



Weekly Newsletter

15th May 2026

Making learning a lifelong adventure

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

Dear Parents/Carers

This Week in School

What a strange week of all types of weather we have had, with sunglasses and brollies required in equal measure! Thank you to parent Steve Moss for capturing the supper image below on one such occasion.

Our Year 2 classes presented their assemblies to parents today. They began by posing the question *have you ever wondered what we get up to at school?* and took us on a *Day in the Life* type tour through the High Beeches Year 2 curriculum. Every child had lines to deliver on their own and group recitation, singing, movement and little vignettes of lessons in class made for a very engaging overall performance. Congratulations to the children and thank you to the teachers and support staff who put it all together.

Congratulations also to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their Key Stage 2 tests this week in spelling and grammar, reading and mathematics. We are proud of our broad curriculum and of our focus on character, values and readiness for the future, so these tests are not the be-all and end-all. However, we do want the children to be the best they can be, and to begin secondary school with recognition for their learning and progress. We are therefore equally proud of the effort they have made, the resilience they have shown and the sensible way in which they approached the tests.

Today they enjoyed an activity day at the Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead and next week they will be undertaking more outdoor and adventurous pursuits on their residential PACCAR trip.

This Sunday sees the first FoHBS Colour Run on the school field. With 200 tickets already sold, it is certainly looking like it is going to be a great opportunity to get some exercise in the outdoors and to raise some money for the school! T-shirts are provided, I understand... Thank you to the FOHBS organising team who are planning and running the event.



Double Gold for High Beeches

On the subject of sport, we learnt this week that, for second year in a row, we had been awarded the *School Games Gold Award*. This reflects high levels of pupil inclusion and participation in sport and physical activity, involvement in competitive sports, sports leadership opportunities and a strong range of extra-curricular sport. Many thanks tall those involved with our school sport, particularly, Mr George, Mrs Shewbridge and those parent s who have helped to facilitate participation in various off-site competitive sports.

Walk to School – Don't be a Parking Pain!

Don't forget that next week is *Walk to School Week*. See information overleaf about healthy ways to travel to school and for those who drive, please remember to use our *park and stride* at Crabtree Fields.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

*High Beeches - where the dreams that you dare to dream
really do come true.*



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class**
 - Grace For being more focused and challenging herself in LTP.
 - Charlie A For challenging himself to find ways of making 10.
- **Reception Oak Class**
 - Jake For listening during carpet time and trying hard with his writing.
 - Charlie For making a mobile tool belt and writing instructions for how to make one!
- **Year 1 Cedar Class**
 - Cooper For working collaboratively with his partner to learn about arrays and multiplication. Great teamwork!
 - Jake For being a great role model and supportive friend this week.
- **Year 1 Elm Class**
 - Louis For his brilliant work in maths exploring division by making groups.
 - Carys For making a fantastic book based on Little Red Riding Hood.
- **Year 2 Hazel Class**
 - Charlie For blowing us away with his incredibly BeeBot programming skills in computing.
 - Otis For making an excellent effort and improvement in his handwriting.
- **Year 2 Willow Class**
 - Ava For super dividing by grouping. Well done.
 - Jamie For writing 6 super verses for his colour poem. Well done
- **Year 3 Birch Class**
 - Harper For showing enthusiasm in science when making predictions and carrying out an observation overtime.
 - Green
 - Sam S For excellent work in maths when using a long division method for the first time.
- **Year 3 Redwood Class**
 - Meredith For creating a very effective poster showing the impact of the Vauxhall industry on Luton town.
 - Ryan For the great progress you've made in Maths – particularly when multiplying and dividing.
- **Year 4 Maple Class**
 - Shawn For engaging well in our history lesson on the English civil war.
 - Luna For showing resilience in maths while practising telling the time using 12 and 24 hour clocks.
- **Year 4 Pine Class**
 - Thomas For working well in science to make and test different switch types.
 - Alice For some impressive writing in English this week.
- **Year 5 Ash Class**
 - Theo For converting measurements accurately through different units of measure and when using a scale as a map.
 - Reenie For writing an excellent advert for High Beeches and including the features we discussed.
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class**
 - Hugo For your very persuasive advert promoting High Beeches to perspective parents.
 - Lincoln For your excellent work on converting units of measure.
- **Year 6 Rowan Class**
 - For demonstrating maturity, resilience and a positive attitude during SATs week – we are so proud of you!
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- **PE Awards Infants**
 - Luther For his excellent work while practising for long jump at sports Day. Well done!
 - Jake For great work with his practices for the cricket stump aim at Sports Day. Well done!
- **PE Awards Juniors**
 - Hannah For some excellent throwing and catching work with her partner in rounders.
 - Luna For some excellent throwing and catching work with her partner in rounders.

Supporting Families

Best Fiction Workshop for Parents of Children in Years 2, 3 and 4

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 9am on Friday 12th June in the Discovery Den.

Parenting Courses Available Locally



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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.

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

To book your place, call Louise on **0204 522 8700**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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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

Monday 1st June to 6th July 2026

9.30am to 11.30am

Online via MS Teams



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Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.

Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month

Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk





City of St Albans swimming club

OPEN JUNIOR TRIALS!

FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-9 YEARS OLD

 Have they achieved Stage 5 or above in lessons?
THEN WE WANT TO SEE THEM!

 **FREE** one hour trial session with our experienced coaches in the club.

 **6TH JUNE**
2.30-3.30PM
AT ST ALBANS HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

TO BOOK YOUR JUNIOR TRIAL, PLEASE EMAIL:
preclub@costasc.org

TRIALS ALL YEAR ROUND

FOR OUR COMPETITIVE AND PERFORMANCE SQUADS!

 We can accommodate swimmers for **THREE TRIAL SESSIONS** before joining.

 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT COMPETITIVE OR PERFORMANCE SQUAD TRIALS, PLEASE EMAIL:
headcoach@costasc.org

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Chestnut and Ash 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.

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>

Diary Dates <i>New or amended events</i>	
Sunday 17 May 2026	FoHBS Colour Run
Monday 18 May 2026	Year 1 Knebworth House and Gardens Visit
18 to 22 May 2026	Walk to School Week
Thursday 21 May 2026	Year 5 class assemblies: 9am Ash Class, 2:45pm Hawthorn Class
Thursday 21 May 2026	Burger Day
20-22 May 2026	Year 6 Residential - Paccar
Friday 22 May 2026	School closes for half-term break at normal time
Monday 1 June 2026	FoHBS Legoland Trip
Tuesday 2 June 2026	School opens for summer term 2
2 – 12 June 2026	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
2-5 June 2026	Special Curriculum Week – STEM
Thursday 4 June 2026	Class Group Photographs
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
Tues 16 June '26, 1:30pm	Y3/4 Sports Day
Friday 19 June 2026	Music on the Field event
Tues 23 June 26, 1:30pm	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 24 June 2026	Class Group Photographs
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
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



🌟 Walk to School Week is coming this May! 🌟

We're excited to take part in Walk to School Week — a great chance to build healthy habits, cut congestion, and help create cleaner air around our school. Walking or wheeling to school boosts children's physical and mental wellbeing, helps them arrive alert and ready to learn, and supports a greener environment.

How you can get involved:

- Encourage your child to walk or wheel to school as often as possible.
- If you can't walk the whole way, try a **Park and Stride** — park a short distance away and walk the rest.

To make things fun, each class will take part in a friendly competition to see who can walk or wheel the most. The winning class will enjoy **extra break time!** Don't forget to let your child know how many miles you covered each day.

Let's step into a healthier, greener week together! 🚶🚲🌱

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May Half Term Holiday BAKING CAMP



Sessions available for all ages ranging from 5-11+.



Sessions run on Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th May
at Manland & High Beeches Primary School.



We create 2-3 bakes each day – savoury and sweet
biscuits, cakes or desserts.



Full day as well as half day bookings available.

For more details and registration visit:

<https://baking-buddies.class4kids.co.uk>

or email bakingbuddiesfun@gmail.com

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