was a highly successful outing, with several Watton teams and individuals earning well-deserved certificates, culminating in an impressive second-place finish overall. The accompanying staff were immensely proud of the children's exemplary behaviour and the enthusiasm with which they embraced the opportunity to learn new skills.

Well done, Year 5!



Peartree Park Community Event

Saturday 18 July

1-4pm

Peartree Park, Shephall

FREE ENTRY

ALL AGES WELCOME

Activities/attractions to include:

Drift

The Cycling Hub

Everyone Active

Plus stalls and activities for the whole family

Email: community.development@stevenage.gov.uk

Tel: 07702 916 883



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



Orla D - 17th June

Iris R - 19th June

Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Grace - Has been super enthusiastic about our sports day this week, telling us how excited she was about it! She worked really hard and tried really hard at all the activities! Well done!</p> <p>Luca - Luca did a fantastic job at sports day. He tried really hard at all the activities and did it all with a smile on his face! We are really proud of you!</p>	<p>Ada - Has been an all-round role model this week. She has been a star coming in and has been really kind and helpful to all the other children and grown ups! We are super proud of you!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Albert - for achieving a personal goal and showing pride in his achievements. Great work Albert, we are so proud of you!</p>	<p>Grace and Orla - for working to the best of their ability in our sports and fitness week! The girls both showed resilience and determination when using the apparatus as well being great team players during sports day. Excellent girls!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Nora - for working to the best of her ability and trying her hardest to pay attention to all of the adults.</p>	<p>Toby - for working to the best of his ability and making the right choices.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Grace - for always following the rules in school.</p> <p>Ronnie - for always being well mannered.</p>	<p>Hettie & Orla - for their impeccable behaviour on our class trip.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Aurelia - for working to the best of her ability and sharing brilliant ideas in History.</p> <p>Frankie - for being an outstanding role model at all times.</p>	<p>William - for showing a love of learning during our preparation for Sports Day.</p> <p>Mia - for constantly making the right choices in the classroom.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Eoin - for working to the best of his ability and always being well mannered.</p> <p>Matilda - for being an outstanding role model in and out of school.</p>	<p>Kayden - for being an outstanding role model in and out of school.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Beatrice - for being an outstanding role model and always following the rules.</p>	<p>Hadley - for his love of learning in all areas and great enthusiasm.</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Sam - for working to the best of his ability and his love of learning.</p> <p>Thomas - for working to the best of his ability, especially in English.</p>	<p>Logan - for always following the school rules.</p> <p>Rafe - working to the best of his ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Seren - for always working to the best of her ability and listening to adults. Seren is a super role model for many reasons and a real pleasure to teach.</p>	<p>Edward - for being a great role model and showing impeccable behaviour out of class: Edward was exceptionally helpful, from the moment we had to set up for Sports Day, until the moment the last piece of equipment was put away.</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:

Parker and Victoria - for being our 'star writers' this week by having high aspirations towards their writing and taking pride by bringing in to show us what they have written at home.

Charlie - for being a good team player and working well with others at Sports Day.

Ada - for showing lots of resilience during Sports Day.

Year 1:

Archie - is the star writer for his independent sentence writing in English.

Molly - for showing empathy and kindness to her friends.

Aurora & Ellis - for showing creativity in this week's art lesson.

Year 2:

Fraser - is our 'star writer' this week for his incredible, descriptive writing in our History lesson.

Tyler - for showing resilience to complete some fantastic pieces of work this week.

Year 3:

Henry - for showing curiosity on our school trip to Celtic Harmony.

Amelia A. - for being the star writer and trying hard with her presentation.

Year 4:

PE Star - Jess -for her teamwork in water polo and working with others.

Star Writer - Mila for writing excellent, full answers in her reading comprehension.

Freddie - For being independent - creating a wonderful Anglo Saxon project for homework.

Year 5:

Bettie - for empathy and kindness and working with others - supportive to a friend at the Wodson Park games.

Rosie and Bea - Star writers - great work in English this week writing a free verse poem about their favourite foods.

Bella - P.E. Star - for her effort and team work at the Wodson Park Games.

Year 6:

Eliza - is our PE star of the week. She encouraged everybody on sports day and other adults noticed her sportsmanship. She also took part, happy in the knowledge that she wouldn't win! She won in our eyes.

Edie - for showing curiosity and having high aspirations in French - she always wants to stretch herself and learn new words and is always happy to have a go at speaking in French when others don't have the courage.

Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Summer Term

- 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 pm
- 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
- 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 - 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)
- Thursday 23rd July - Year 6 leavers assembly. Venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm