



Newsletter 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and families,

As we approach the final week of term, it has been wonderful to reflect on an incredibly busy and fun-filled week at school. We have managed to squeeze so many fantastic events into the last few days, celebrating the talents, efforts, and achievements of our children.

We kicked off the week with our pre-loved uniform giveaway on Monday and Tuesday, which is always a brilliant opportunity to support our school community.

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of Year 4 children visited Allenbury's Sports and Social Club for a fantastic session of lawn bowls. This was a wonderful choice for the children who did not compete in the Rapid Fire competition during the spring term, giving them a well-deserved chance to represent the school and try a brand-new activity.

Our creative and performing arts truly took centre stage this week. The Year 6 leavers' production, 'Gigglebox', which was brilliantly supported by Year 5, was an absolute triumph. The children put on three fantastic performances, starting with their dress rehearsal on Monday, followed by wonderful shows for parents and families on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening. We were also treated to the spectacular iRock performances on Wednesday afternoon. The children performed to the whole school and staff, followed by a second energetic show for parents and families. Huge congratulations must go to all the musicians for the incredible progress they are making, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families for coming along to support them.

In addition to these wonderful performances, Wednesday morning marked our second transition handover morning, allowing the children to spend valuable time preparing for the next academic year. To ensure everyone feels secure and confident, some children will receive an additional one-to-one session next week to further support their transition. On Thursday morning, Year 6 took to the stage once again for their class assembly, where they delighted parents and families with stories, insights, and memories from their recent residential trip to PGL Caythorpe in Lincolnshire.

Thursday afternoon brought immense excitement with our annual Fun Day. The school field was transformed with multiple inflatables, and as a proudly inclusive school, we ensured that every single child had the opportunity to join in the fun. A special mention must go to Year 3 and Year 5, who chose to use their hard-earned enterprise money to secure extended time on the inflatables, though everyone thoroughly enjoyed their playtime.

Finally, your child's end-of-year report has been sent home today. We hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful progress they have made. Together with the two mini reports sent home earlier in the year, this final report should provide you with a comprehensive understanding of your child's unique strengths and their next step targets. Thank you all for your continued partnership and support during such a vibrant and memorable week.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

End of Term

A reminder that the end of the summer term is next Thursday (23rd July) when school will close for the children at 2.15pm.

Next Week

Looking ahead to next week, we have arrived at the final week of the academic year, and we intend to make every moment count with some incredibly special events to finish the term on a high.

On Monday afternoon, our Key Stage 2 children will be showcasing their talents in the highly anticipated 'Watton's Got Talent' final, which promises to be an afternoon of fantastic entertainment. The auditions have taken place in all Key Stage 2 classes this week and children have had the opportunity to vote for their favourite acts. The top 3 voted from each class has gone through to the final. We are delighted to welcome three special guest judges (Mrs French, Mrs Shortland and Miss Oliva) who will have the very difficult task of helping us crown this year's winners.

On Tuesday, our Year 2 class will be heading off on an exciting school trip to Lea Valley Park for a day of outdoor learning and exploration.

Wednesday will be a day of celebration across the school. In the afternoon, we will be holding our House Point reward afternoon to celebrate the collective efforts and teamwork of our children throughout the term. Congratulations to Red House for earning the most house points this term. The House and Vice house captain will help to organise the house point treat. On Wednesday morning, we will be taking the Year 6 children to Mulligans Golf in Stevenage for a morning of fun together.

Finally, on Thursday morning at 9.30am, we invite parents and families of the year 6 class to join us in church for our Year 6 leavers' assembly. This will be a moving occasion to celebrate their time with us, reflect on their journey through the school, and wish them the absolute best as they prepare for their next big adventure.

Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **98.09%**

This term's whole school attendance is: **97.07%**

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

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	98.2%	🏆 On Track
Riley Class (Year 1)	97.2%	👍 Good Progress
Blake Class (Year 2)	96.9%	⬇ Declining Attendance
Morris Class (Year 3)	98.5%	👍 Good Progress
Seurat Class (Year 4)	99.2%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Crosby Class (Year 5)	98.3%	💎 Setting the Standard
Moore Class (Year 6)	98.6%	💎 Setting the Standard

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.

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!

IRock Concerts

This Wednesday was an unforgettable afternoon for our school as our incredibly talented IROCK bands delivered two spectacular performances! We were thrilled to host both a dedicated show for parents and another for our children and staff. The energy was electric, and it was truly fantastic to witness the passion and skill of all our young musicians. Currently, we boast six thriving rock bands with over 40 dedicated rockers in total. What an amazing achievement and a testament to the vibrant musical talent within our school! As our wonderful Year 6 rockers prepare to move on to secondary school, we'll have some exciting new places opening up in our IROCK program from September. If your child has a passion for music and dreams of rocking out on stage, then perhaps they would like to join one of our bands.



Selection For Sporting Events

At our school, we're deeply committed to offering the best possible sporting opportunities for all our pupils. To achieve this, we proudly partner with the Hertford and Ware Sports Partnership. This collaboration significantly expands the range of events available to our children throughout the year. While we not able to dictate the specific events organised by the partnership, we carefully select which ones we enter, always aiming for a balanced and inclusive offering that caters to various abilities and interests.

During our recent Parent Forum meeting, the topic of how we select children for sports events was raised once again as an agenda item. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with the wider school community how we approach these decisions, as it is something we think about very carefully.

First and foremost, our absolute priority is to ensure we maintain an inclusive approach to sport, ensuring every child has the opportunity to represent our school and enjoy physical activity at some point throughout the school year. To help achieve this, the events we enter generally fall into three distinct categories.

The vast majority of the events we participate in are whole-class events, which we categorise as **Engage**. These are fantastic for ensuring that every single child gets to experience a sports fixture alongside their peers in a supportive, team environment.

Alongside these, we also access **Inspire** events, which are specifically tailored for children who may be less confident or less inclined towards sport, helping to build their self-esteem and encourage a love for being active.

Finally, for our more talented and naturally sporty children, we enter **Challenge** events to provide a higher level of competition that stretches and develops their skills.

We believe this balanced approach allows us to celebrate high-level talent while firmly holding onto our core belief that sport at our school belongs to every child. Thank you to the parents who attended the forum for such a constructive discussion.

Year 4 Pupils Excel at Lawn Bowls Tournament

On Tuesday, sixteen of our Year 4 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to learn and compete in lawn bowls. The session began with the children mastering the fundamental techniques of grip and delivery. Once they had secured these core skills, they put their training into practice by competing in a tournament against several other local schools.

It was an outstanding afternoon of sport. We are delighted to share that all our teams did well and one of our teams secured a third-place finish, earning well-deserved bronze medals.

Our staff were immensely proud of all the participants. The children not only demonstrated excellent athletic skill and resilience in tackling an unfamiliar sport, but they also conducted themselves with exemplary behaviour throughout the event.

Congratulations to all of our Year 4 competitors for representing the school so brilliantly.



Shaping Our PSHE & RSE Policy Together: We Want to Hear from You!

At our school, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is absolutely vital. Our goal is to work hand-in-hand with you to support our children's personal development, well-being, and understanding of the world around them.

As you may be aware, the national statutory guidance for **Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education** and **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** is being updated for September 2026. In preparation for these changes, we are currently reviewing our school policy to ensure it remains fully compliant with national standards while perfectly reflecting the values and needs of our unique community.

To help us do this, we would love to get your input! We have put together a short survey to gather your thoughts, questions, and feedback.

- **How long will it take?** Around 5 to 10 minutes.
- **Why does it matter?** Your feedback directly shapes how we teach these incredibly important life skills, ensuring our curriculum is inclusive, transparent, and supportive for every single child.

Please take a few moments to share your thoughts with us. Thank you so much for your continued partnership and for helping us make our school the best it can be!

[PSHE and RSE Parent Consultation Survey - Fill in form](#)



Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Arthur B - 12th July
Jameson G - 12th July
Alfrida H - 13th July
Benjamin B - 15th July
Cameron D - 15th July
Carwyn D - 15th July
Louis C - 17th July

Autumn After School Enrichment Clubs

We are currently in the process of organising the after school enrichment clubs for the autumn term. All of the current external companies have expressed an interest to run their club again (as well as one or two new external clubs).

The booking for the autumn term enrichment clubs will go live at the very beginning of term so that you have time to make your selection and your booking before after school enrichment clubs commence on week beginning 7th September.

Due to the cost of resources, our internal clubs run by the staff will be £4 per club booking (this is currently set at £3).

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THANK YOU
So much

A huge thank you for all our volunteers for the playout!

After a final push, we actually ended up with quite a few. Thank you so much for giving up some of your time, it really did make the world of difference.

A big thank you to:

Elsje Wormald
Greg Dorward
Lucy Creak
Rosh Loveridge
Karen Richardson

Sarah Glass
Claudia Rains
Stacey Thompson
Meg Harries-Nee
Janet Woodrow



(We'll be publishing fundraising figures next week after we've had a chance to tot up properly!)



Summer Term Progress Awards

<u>Reading</u> 	<u>Writing</u> 	<u>Maths</u> 	<u>Creative Arts</u> 
Ada	Beatrix	Skylar	Ella
Soren	Louis	Miles	Ned
Owen T	Hudson	Thomas	Lyra
Hettie	Benji	Louis	George
Hattie	Lola	Tiora	Grace
William	Zachary	Leo	Oscar
Matilda	Isaac H	Kayden	Lily
Sophia	Joe	Logan	Eliza
Eric	Charlie	Jess	Hadley
Mila	Iris	Jacob	Shiva
Ethan	Erin	Bettie	Isabelle
Mayci	Henry	Rose	Logan
Arien	Gracie	Jack	Liam
Logan	Edie	Leo	Sam A

Pre School Awards

Ophelia - for building relationships and showing kindness to others

Jimmy - for building relationships, developing his communication skills and bringing joy to the whole class!

Isla - for growing in confidence and expanding her communication skills.

Bodhi - for his growth in confidence within the Preschool environment.

Stevey - for making progress using his communication skills and building friendships.

Bella - for her growth in confidence and expanding her communication skills.

Nursery Awards

Leia - for her progress in her personal, social and emotional development.

Winnie - for her progress in all areas of learning.

Cameron - for his progress in making relationships with special adults.

Orla - for her progress in phonics.

Don - for his progress in his personal, social and emotional development.

Eesa - for his progress in all specific areas of learning.



August 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

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



September Timetable

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

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Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



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12

people died in accidents while trespassing

58%

were struck by a train or tram

42%

were electrocuted

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20,000+

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House Points

This week

First place - Green House - 527

Second place - Blue House - 505

Third place - Red House - 417

Fourth place - Yellow House - 415

This Half Term

First place - Red House - 1,984

Second place - Green House - 1,943

Third Place - Blue House - 1,926

Fourth place - Yellow House - 1,859

Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Summer Term

- Monday 20th July - Watton's Got Talent
- Tuesday 21st July - Year 2 trip to Lea Valley Park
- **Tuesday 22nd July - Inter House Netball and Football matches**
- Wednesday 22nd July - Year 6 trip
- Wednesday 22nd July - House Point Reward Treat pm
- Thursday 23rd July - Year 6 leavers assembly in church 9.30am
- Thursday 23rd July - End of Term. School closes 2.15pm

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