



Weekly Newsletter

10th July 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another hot week in school and elsewhere and I am grateful to the staff team for coping in sometimes quite uncomfortable conditions, as well as to the children who have really helped by behaving so sensibly and staying well hydrated in the shade. Temperatures appear to be dropping a little over the weekend and into next week, so we expect to return to Stage 1 measures and summer uniform - no jumpers or cardigans please and the children may wear secure sandals if they wish.

Year 1 braved the weather at Woburn Safari Park on Monday to learn all about animals and their habitats. They enjoyed a pleasant air-conditioned cruise around the park before some slightly warmer activities off the coach in the afternoon.

Also on Monday, ten of our Year 5 children enjoyed a day of maths problem solving at St George's School with children from other Harpenden primary schools, and St Georges staff and students came to us on Tuesday to lead debating workshops with our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils. There was more secondary school partnership on Tuesday when all of Year 5 experienced subject specialist facilities and teaching during a visit to Katherine Warington School.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Artist in Residence, Eve Broadhurst, returned to school having been working on some new images for our revised school values. Aided by some Year 3 and 4 children and stencils she has had made, she began the work of painting the values around the school. See images below.



On Wednesday we managed to complete our Infant Sports Day (postponed from the last heatwave) on the field. The children worked hard in the morning sun and were really supportive of each other and parents enjoyed being able to be involved. Given the continuing heatwave conditions next week, we plan to hold our Year 5/6 Sports Day on Wednesday morning (15 July).

Yesterday was the Hertfordshire Transition Day and our Year 6 children visited their new secondary schools for the day. Meanwhile, at High Beeches, the children were promoted to their new year groups for the morning and enjoyed seeing their classrooms and meeting their teachers and teaching assistants for the first time. Once again, the children did this responsibly and I feel sure it will help them to get off to a good start in September.

Don't forget that the annual FoHBS Summer Fair takes place tomorrow (Saturday) from 12 Noon on the school field. I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

Sports Desk

On Tuesday, a group of Year 3 and 4 children participated in the Y3/4 tag-rugby festival at Harpenden Rugby Club and, although the event was not formerly scored, the teams did really well and won most of their matches! Well done to all of them and thank you to the High Beeches parents who accompanied them to the event. See pictures right.



Congratulations also go to Year 5 girls Erin, Emma and Sienna, who were part of the Harpenden Colts Kites football team who won the shield at the Bury Rangers U10 Girls football tournament in Hertford on Saturday. Their final went to extra time and penalties, with Erin scoring a penalty and Emma doing a spectacular save to win the game.

Supporting Families

Parents are invited to view St Albans Raring2Go online magazine, which contains summer holiday ideas and advice for families, [here](#).

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Elm and Birch classes who have the best attendance this week. More information can be found on the [Attendance and Leave of Absence page](#) of our website.

Summer Holiday Clubs

- ✓ [Apex Sports](#) – Sports Activities with Mr George – 22nd-24th July, 27th-29th July, 3rd-5th Aug, 26th-28th Aug.
- ✓ [Baking Buddies](#) – Baking with Mrs Shafer – 10th-14th Aug, 17th-21st Aug, 24th and 25th Aug.
- ✓ [Sewing Club](#) – Sewing with Mrs Ward – 23rd July, 4th Aug and 20th Aug.



Diary Dates *New or amended events*

Saturday 11 July 2026

14 & 15 July 2026, 6:00pm

Wednesday 8 July 2026, 9am

Mon 20 July 2026, 6pm

Mon 20 July 2026, 9:30am

Tues 21 July 2026, 9am

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FoHBS Summer Fair

Year 6 leavers' production

Postponed Sports Day for Y5/6

Year 6 leavers' event (TBC)

HB's Got Talent

Year 6 leavers' assembly

school closes for summer holiday