



Weekly Newsletter

2nd October 2026

Making learning a lifelong adventure

Our school value for this half-term is  **confidence**

Dear Parents/Carers

The curriculum has been packed full of enrichment this week for a number of our Year groups.

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils visited the RAF Museum in Hendon, bringing to life their history learning about the Battle of Britain, and our Year 2 pupils visited Mill Green Museum in Hatfield to learn about the Great Fire of London. It was lovely to see them arriving back at school with their freshly baked rolls, made from flour they had milled themselves! Pictures below...

Our Year 2 pupils also completed their *Scooterbility* sessions in school this week, exploring balance, steering and braking and this will no doubt help them to keep themselves safe on the pavements in future.



The Key Stage 2 hands-on-science workshops have continued, with Year 5 exploring forces in their very practical sessions with Mr Berry. See image left. The staff and children report very positively from these immersive science sessions which cover key elements of the science curriculum, either building on prior learning or continuing into their lessons later in the term.

Tonight sees the first of the two FoHBS Films Nights, with Years 1 to 3 cosy-ing-on-down to watch their movie this afternoon and Year 4 to 6 next week. Thank you to FoHBS volunteers for organising and running this.

Next week our school photographer will be in school on Monday taking individual and sibling photographs. So do please help your child to be in full smart uniform ready for their portrait! On Monday evening, parents can book their consultation slot to meet their child's class teacher in the week before half-term. Please note that parents of children with SEN support plans already have review meetings planned, which include input from the class teacher and they should therefore not book a consultation session in addition to this.

Our Year 3 children will be visiting Celtic Harmony in Brickendon on Tuesday to support their Stone-age history study.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week, which we have been honouring in our celebration assemblies.

• Reception Chestnut Class	Bruce	For doing some great writing independently this week during CIL
	Finlay	For being a super sitter who is always ready to learn. His writing is getting better and better every day
• Reception Oak Class	Mariella	Being a confident, happy class member who loves learning and sharing ideas.
	Ewa	Growing on confidence when speaking to her friends and adults.
• Year 1 Cedar Class	Ava	For a super alternative ending to the story Puffin Peter.
	Arthur	For some great ideas when writing stories this week.
• Year 1 Elm Class	Yazid	For an excellent ending to Puffin Peter. Great work!
	Mabel	For listening well and following instructions to re-order parts to make the whole in Maths.
• Year 2 Hazel Class	Whole	For representing the school beautifully on our first, class outing to
	class	Mill Green. Proud of you all!
• Year 2 Willow Class	Theo	For working well and showing resilience in a week of changes. Well done.
	Benjamin	For following steps well and trying hard in English.
• Year 3 Birch Class	Eirinn	For demonstrating her passion for poetry by explaining her reasoning for words and language used that she likes.
	Sonny	For exploring with charcoal in art and developing his shading, smudging and line drawing skills.
• Year 3 Redwood Class	Jack S	For thinking about his results after investigating in Science and writing a thoughtful conclusion.
	Alice	For explaining in detail how the search for food changed in the Neolithic period
• Year 4 Maple Class	Whole	For representing the school brilliantly through excellent behaviour
	Class	teamwork and an enthusiastic approach to learning about Ancient Egypt at the British Museum.
• Year 4 Pine Class	Whole	For embracing the amazing learning opportunities at the British Museum.
	Class	
• Year 5 Ash Class	Emmie	For always giving 100% whether it is related to your learning, being kind and helpful or making us laugh.
	Jake	For showing kindness to others and working brilliantly in a pair and small group.
• Year 5 Hawthorn Class	James	For your enthusiasm and understanding during our forces workshop.
	Barnaby	For your excellent work on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000
• Year 6 Rowan Class	Hugo	For writing a kind and engaging introduction, using figurative language to draw the reader in.
	Mia	For being a conscientious learner who always applies herself, particularly in maths.
• Year 6 Sycamore Class	Darcie	For exceptional effort in maths this week when working on long multiplication.
	Christopher	For his fantastic work and enthusiasm in science this week when learning about the human eye.
• PE Awards Infants	Jackson	For excellent work on his jumping skills this week. Well done!
	Clara	For showing great kindness and friendship, helping others to achieve in PE Well done!
• PE Awards Juniors	Louie	For always showing great effort, focus and attitude in all of our PE sessions. Well done!
	Emma	For showing great thought and control in her football dribbling practices. Well done!

Sports Desk

Congratulations to our girls' football team who have played their second and third matches of the season over the last two weeks, against Crabtree (regrettably omitted from last week's newsletter) and Redbourn, both at home. They won both matches, beating Crabtree 3-0 and Redbourn 3-2.

Community Matters

Sir John Lawes School Comedy Night – Friday 13 November 2026

Parents are invited to the SJL Comedy Night, with 10% of any ticket sales going to FoHBS, when you use [this link](#). Tickets cost £20 and it looks like a good night out, just around the corner!

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

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

Can You Help?

- ✓ Our Reception team would like to add some props to their role play areas and would be grateful for donations of any of the following:
- ✓ Old hats (large children's or adults)
- ✓ Older children's flat party style shoes or flat pumps
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Old glasses
- ✓ Scarves
- ✓ Chunky jewellery
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Old mobile phones
- ✓ Children's magazines
- ✓ Recipe books

Lunchtime Helpers

Thank you to everyone who has been able to find time to volunteer at lunchtimes in school this year. It's a great way for parents to see another aspect of the children's school day and for the children to see some familiar faces. We always need help, so please [sign up via this link if you can](#). Thank you



Diary Dates *NB new or amended dates are given in purple*

Monday 5 October 2026	Pupil Individual Photographs
Monday 5 October 2026	Arbor Portal Opens to book after school Parent Consultations (6.30pm)
Thursday 6 October, 7pm	<i>FOHBS AGM</i>
Fri 2 and 9 October 2026	<i>FoHBS Movie Nights</i>
Friday 9 October 2026	Pupil Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 14 October 2026	<i>Harvest festival – King's Pantry Food Bank and Harpenden Hygiene Bank led by Revd John Fellows</i>
Friday 16 October 2026	<i>FoHBS Wine Tasting event</i>
W/b 19 October 26	<i>Parent Consultations – In School Hall</i> • Tuesday 20, 3:45 to 7pm • Thursday 22, 3:45 to 7pm
23 October 2026	<i>School closes for half-term break at normal time</i>
Monday 2 November	<i>School opens for Autumn Term 2</i>
Wednesday/Thursday 11/12 November 26	<i>Y4 Open Classroom 3pm or Y4 Open Classroom 8.40am</i>
Tuesday 17 November 26	<i>Parents invited to Sit Together and Read (STAR!) in Reception</i>

Thursday/Friday 19/20 November 26	Y6 Open Classroom 3pm or Y6 Open Classroom 8.40am
Thursday/Friday 19/20 November 26	Y1 Open Classroom 3pm or Y1 Open Classroom 8.40am
Thursday/Friday 19/20 November 26	Y5 Open Classroom 3pm or Y5 Open Classroom 8.40am
26 November 2026	FoHBS Wreath Making Workshop
Tuesday 1 Dec 2026 9am	Reception Nativity #1
Thursday 3 Dec 2026, 9am	Reception Nativity #2
Wednesday/Thursday 2/3 December 26	Y2 Open Classroom 3pm or Y2 Open Classroom 8.40am
Friday 4 December 2026	School closed for Occasional Day
Wednesday 9 December 2026	Rotary Carols at Methodist Church (Y6 choir)
Thursday 10 Dec 2026, 2:15pm	Year 1 Christmas Carols around the Tree • 2: pm - Elm Class • 2:30pm - Cedar Class
Monday 14 December 2026	Year 2 Nativity • 1:15pm - Willow Class • 2:15pm - Hazel Class
Sat 12 December 2026	FoHBS Christmas Fair
Wednesday 16 Dec 2026	5pm - KS2 Red and Yellow House Carol Service 6:30pm - KS2 Blue and Green House Carol Service
Thurs 17 December 2026	School Christmas Dinner and Discos, and L & D Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 Dec 2026, 2pm	School closes at 2pm for Christmas holiday