



Weekly Newsletter

5th June 2026

Making learning a lifelong adventure

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the final half-term of the school year. I do hope school families were able to make the most of the fabulous weather on the bank holiday weekend and last week.

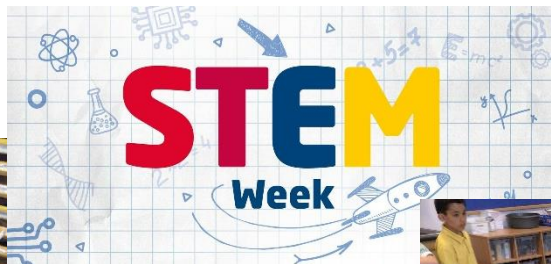
This Week in School

This week has been our STEM Week, which has included a number of opportunities for the children to explore elements of science, technology, engineering and maths. This included a robotics coding challenge, delivered by Ocado staff who told us all about how they use robots in their business, a maths problem-solving workshop and a junk modelling challenge, completed in mixed-age house groups. The children really enjoyed working in these teams to collaboratively problem solve as they constructed a junk modelled marble run. The week ended with a special whole school assembly today to celebrate the achievements of the week.

Thank you to the STEM subject leaders and other staff who organised and led the STEM activities during the week and to FoHBS who generously funded the workshops.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class**
 - Cora For excellent use of the Rekenrek in Maths Fluency
 - Dylan For being so interested in an atlas in Learning Through Play. You focused so well :)
- **Reception Oak Class**
 - Mabel For improved listening on the carpet.
 - Yazid For always being ready to learn.
- **Year 1 Cedar Class**
 - Ella For contributing interesting thoughts and ideas during RE this week.
 - Gabriel For showing such determination to succeed and improve in everything he does.
- **Year 1 Elm Class**
 - Evelyn For her brilliant use of adjectives to describe her monster in English.
 - Oliver For completing his work with more independence.
- **Year 2 Hazel Class**
 - Xander B For showing kindness and cooperation when working with Reception to build a marble run.
- **Year 2 Willow Class**
 - Hetty For using bar models to find thirds and quarters of amounts
 - Éirinn For excellent focus and attention when working with fractions. Well done!
- **Year 3 Birch Class**
 - Niamh For super effort and concentration when working on fractions. Well done!
 - Mubarak For demonstrating confidence, supporting his peers and working hard when learning a complex cup pattern in music! Well done!
 - Isla For participating lots and growing in confidence to share her thoughts in class! Well done.
- **Year 3 Redwood Class**
 - Hannah For excellent work on time in maths this week.
 - Lev For creating a really details day model of a tortoise and working with care and skill to join pieces and make marks.
- **Year 4 Maple Class**
 - Phoebe For her brilliant work with negative numbers this week.
 - Jack For demonstrating good teamwork skills during the maths problem solving workshop.
- **Year 4 Pine Class**
 - Alex For settling in brilliantly in his first week.
 - Aiden For an excellent approach in the Ocado coding workshop.
- **Year 5 Ash Class**
 - Asher For always showing such a mature attitude to learning.
 - Izzy For becoming increasingly confident about asking questions to further your understanding.
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class**
 - Ayaan For your hard work and understanding of finding percentages of amounts in maths.
 - Isaiah For showing responsibility when taking the lunch numbers while Year 6 were away.
- **Year 6 Rowan Class**
 - Alex CC For showing outstanding perseverance and resilience, embracing new challenges during our time at Paccar
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class**
 - Zara For her enthusiasm during our budgeting lesson
 - Ama For making the atmosphere at Paccar so enjoyable with her laughter and humour.
- **PE Awards Infants**
 - Theo For excelling in everything he did whilst a Paccar!
 - Alex CC For showing outstanding perseverance and resilience, embracing new challenges during our time at Paccar
- **PE Awards Juniors**
 - Zara For her enthusiasm during our budgeting lesson
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 - Theo For excelling in everything he did whilst a Paccar!

Supporting Families

Best Fiction Workshop
for Parents of Children in Years 2, 3 and 4
9am on Friday 12th June in the Discovery Den.

Parents are invited to a 'best fiction books for Y3-4' session with George Berry (Y3 parent & English Hub literacy specialist).

Focusing mostly on fiction/chapter books, George will share plenty of the best modern literature as well as some older titles that still entertain & engage young readers. There'll be the opportunity to browse books and explore titles that might appeal to both more and less confident Y3/4 readers. This 45-minute workshop will be held at



Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Hazel and Birch classes who have the best attendance this week, with 100% attendance. More information can be found on the [Attendance and Leave of Absence page](#) of our website.

Variable Summer Weather

Although we are very much now in summer uniform, do please make sure that children have a suitable raincoat in school for showery days. Similarly, please ensure they have sun cream applied and a sun hat and water bottle with them when sunny weather is forecast or should we have another heatwave.

A message from the Eco Council

June is Clean Air Month, and Thursday 18th June is Clean Air Day! During this month, we will be learning about how important clean air is for keeping us healthy and helping our planet.

Clean air is especially important at school because it helps children breathe more easily, stay active, and concentrate better in lessons. We can all help by walking, cycling, scooting to school where possible, and by remembering not to leave car engines running outside the school gates.

Our Eco Councillors will be taking part in some fun activities in school to help learn more about looking after the environment and keeping our air clean. Attached are some suggested activities for children to try at home with their families too!

Community Matters

'From Soil to Supper: Challenge, Passion and Restaurant Reality'



PUBLIC MEETING

Guest speaker **Andrei Lussmann** shares insights from 24 years of serving sustainable, affordable food through rising costs and competition.

ALSO FoodSmiles highlight how their initiatives connect communities through food grown locally.

Preceded by a short AGM

7.30pm Thursday June 11
High Street Methodist Church

Reserve your
seat via
our web site



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Diary Dates *New or amended events*

2 – 12 June 2026	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
8-12 June 2026	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 9 June 2026	Reception trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Thursday 11 June 2026	Y3 Kew Gardens Visit
Friday 12 June 2026, 9am	Best Fiction Workshop for Parents of Children in Years 2, 3 and 4
Tues 16 June '26, 1:30pm	Y3/4 Sports Day
Friday 19 June 2026 2pm	Music on the Field event
Tues 23 June 26, 1:30pm	Y5/6 Sports Day
Thurs 25 June 2026, 9:15am	YR/1/2 Sports Day
Friday 26 June, 2:50pm	Reception Sit Together and Read event
Monday 29 June 2026	Y5 Young Mariners Visit
Tuesday 30 June 2026	Year 1 class assemblies: 9am Elm Class, 2:45pm Cedar Class
Monday 6 July 2026	Y1 Woburn Safari Park Visit
Tuesday 7 July 2026	Autumn Clubs Portal Opens 6.30pm (external providers book directly)
Thursday 9 July 2026	Transition Day
Friday 10 July 2026	Pupil reports out to parents
Saturday 11 July 2026	FoHBS Summer Fair
14 & 15 July 2026, 6:00pm	Year 6 leavers' production
Mon 20 July 2026, 6pm	Year 6 leavers' event (TBC)
Mon 20 July 2026, 9:30am	HB's Got Talent
Tues 21 July 2026, 9am	Year 6 leavers' assembly
Tues 21 July 2026, 1:30pm	school closes for summer holiday

Healthier Air

Travel around Hertfordshire County with us this June as we learn about the air around us and how it can be healthier.

Join the activities throughout the month or complete them during the week of Clean Air Day on the 18th June 2026.

Access the activities via the QR code, or web link.

Let's clear the air

Scan for healthier air month activities

[Hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthierairmonth](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthierairmonth)

Day 1 Kick off your healthier air month by writing your pledge below. Could you walk, cycle or scoot to school more this month?

Day 6 The air quality affects plants and wildlife too. Why not try Lichen spotting

Day 12 What's in the air? Have a go at making an air pollution catcher

Day 18 - Clean Air Day! Who is being idle about air quality? Find out with the vehicle idling survey

Day 24 How healthy are your streets? Could you complete a Healthy Streets feeling and measurement survey

Day 30 Why not finish off the healthier air month by reading the Auntie Duck story book

My Healthier Air Pledge:

Could you share some facts about the air around us with others?

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FREE ONLINE SUMMER 2026 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

June/July Dates

Online Workshops funded by Hertfordshire County Council	Day	Date	Time
Applying for an EHCP	Mon	1.6.26	19:00 - 20:30
Preparing for an EHCP Review	Wed	3.6.26	10:00 - 11:30
Understanding Anxiety	Fri	5.6.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety	Mon	8.6.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Support Puberty	Wed	10.6.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Build Self-Esteem	Mon	15.6.26	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding Medication Options	Wed	17.6.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Support Social Skills	Mon	22.6.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Eating Difficulties	Wed	24.6.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Support Emotional Development	Mon	29.6.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Changes	Wed	1.7.26	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Support Executive Function	Mon	6.7.26	19:00 - 20:30
Tip & Tools for Positive Behaviour	Wed	8.7.26	10:00 - 11:30

"That was so amazing, I have done many training sessions about ASD through my work but that was the most honest & informative session I have ever had"

"I picked up so many ideas to try which I'm sure will be an enormous help, thank you so much"

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These workshops are funded by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund and are open to residents of Hertfordshire only