



Newsletter 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and families,

It has been an incredibly productive week at school, filled with wonderful opportunities for the children. On Monday, the Year 4 class went to the Bhaktivedanta Temple as part of their R.E curriculum and had the most amazing day and fantastic opportunities. On Tuesday, we hosted our Spring Term Parent Forum meeting. A huge thank you to our class reps for their time and commitment, and to all the parents who submitted suggestions for the agenda; please see further down this newsletter for more details on what was discussed. Tuesday also saw our termly Full Governing Board (FGB) meeting, providing a valuable opportunity for leaders to discuss our school priorities and progress over the last few months.

On Wednesday, we had a whole-school 'Safer Inside' drill. The children and staff did an amazing job, following all safety practices with great maturity. In the afternoon, the IRockers performed for the whole school and then again for the parents and families. We are so impressed by their musical talents and confidence to perform. On Thursday, the children had a fantastic time at the FOW Disco. We would like to extend a massive thank you to the FOW team for their organisation and to all the volunteers who helped make it such a fun event for everyone. This afternoon, we were delighted to welcome the Saltmine Theatre Company, who delivered a brilliant performance of 'The Rhyming Bible'. They concluded the afternoon with an engaging workshop for our Year 5 and Year 6 children; more details and photos can be found further down this newsletter. As we approach the end of the spring term, we are amazed at how much we have squeezed in! Finally, we are incredibly proud of our Year 5 class for their wonderful class assembly presented to parents and families yesterday morning—well done to everyone involved.

Enrichment Clubs - Last Week of Term

Next week, there will be no after school enrichment clubs run by members of school staff. Some of the enrichment clubs run by external clubs will still be running during the last week of term (they should have communicated with you the date of the last session they will be running). The after school club (which is run by Miss Knott) and runs from 3.20pm - 5.45pm will still be operational. All bookings for this club must be made by parents using the Arbor App and payments made at the time of making your booking.

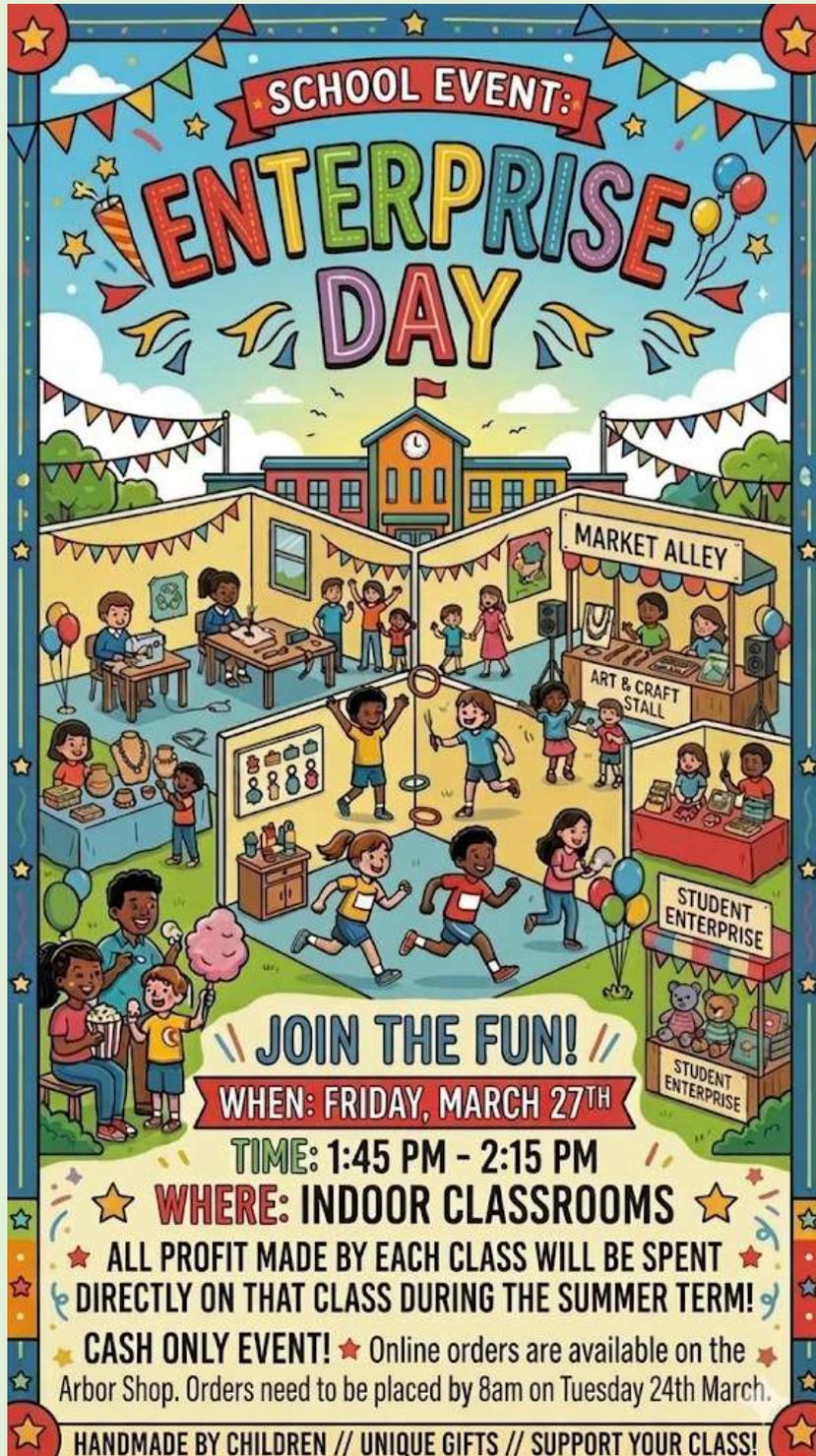
Coming up Next Week

It is set to be an action-packed final week as we celebrate the hard work of the children! We begin on Monday with our Attendance Awards assembly, followed by a very special Tuesday and Wednesday, which will be our 'No Pens Days'. During these days, the children will be heading to Forest School for their termly visit, where the theme this term is storytelling and drama. We cannot wait to see their creativity in the great outdoors!

Tuesday afternoon will also see a well-deserved House Point Treat for the Blue Team. We have two coaches coming into school to lead some exciting sporting activities with the children, so we are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather! A separate email will have been sent home to parents who have children in Blue House to provide full details of this event.

On Friday morning, we will hold our Progress Awards assembly to recognise individual achievements before the grand finale of the term: Enterprise Day. From 1:45 PM to 2:15 PM on Friday, we invite you into the classrooms to browse the fantastic items handmade by the children. Please note that this is a CASH ONLY event; we kindly ask that you bring change where possible. For those unable to attend, online orders can also be placed via the Arbor app- School Shop. Every penny of profit made by a class will be spent directly on those children during the Summer Term, so please do come along and support your child's class! As a final reminder, school closes at 2:15 PM on Friday for the end of term.

Enterprise Day - Friday 27th March



SCHOOL EVENT:
ENTERPRISE DAY

JOIN THE FUN!
WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH
TIME: 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM
WHERE: INDOOR CLASSROOMS

★ ALL PROFIT MADE BY EACH CLASS WILL BE SPENT DIRECTLY ON THAT CLASS DURING THE SUMMER TERM!
★ **CASH ONLY EVENT!** ★ Online orders are available on the Arbor Shop. Orders need to be placed by 8am on Tuesday 24th March.

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Pre school and Nursery Enterprise Day will run slightly differently to the rest of the school, due to the sessions that the children attend.

Pre school - parents can still pre order items that they would like to purchase but the online shop will close on Monday at 8am (not Tuesday 8am, unlike the rest of the school). Items will also be available to buy from inside the pre school building, every morning at drop off (Mon - Fri)

Nursery - parents can pre order on the Arbor shop and this will close on Tuesday at 8am. Items will be available to buy from the Nursery classroom on Wed - Fri from 11.30 (at collection time) and from 3pm (again at collection time)



Attendance: Every Moment Matters

Whole School Attendance this week: **96.14%**

This term's whole school attendance is **96.67%**

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

	Attendance This Week	Achievement
Wilson Class (Reception)	96.1%	↓ Declining Attendance
Riley Class (Year 1)	95.4%	↓ Declining Attendance
Blake Class (Year 2)	96.9%	↓ Declining Attendance
Morris Class (Year 3)	92.2%	↓ Declining Attendance
Seurat Class (Year 4)	99.2%	💎 Setting the Standard
Crosby Class (Year 5)	100%	🏆 Attendance Champions
Moore Class (Year 6)	93.9%	↓ Declining Attendance

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.

Year 5 Class Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many parents and families join us yesterday morning for the Year 5 assembly. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended; your presence made the event incredibly special for the children.

The children shared information about their recent learning across the curriculum. In Science, they talked about the wonders of space, while in Geography, they explained the vital importance of protecting the environment. Their work in English showcased their skills in writing gripping suspense stories, and in History, they shared details of their fascinating visit to the Victorian school in Hitchin. They also presented their creative and reflective self-portrait poems from their Art lessons.

At the end of the assembly, the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share their work directly with their families.

Thank you again for your continued support in celebrating their achievements.

Year 4 Class Trip To Bhaktivedanta Manor

On Monday, Year 4 went to visit Bhaktivedanta Manor and had a very interesting day. We had a ride on a bull driven cart and learned how important cows are in the Hindu faith. We learnt about their beliefs and walked in the garden dedicated to George Harrison. We enjoyed a very tasty lunch of paneer and pea curry which we enjoyed and some children tried and loved it. We ended the day by being dressed in Hindu costume and having our face painted. The children asked thoughtful and insightful questions and made us all proud with their impeccable behaviour.



Saltmine Theatre Company Visit

We were delighted to welcome the Saltmine Theatre Company into school this afternoon, who brought their high-energy production of *The Rhyming Bible* to our hall. The performance was staged for all children from Reception through to Year 6, and it was wonderful to see everyone engaged in such a creative way.

The Rhyming Bible is a fast-paced, musical retelling of key biblical narratives. Using a clever blend of rhyming verse to help children retain complex stories through rhythm, catchy songs ranging from upbeat numbers to more reflective pieces, and physical comedy, the production ensured that even our youngest children in Reception were captivated. The actors navigated through both the Old and New Testaments, bringing historical figures to life with wit and warmth. It was a brilliant opportunity to make learning visual and memorable.

Following on from the performance, they then arranged for Years 5 and 6 to have a workshop together in the hall.

Parent Forum Meeting

On Tuesday evening, we hosted our termly Parent Forum meeting in school. My thanks go to the class representatives who attended to share the views of their respective year groups.

I would also like to thank those parents who contacted their reps with agenda suggestions. It is helpful to have this input to ensure we are focusing on the areas that matter to you.

Please be assured that all suggested items have been addressed; points raised were either discussed during the meeting or have been responded to via email.

For those who wish to see the details of the discussions, the full agenda and the official minutes are now available to view on the Parent Forum page of the school website.

The next meeting will take place towards the end of the summer term. As the date approaches, please do liaise with your class reps should you have any items you wish to put forward for the agenda.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and every child in our care.

House Points

This week

- First place - Red House - 452
- Second place - Yellow House - 386
- Third place - Blue House - 372
- Fourth place - Green House - 336

This term

- First place - Blue House - 2,296
- Second place - Red House - 2,190
- Third place - Yellow House - 2,067
- Fourth place - Green House - 2,027



Congratulations to the Blue house who have earned the most house points this term.

Next Tuesday afternoon, we will be having a special House Point Reward afternoon for Blue House.

I have met today with the House and Vice House Captains for Blue House and we have agreed the following for the afternoon:

Children in Blue House can come to school in Non uniform on Tuesday. The House and Vice House captain have suggested that they wear an item of blue clothing if they have it.

In the afternoon, we have invited 2 sports coaches from the Hertford and Ware Sports Partnership into school to lead some fun activity games and activities.

The children have requested an Easter Egg hunt, which we will try and squeeze in too!

As a treat, the House and Vice House Captains have asked Denise (our school cook) to make them cupcakes and cookies. Denise has kindly agreed to do this for the children.

Congratulations Blue House.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



- Beatrice W - 14th March
- Eddie W - 15th March
- Violet HN - 17th March
- Louis G - 18th March
- Frankie RM - 18th March
- Ellie K - 19th March

easter at church farm
28th March – 12th April

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Easter Farm Day Pass	Additional Activities
Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Easter Themed Activity BookWoodland Play AreaEaster Bunny Riddle TrailFarm Bingo & spot the Easter BunnySee the Lambs, Rabbits & Farm animalsWalk around the farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meet the Easter BunnyEaster Egg HuntLamb Bottle FeedingGoat WalkingTractor & Trailer RidesFairy Trail

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Great to Be Gold

<u>Pre Sch</u>	<p>Luca - Has had a great week this week. He is gaining confidence with each session, and is joining in play with his peers. We are super proud of you Luca, keep it up!</p> <p>Herbie - Has had a great week. He is more confident exploring the setting independently, and is happily joining in with group times and activities. We are really proud of you Herbie! Keep it up!</p>	<p>Ruben - Has had a great week. He is super inquisitive, asking lots of questions about his learning, getting involved with all activities and is joining in play with his peers! We are very proud of you, keep it up!</p>
<u>Nur</u>	<p>Hallie - for always demonstrating our great to be gold behaviours. Hallie is polite and helpful and a very kind friend to others. Excellent Hallie!</p>	<p>Matisse - for being a superstar this week, she has shown empathy and we are very proud of her. Fantastic Matisse!</p> <p>Jackson - for showing lots of our great to behaviours in Nursery and being very kind about people he cares about. Excellent Jackson!</p>
<u>Rec</u>	<p>Tristan - for showing a love of learning, especially with Maths.</p>	<p>Haisley - for always working to the best of her ability and showing a love of learning in all areas.</p>
<u>Year 1</u>	<p>Eoin G - for a showing love of learning.</p> <p>Hettie - for being an outstanding role model to others.</p>	<p>Antoine - for always following the rules in school.</p>
<u>Year 2</u>	<p>Jack - for constantly demonstrating all of our school values and being an outstanding role model.</p>	<p>Indie - for paying attention to the adults and always showing impeccable behaviour.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<p>Kayden- for being an outstanding role model showing all great to be gold values.</p> <p>Darci- For showing her love for learning in all subjects, trying so hard with her presentation.</p>	<p>Logan - for being an outstanding role model, always trying his best.</p>
<u>Year 4</u>	<p>Freya H - for being an outstanding role model and for having high expectations for her own learning</p>	<p>Darcy - for impeccable behaviour outside of school during our Hindu Temple visit</p>
<u>Year 5</u>	<p>Louis - for working to the best of his ability and his love of learning.</p>	<p>Bella - for listening to all adults and working to the best of her ability.</p>
<u>Year 6</u>	<p>Sam B - for working to the best of his ability in maths. Sam is determined to do well and will always want to look at where he has gone wrong, and try again. He is really focussed in these sessions.</p> <p>Jack - for showing a love on learning in maths, asking for challenges each lesson to push himself further.</p>	<p>Bobby - for constantly making the right choices, and working to the best of his ability. He will always ask for help when he needs it, in order to do the best that he can - a good role model.</p>



Merhaba everyone! 🌟
This week we're saying thank you for your hard work!

Thank you to everyone who has helped support us for both Mothers Day and the Spring Disco -
Without you, we wouldn't be able to put these events on - you make the world of difference!



As well as getting lovely gifts for the special women in our lives, Mothers day made a brilliant

£668.17 😊



Here's a sneaky picture of some of the Dads that helped out on Mothers day!



EasyFundraising reminder:

Did you know, if you book your holiday by the end of March, EF will give us £150?! At no extra cost to you, it's an easy win!

P.s. We don't quite yet know how much the Disco made, but we'll be sure to update you when we do!



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

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23rd April 7-8pm



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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:

Jasper - for being our 'star writer' this week by showing resilience and taking lots of care with his letter formation.
Fajar and Faye - for having high aspirations in PE.
Ada - for being creative by making lots of story books and drawing a brilliant picture for one of our busy fingers challenge this week.

Year 1:

Dylan - for showing resilience with his learning.
Orla - for having pride with her learning.
Hudson - is our 'star writer' for thinking of some super ideas for the class poem.
Benjamin - for being creative in the DT lesson.

Year 2:

William - for showing creativity and using prosody when performing a poem to the class.
Grace - for writing incredible similes to describe our school. She is our 'star writer'.

Year 3:

Freddie- for showing empathy and kindness to others.
Eliza- is our 'star writer' for trying her hardest with her presentation and letter formation.
Milly- for having resilience and confidence in performances.

Year 4:

Jasper - is our 'star writer' for excellent his writing in the end of term assessment.
Peter - for working well with others and really praising and encouraging members of his team.
Iris - for showing a real curiosity in our temple visit by asking thoughtful and insightful questions.

Year 5:

Logan - Showing kindness and empathy - gave a friend his ear defenders when he saw that they were in discomfort for the loud noise in the iRock performance.
Rafe - for showing kindness and empathy to a younger child after the disco.
Olly - high aspirations in his suspenseful English writing.
Connor - high aspirations - has put in a huge amount of effort into his work.
Henry and Izzy - are our 'star writers' for their creative writing (focusing on creating suspense).

Year 6:

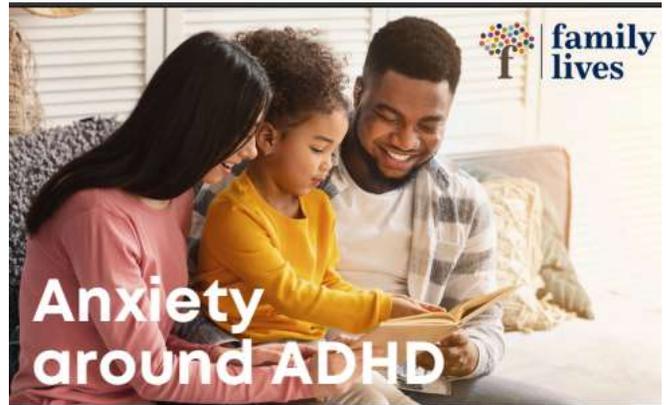
Beau - is this week's 'star writer', she is listening to the adults to make improvements each time and the progress is clear to see.
Martha - for showing curiosity in every lesson, she is a great role model when class discussions take place.

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2026

Save the date...
SUNDAY 12th APRIL
12 Midday til 5pm

COMMUNITY HALL & SPORTS FIELD
MULTI SPORT ACTIVITIES & TASTER SESSIONS
FAMILY RACES & GAMES
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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
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Dates For Your Diary

Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

Spring Term

- Monday 23rd March - termly attendance award assembly
- Monday 23rd March - Pre Loved Uniform Giveaway 3.20pm
- Tuesday 24th March - Pre Loved Uniform Giveaway 8.45am
- Tuesday 24th March - House Point reward treat
- Tuesday 24th - 25th March - No Pens Day/Forest School visits
- Thursday 26th March - Year 6 VE Day Fantastic Finish
- Friday 27th March - end of term progress awards
- Friday 27th March - Enterprise Day 1.45pm

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School, Rectory Lane, Watton at Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG <http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>
 Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

- Friday 27th March - End of Term 2.15pm

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
- Tuesday 19th - 20th May No Pens Day/ Forest School
- Monday 25th May - 29th May - Half Term
- 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



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

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March 26th 7-8pm



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