




Weekly Newsletter

5 September 2025

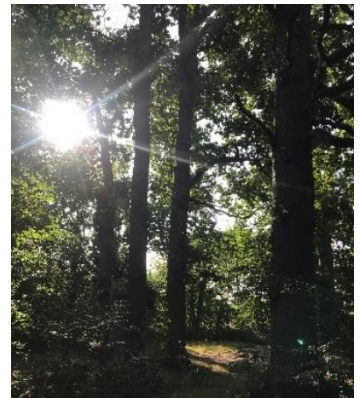
Making learning a lifelong adventure

From tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow 

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed seeing the children and their families again as they have returned to school this week for the start of the new academic year. Sixty new reception pupils have officially joined the school, continuing their transition into school this week with half class, half day visits, which build up throughout next week, culminating in their attending full-time from Thursday (11 September).

Following the availability of handful of in-year spaces in other year groups, we have also welcomed two new pupils into Year 2 and Year 6. I would also like to welcome Ms Sian Carter, Mrs Stav Gardener and Mrs Hannah Reeve to the teaching team (In Years 6, 3 and 1) and Mrs Anna Smith to the teaching support team in Year 2.



Although the children meet together in year, phase or key stage groups for assemblies most days, I particularly love bringing the whole school together for assemblies on special occasions once or twice each half-term. Yesterday all the children from Years 1 to 6 came together to kick-off the new school year and to reflect on what they might achieve over the coming 12 months. See picture below. In the assembly, we explored the phrase *from tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow* and thought about resilience and growth.

The teachers have been busy planning their schemes of work for the year and we are emailing curriculum overviews for the year and for Autumn term for your child's year group together with this newsletter. Additionally, there is an opportunity for all parents to meet their children's new teachers over the course of the next week (and beginning today with Year 6) at our Meet the Teacher sessions. See overleaf for dates and times for the remaining sessions as well as that of other events this term and key events throughout the year.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Whilst we make every effort to confirm the dates of events in advance, doing so does not necessarily mean that they are subject to change where, for example, clashes arise with other events in the local area or wider community of schools. New and amended dates will be given in purple in future newsletters.

Autumn Term

5 to 11 September 2025	<i>Year Group Meet the Teachers Sessions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 5 September, 8:50am - Year 6• Monday 8 September, 8:50am - Year 5• Monday 8 September, 2:30pm - Year 2• Tuesday 9 September, 8:50am - Year 3• Tuesday 9 September, 2:30pm - Year 1• Wednesday 10 September, 8:50am – Reception• Thursday 11 September, 8:50am - Year 4
Thurs 11 September 2025	<i>Reception pupils begin full days</i>
Mon 22 September 2025	<i>Individual pupil photographs</i>
Tuesday 23 September (& 25 November)	<i>Pupil flu vaccinations</i>
Thurs 25 September 2025, 1:30pm	<i>Year 6 Leaders to Harpenden Peace Day Service.</i>
25 & 26 September 2025	<i>Y6 pupils host MacMillan Coffee Morning</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 25 Sept, 9am – Rowan Class• Friday 26 September, 9am – Sycamore Class
Friday 3 October 2025	<i>FoHBS Movie Night – Years 4 to 6</i>
Friday 10 October 2026	<i>FoHBS 80's & 90's Disco</i>
Friday 17 October 2025	<i>FoHBS Movie Night - Years 1 to 3</i>
W/b 20 October 25	<i>Parent Consultations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 21, 3:45 to 7pm• Thursday 23, 3:45 to 7pm
Tuesday 21 October, time TBC	<i>FOHBS AGM</i>
24 October, 4, 13 and 27 November	<i>Open Mornings for entry to Reception in September 2026.</i> <i>Book a place via the school website</i>
25 October 2025	<i>School closes for half-term break at normal time</i>
Monday 3 November	<i>School opens for autumn Term 2</i>
Monday 1 December 2025	<i>School closed for Occasional Day</i>
Thurs 4 December 2025, 9:15am	<i>Reception Nativity</i>
Wed 3 December 2025	<i>Year 6 Choir attends Rotary in Harpenden Carol Service at High Street Methodist Church</i>
Saturday 6 December 2025	<i>Provisional date for FoHBS Christmas Fair</i>
Tuesday 9 December 2025	<i>Year 2 Nativity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:30pm - Hazel Class• 2:30pm - Willow Class
10 December 2025, 6pm	<i>Choir to attend Mayor of Harpenden's Carol Service</i>
Friday 12 Dec 2025, 2:30pm	<i>Year 1 Christmas Carols around the Tree</i>
Wednesday 17 Dec 2025	<i>5pm - KS2 Green and Yellow House Carol Service</i> <i>6:30pm - KS2 Blue and Red House Carol Service</i>
Thurs 18 December 2025	<i>School Christmas dinner, discos and L & D Christmas Jumper Day</i>
Friday 19 December 2025, 2pm	<i>School closes at 2pm for Christmas holiday</i>

Spring Term

Tuesday 6 January 2026	<i>School opens for spring term 1</i>
Fri 30 Jan 2026, 2:30pm	<i>KS2 Test Information Meeting for Y6 Parents</i>
Tuesday 3 February 2026	<i>Year 6 Mid-year reports to parents</i>
5 and 6 February 2026	<i>Y6 Parent Consultations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 5 February, 2:30 to 5pm• Friday 6 February, 2pm to 4:30pm

9-13 February 2026
Friday 13 February 2026
Mon 23 February 2026
Monday 23 March 2026
w/b 23 March 2026

Tuesday 24 March 2026
Wednesday 25 March 2026
Thursday 26 March 2026
Friday 27 March 2026, 2pm

Summer Term

Monday 13 April 2026
Tuesday 21 April 2026, 2:45pm
Thursday 23 April 2026
23-24 April 2026
4 May 2026
11-14 May 2026
20-22 May 2026
Friday 22 May 2026
Tuesday 2 June 2026
8 – 12 June 2026
2-5 June 2026
Tuesday 9 June 2026
8-12 June 2026
Friday 19 June 2026, 2pm
Saturday 27 June 2026
Tuesday 16 June 2026, 1:30pm
Tuesday 23 June 2026, 1:30pm
Thurs 25 June 2026, 9:15am
Thursday 9 July 2026
Friday 10 July 2026
Mon 20 July 2026, 9:30am
Tues 21 July 2026, 1:30pm

Be Safe Week

School closes for half-term break
School opens for spring term 2
Reception to Year 5 Mid-year reports to parents
Rec to Y5 Parent Consultations

- *Tuesday 24, 3:45 to 7pm*
- *Thursday 26, 3:45 to 7pm*

Y5 Choir attends Spring Music Festival, Eric Morcambe Centre
1.15pm – KS2 Speakers Cup Final
9.00am K1 Speakers Cup Final
School closes for Easter holiday

School opens for summer term
KS1 Tests and Assessments - Parent Information Meeting
St George's Day
Year 4 Residential - Paccar
School closed for Early May Bank Holiday
KS2 Tests
Year 6 Residential - Paccar
School closes for half-term break at normal time
School opens for summer term 2
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Special Curriculum Week – Focus TBC
Class Group Photographs
Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Music on the Field event
Provisional date for FoHBS Summer Fair
Y3/4 Sports Day
Y5/6 Sports Day
YR/1/2 Sports Day
Transition Day
Pupil reports out to parents
HB's Got Talent
school closes for summer holiday