



Weekly Newsletter

14 November 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers

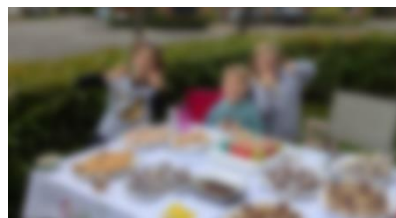
This Week in School

The children in Year 1 upwards participated in a moving act of remembrance on Tuesday morning, led by our House Ambassadors with additional poetry from Casper and Jack from Year 5. It was good to be able to honour those who have served on behalf of us in the past and those who help to keep us safe today.

Today the School Council have hosted another enjoyable Children in Need Day, helping to raise awareness of those less fortunate than the great majority of us and of how important it is to stand together with those in need. The mufti day and Pudsey biscuit sale have raised an amazing £1,300! Thank you everyone.

If you have been previously unable to make a donation on behalf of your child, you can still do so [here](#).

Congratulations to Annabel and Jessica in Year 3, who held a bake sale last weekend raising another £180 for BBC Children in Need.



Your Voice Counts

Thank you to those who completed our annual parent survey using the QR code supplied during our parent consultation meetings just before half-term. If you have not yet done so, we would still love to hear your views, so that you can contribute to our ongoing evaluation and improvement of the school. [Click here](#) to go to the survey which should take just a few minutes to complete.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

Sports Desk

Congratulations to the thirteen Year 5 and 6 pupils who attended the Harpenden Cross-country competition at Acres Corner on Wednesday. The children competed in year group boys' and girls' races, each competing with around 70 other children. Special congratulations to Amelie who came first in the Year 5 girls' race.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations Elliott in Year 3 and Leoni in Year 5 whose entries into the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition were commended and highly commended respectively. Both are invited to a special presentation ceremony at the Town Hall next week and Leoni has been invited to participate in the official Christmas lights switch on at the Christmas Carnival on 23 November.

Congratulations also to the following children for their achievements this week, which earned them a headteacher's or PE award.

• Reception Chestnut Class	George	For showing great concentration when using the Hama Beads
	Jack	For always showing such good focus in phonics lessons.
• Reception Oak Class	Riley	For showing creativity in music and role play.
	Toby	For improvement in listening.
	Jake	For challenging himself in maths this week, using patterns to find all the possible solutions. Great work!
• Year 1 Cedar Class	Fred	For working hard in maths to find all the possible solutions to a word problem. Well done!
• Year 1 Elm Class	Louie	For his positive approach to school life.
	Lydia	For her lovely writing for the story of 'The Princess and the Pea'.
	Benjamin	For working really well as a group during our maths investigation. Your teamwork and cooperation skills really stood out!
• Year 2 Hazel Class	Rayyan	For challenging himself in all lessons.
	Archie	For writing a neat story opening with a range of openers and conjunctions. Well done!
• Year 2 Willow Class	Chin	For super addition and subtraction of multiples of ten. Well done!
	Ian	For showing resilience in computing this week. Well done, Ian!
• Year 3 Birch Class	Tilly	For working hard in English to plan a fable of her own. We can't wait to read it. Well done!
	Alfie	For confidently tackling column subtraction with regrouping
• Year 3 Redwood Class	Josh P-W	For accurate subtraction with regrouping including problem solving.
	Rosie	For making an excellent start to her explanation text in English.
• Year 4 Maple Class	Omar	For having a consistently positive attitude towards his learning, you are a great role model!
• Year 4 Pine Class	Ayesha	Incorporating taught features well into her writing in English
	Molly	Great focus and positivity with maths this week
	Alfie	For using a range of mental maths strategies for addition and subtraction.
• Year 5 Ash Class	Colby	For always being keen to share answers in class and using evidence to support your ideas.
	Bella	For your excellent understanding of column subtraction this week
• Year 5 Hawthorn Class	Hugo	For producing a creative vector drawing and thinking outside the box in computing this week
	Ella B	For her confidence and independence when manipulating fractions
• Year 6 Rowan Class	Harper	For exploring and using a range of literary devices effectively in her writing
	Daisy	For an excellent paragraph in English this week which used imagery, metaphor and excellent vocabulary.
• Year 6 Sycamore Class	Oscar	For the improvement in his concentration and focus during lesson time.
	Evelyn	For showing excellent control while dribbling a football. Well done!
• PE Awards Infants	Hetty	For her creative moves in out dance class this week. Well done!
	Jolie	For a wonderful paired dance - Picking up the beat well and timing moves to the music. Well done!
• PE Awards Juniors	Freddie	For a wonderful paired dance - Picking up the beat well and timing moves to the music. Well done!



Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Cedar and Birch classes who have the best attendance this week, with 100% attendance.

Diary Dates

Additions or amendments shown in purple.

Friday 14 November 2025, 3pm

Year 4 Open Classrooms

Wednesday 26 November 2025, 3pm

Year 6 Open Classrooms

Thursday 27 November 2025, 3pm

Year 1 Open Classrooms

Thursday 27 November 2025, 3pm

Year 5 Open Classrooms

Friday 28 November 2025, 3pm

Year 3 Open Classrooms

Monday 1 December 2025

School closed for Occasional Day

Thursday 4 December 2025, 9:15am

Reception Nativity 1st performance

Friday 5 December 2025, 9:15am

Reception Nativity 2nd performance

Wed 3 December 2025

Year 6 Choir attends Rotary in Harpenden Carol Service at High Street Methodist Church

~~Saturday 6 December 2025~~

~~*Provisional date for FoHBS Christmas Fair*~~

Tuesday 9 December 2025

Year 2 Nativity

- 1:30pm - Hazel Class
- 2:30pm - Willow Class

10 December 2025, 6pm

Choir to attend Mayor of Harpenden's Carol Service

Monday 15 December 2025, from 2:15pm

Year 1 Christmas Carols around the Tree

2:15 – Elm Class

2:45 - Cedar

Friday 12 December 2025, 3pm

Year 2 Open Classrooms

Wednesday 17 Dec 2025

5pm - KS2 Green and Red House Carol Service

6:30pm - KS2 Blue and Yellow House Carol Service

Thurs 18 December 2025

School Christmas dinner, discos and L & D Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19 December 2025, 2pm

School closes at 2pm for Christmas holiday