



Weekly Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Making learning a lifelong adventure

respect...responsibility...resilience...kindness...confidence...honesty

Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks to the FoHBS team members who organised and ran the Colour Run event last Sunday on the school field, and thank you to all those who participated. By all accounts, with 220 runners, it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, raising around £1,000 for the school and leaving the running track a rather cheerful rainbow of colours for the duration of the week!

This Week in School

This Wednesday was National Numeracy Day and this was the focus of our phase assemblies on Tuesday, where the children enjoyed some mathematical magic and a special poster competition was launched. Children are invited to take part in [NND poster competition](#) using the template provided. More information and a copy of the template can be found at the website. Entry to the competition is optional and all entries should be submitted to Mr Gardiner by Thursday 4th June.

In our assemblies on Wednesday, as we continue on our journey through our revised school values, we explored the story of the Good Samaritan and how this exemplifies acts of kindness that are neither required or expected.

Our Year 6 pupils left for their three day visit to the Paccar Scout Camp in Buckinghamshire on Wednesday and returned today, having enjoyed two nights under canvas in some fine weather and the challenge of a whole alphabet of outdoor pursuits from archery to zipwire! Many thanks to the staff team who have accompanied them, leaving their own families for a few days and being on duty 24:7 for the duration of the trip. See pictures below.

Yesterday our Year 5 children presented their assemblies to parents, taking us on a fantasy class trip to Brazil and using knowledge and skills learnt during the course of the academic year so far to solve various challenges along the way.

STEM Week

Our Science, Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) week takes place when we return from the May half-term. The children will be experiencing a number of additional challenges and activities with a STEM focus including maths problem solving workshops for all year groups, a whole school house group challenge, a robotics and coding workshops for Years 3, 4 and 5, a competition and STEM assembly. Thank you to parents and FoHBS who are generously funding the workshops, made possible through revenue from events such as last weekend's colour run.

And finally...

I would like to wish all our families and staff a happy bank holiday weekend and enjoyable half-term. School reopens on Tuesday 2 June 2026. See you then!

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class**
 - Cleo For making a fantastic observational drawing of Van Gough's sunflowers using pastels.
 - Ava For making a great sunflower collage and writing a book about sunflowers.
- **Reception Oak Class**
 - Lottie For always being ready to learn and following class rules.
 - Duaa For trying her best with her learning and making lots of progress with phonics.
- **Year 1 Cedar Class**
 - Beau For writing a lovely free verse poem about bees.
 - Esme For writing a lovely free verse poem about bees.
- **Year 1 Elm Class**
 - Ethan For showing resilience when learning how to tell the time.
 - Hiraya For her brilliant free verse poem about tennis.
- **Year 2 Hazel Class**
 - Thomas For showing an increased sense of personal responsibility.
 - Hazel For having a fantastic first half of the summer term. You have all worked really hard – keep up the good work!
- **Year 2 Willow Class**
 - Oliver for using commas to separate items in a list.
 - Aaron for trying hard and linking multiplication with division.
- **Year 3 Birch Class**
 - Saraiya For writing an excellent set of instructions in English.
 - Hektor For showing enthusiasm in Maths when learning to tell the time.
- **Year 3 Redwood Class**
 - Jasper For working hard to improve his handwriting in his published work this week.
 - Harry For your instruction writing: Instructions for a Mystical Midnight Adventure – imaginative and precise work :)
- **Year 4 Maple Class**
 - Mason For working hard when converting between seconds, minutes, hours and days in maths.
 - Hannah For showing creativity and attention to detail when making a clay nest in art.
- **Year 4 Pine Class**
 - Jolie An intricately made clay nest sculpture in art
 - Eleanor Doing an excellent job of editing and improving her non-chronological report
- **Year 5 Ash Class**
 - Maxim For great learning when converting between metric and imperial measures.
 - Sofia For writing a super persuasive advert using the techniques we have learned.
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class**
 - Louie for showing resilience when preparing for the class assembly.
 - William for showing creativity in designing a moving toy for D&T.
- **PE Awards Infants**
 - Rachel For some excellent work on her overarm throwing for both distance and accuracy. Well done!
 - Lucas For Listening really well to coaching points, helping him to improve his over arm throwing. Well done!
- **PE Awards Juniors**
 - Ryan For showing a good understanding of the rules of rounders – There are many of them! Well done!
 - Omar For Always showing honesty, fairness and consistency in PE. Well done!

Sports Desk

Congratulations to the mixed group of Year 3 and 4 girls who attended the Harpenden Year 3 and 4 girls' football tournament at Sauncey Wood Primary School yesterday. The girls played well, winning one of their matches and drawing a number, their game improving from one to the next.

Supporting Families

Family Lives still have places available at the following parenting workshops, free-of-charge.

Summer Term Workshops
Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Thursday 11th June, 9.30am to 11.30am
This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Less Shouting More Cooperation
This 6-week group helps you change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control. The sessions will cover:
• Exploring what helpful discipline is.
• Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.
• Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
• How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
• How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Getting on with your pre-teen or teen
Sign up to our 6-week online group
Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to know how best to support them?
Learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Monday 1st June to 6th July 2026
9.30am to 11.30am
Online via MS Teams

Date, time and venue
Friday 5th June to 10th July 2026
9.30am to 11.30am
This course will be delivered online via MS Teams

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All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more info, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.

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[Families Hertfordshire Magazine](#) May/June is available here.

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Oak and Birch classes who have the best attendance this week, with 98% attendance. More information can be found on the [Attendance and Leave of Absence page](#) of our website.

Girls Summer Uniform

Girls summer dresses are Striped. Available from our school uniform supplier and other outlets.

May half-term, APEX Sports Camps:

For May half term, sessions will run Tuesday–Thursday (26th–28th May) with the following options:

- 9:00am–3:00pm (£27.50)
- 9:00am–5:00pm (£37)
- Early drop-off from 8:30am (+£5)

These new booking options are being introduced as a trial, based on parent feedback, and we will review how they work before confirming plans for the summer holidays.

To book, please email apexpeandsport@gmail.com with your child's name, preferred days, and booking option(s)."

Baking Buddies:

28th and 29th May - <https://baking-buddies.classforkids.io/camps>

Useful information for parents

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_hertfordshire_may_june_2026?fr=sOTg1NzkxOTE5NmZM

Diary Dates <i>New or amended events</i>	
Friday 22 May 2026	<i>School closes for half-term break at normal time</i>
Monday 1 June 2026	<i>FoHBS Legoland Trip</i>
Tuesday 2 June 2026	<i>School opens for summer term 2</i>
2 – 12 June 2026	<i>Y4 Multiplication Tables Check</i>
2-5 June 2026	<i>Special Curriculum Week – STEM</i>
Thursday 4 June 2026	<i>Class Group Photographs</i>
8-12 June 2026	<i>Y1 Phonics Screening Check</i>
Tuesday 9 June 2026	<i>Reception trip to Hertfordshire Zoo</i>
Thursday 11 June 2026	<i>Y3 Kew Gardens Visit</i>
Tues 16 June '26, 1:30pm	<i>Y3/4 Sports Day</i>
Friday 19 June 2026 2pm	<i>Music on the Field event</i>
Tues 23 June 26, 1:30pm	<i>Y5/6 Sports Day</i>
Wednesday 24 June 2026	<i>Class Group Photographs</i>
Thurs 25 June 2026, 9:15am	<i>YR/1/2 Sports Day</i>
Friday 26 June, 2:50pm	<i>Reception Sit Together and Read event</i>
Monday 29 June 2026	<i>Y5 Young Mariners Visit</i>
Tuesday 30 June 2026	<i>Year 1 class assemblies: 9am Elm Class, 2:45pm Cedar Class</i>
Monday 6 July 2026	<i>Y1 Woburn Safari Park Visit</i>
Thursday 9 July 2026	<i>Transition Day</i>
Friday 10 July 2026	<i>Pupil reports out to parents</i>
Saturday 11 July 2026	<i>FoHBS Summer Fair</i>
14 & 15 July 2026, 6:00pm	<i>Year 6 leavers' production</i>
Mon 20 July 2026, 6pm	<i>Year 6 leavers' event (TBC)</i>
Mon 20 July 2026, 9:30am	<i>HB's Got Talent</i>
Tues 21 July 2026, 9am	<i>Year 6 leavers' assembly</i>
Tues 21 July 2026, 1:30pm	<i>school closes for summer holiday</i>