



Weekly Newsletter

19th June 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all the children for their performances in the sunshine this afternoon for our annual *Music on the Field* event. It was lovely to see parents and other family members there, braving the almost-heatwave temperatures. Thank you to the school staff and especially our music teacher, Mrs Jo Sands, for putting the whole thing together. See picture below.

Preparing for September 2026

There is already lots of work going on to help the children make the transition into the next academic year. Year 6 pupils have been meeting teachers from their new schools and next week we will be holding a welcome evening for parents of children starting Reception in September. We look forward to the number of visits they will be making during July.

For those moving up to new year groups at High Beeches, we can now confirm classes and teachers for next year (see right). We understand the importance of a smooth transition from one year group to the next and class teachers are already planning the children's transition for each cohort and according to individual need. The main transition day, when each class will meet their new teacher(s) for the morning takes place on Thursday 9 July.

Parents will see that there are only a small number of changes to class teacher roles this September. Alongside a teaching commitment in Sycamore Class, Mrs Hill will be working to raise achievement across the school. Mr Young will continue to deliver computing to all of Years 1 to 6 and Mr George will work across the school as PE coach.

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye at the end of this term to Mrs Kat Harrison who will be leaving us to take up a new post at Kimpton Primary School. Mrs Harrison has been at High Beeches for a phenomenal 12 years, first as class teacher and then as a valued member of the school leadership team, and will be sorely missed.

In September, we will be welcoming two new teachers. Mrs Melanie Trew and Miss Nicole Lang. Both Early Career Teachers, Mrs Trew previously worked and trained at nearby Grove Infant School and Miss Lang completed some of her training with us at High Beeches. We look forward to welcoming them to the team.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Classes and Class Teachers from September 2026

25/26 Class	26/27 Class	Teacher
	R Chestnut	Mrs M Trew
	R Oak	Mrs K Rawson and Mrs S Shewbridge (Fridays)
Chestnut	Y1 Cedar	Mrs H Reeve and Mrs S Roberson (Fridays)
Oak	Y1 Elm	Mrs H Richardson and Mrs A Cunningham
Elm	Y2 Hazel	Miss N Lang
Cedar	Y2 Willow	Mrs L Priolo and Mrs S Roberson (Thursdays)
Willow	Y3 Birch	Miss L Smart
Hazel	Y3 Redwood	Ms E Dixon and Mrs S Gardener
Redwood	Y4 Maple	Miss E Davenport
Birch	Y4 Pine	Mr E Gardiner
Pine	Y5 Ash	Ms S Russon and Mrs C Burley (Fridays)
Maple	Y5 Hawthorn	Mr J Hancock and Mrs A Stevenson (Fridays)
Hawthorn	Y6 Rowan	Miss E Pike
Ash	Y6 Sycamore	Ms S Carter and Mrs R Hill (2 afternoons)

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- Reception Chestnut Class**

Jae	For trying so hard with his phonics. Well done Jae
Elias	For always being such a good role model to everyone in Chestnut class :)
- Reception Oak Class**

Charlie PG	For improving his junk modelling to add extra features
Zach	For carefully designed junk modelling with lots of features.
- Year 1 Cedar Class**

Alex	For creating a wonderful moving picture in D and T.
Jack	For creating a wonderful moving picture in D and T.
- Year 1 Elm Class**

Immy	For making a fantastic moving picture in D&T. You had a really original idea.
Blake	For working really hard to write some descriptive and perfectly punctuated sentences about bugs.
- Year 2 Hazel Class**

Rayyan	For showing creativity and imagination in his superhero story.
Layth	For confidence and charisma when sharing his knowledge during RE
- Year 2 Willow Class**

Ottillie	For trying hard in Maths and following patterns. Well done!
Cara	For being a positive role model and a helpful class member. Well done!
- Year 3 Birch Class**

Whole Class	For representing the school brilliantly during our school trip to Kew Gardens
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- Year 3 Redwood Class**

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- Year 4 Maple Class**

James	For making an excellent deduction about the properties of an isosceles triangle based on the root iso.
Logan	For being a great role model on Sports Day and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout all activities.
- Year 4 Pine Class**

Haniya	For her speed, competitiveness and sportsmanship at Sports Day.
Sam	For his commitment, performance and teamwork at Sports Day!
- Year 5 Ash Class**

Emma	For writing an excellent poem and using simile and metaphor to great effect.
Chloe	For writing a thoughtful and impactful poem about what makes life great.
- Year 5 Hawthorn Class**

Sam	For showing great respect to visitors and adults around the school
Liliana	For writing a fantastic free verse poem.
- Year 6 Rowan Class**

Amari	For writing at greater length and using dialogue more effectively.
Cadiz	For being braver and bolder in your writing!
- Year 6 Sycamore Class**

Erin	For the effort and determination shown during our play rehearsals.
Daisy	For brilliant fantasy story which uses dialogue, fronted adverbials and ambitious vocabulary.

Staying Safe

Heat Health Alert

The UK Health Security Agency have issued an amber heat health alert until Tuesday evening across the East of England. Do make sure families and their children stay protected and hydrated over the weekend, and avoid being in the sun for too long, paying special attention to very young children and the elderly or vulnerable.

In the light of this, please note the following:

- Uniform rules will be relaxed for Monday to Wednesday next week. Children may wear their summer uniform, school PE kit or other suitable cool loose-fitting clothes. PE kit should be worn as usual for PE days for Juniors (Years 3 to 6) and those in the infants may wear theirs all day if parents wish.
- We expect (barring any significant changes to the forecast) to postpone our Y5/6 sports day in favour of the reserve date, Wednesday 8 July, and will confirm this on Monday.
- The children will have limited outdoor play and will be encouraged to use areas of shade and to keep drinking. Please help them by ensuring they have sunhats, water bottles and a good coating of sun cream.

VACCINATIONS - Important Message from the Director of Public Health

Ahead of the summer break we would like to share an important message from our Director of Public Health Sarah Perman.

Dear Parent, Carer

The number of children with measles has increased since the start of the year, with most cases in unvaccinated children aged 10 years and under. Measles is a very infectious illness which can make children very unwell and sometimes leads to serious complications. Sadly, two children in England have died from measles in 2026.

In Hertfordshire we have had outbreaks of measles in some of our schools and cases of measles are increasing. I am therefore asking that parents take the following actions:

- *Check your child's red book or the NHS App to make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations.*
- *If your child has missed one or both doses of MMR, please contact your GP practice to arrange an appointment.*
- *You can also contact your local Community & School Aged Immunisation Service who run vaccination sessions for all ages. Details can be found [here](#).*
- *If your child is ill and you are worried it might be measles, check symptoms of measles [here](#). If you need help, please phone your GP or 111 and follow their advice.*

An alternative vaccine is available for those who want to avoid pork products. You can find out about this when booking an appointment. The MMR vaccination is safe and free in the NHS and highly effective in protecting children from three serious diseases, Measles, Mumps and Rubella."

Yours faithfully

*Sarah Perman
Director of Public Health
Hertfordshire County Council*

Sports Desk

In addition to the England Men's 4-2 victory in Dallas this week, it has been a busy sporting week in school. Our Year 3 and 4 children who participated in the first of our sports days on Tuesday afternoon. We are looking forward to Year 5/6 and Infant sports days next week.

A group of Year 6 pupils spent the day at Harpenden Cricket Club on Wednesday this week, competing in the Harpenden Schools Cricket Tournament, reaching the semi-finals and coming 3rd overall in the big schools competition. See picture right.

Erratum – We omitted to report that Year 3 pupils Luca and Josh N also collected awards from Harpenden Colts the week before last.



Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Elm, Hazel 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.

Hot Weather

See previous page for heatwave precautions.

Diary Dates <i>New or amended events</i>	
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)
Wednesday 8 July 2026	Reserve Sports Day for Infants (9:15am) and Y5/6 (1:30pm)
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

making waves Swimming

SUMMER CRASH COURSES 2026

SANDRINGHAM SCHOOL, ST ALBANS,
MONDAY 27 - 31 JULY. MONDAY 10 - 14 AUGUST

ALDWICKBURY SCHOOL, HARPENDEN,
MONDAY 27 - 31 JULY, MONDAY 3 - 7 AUGUST

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