



Weekly Newsletter

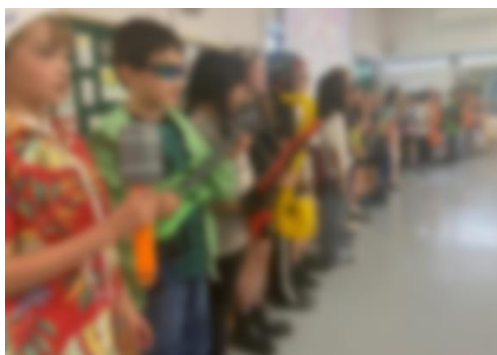
8th May 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have enjoyed another pair of class assemblies, this time by our Year 4 classes. As usual, it was lovely to see parents in school for these. The presentations took us to *Top of the Pops* with a top five countdown of this year's favourite learning in Year 4, from Haikus to Hieroglyphics and from scientific classification to killer kings and queens! Congratulations to the children and thank you to the staff team for helping them to put the assemblies together.



Next week our Year 6 pupils will be enjoying a day on the dry ski slopes at Hemel Snow Centre on Friday after completing their Key Stage 2 tests during the week.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

Sports Desk

Congratulations to the nine Year 4 pupils who attended the Harpenden Y3/4 football tournament yesterday at Sauncey Wood. The team won their group and made it through to the semi-final and final, playing brilliantly and only losing 1-0 to Grove Juniors at the very end. A huge thank you to Mr George for coaching and leading the team and to parent helper Mr Davies for accompanying the children.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Chestnut Class**
 - Rosha For participating with such enthusiasm in maths sessions.
 - Penelope For trying so hard when writing independently. Well done!
- **Reception Oak Class**
 - Sadie For always having a positive and 'have a go' attitude to learning.
 - Cyrus For trying really hard with his independent writing.
- **Year 1 Cedar Class**
 - Elodie For planning a great story with her learning partner!
 - Theo For working hard to slow down and improve his handwriting.
- **Year 1 Elm Class**
 - Freddie For completing some brilliant work in maths exploring sharing.
 - Ethan For his brilliant ideas for his own Little Red Riding Hood story.
 - Lucy For being responsible learning her assembly lines and reading with lots of expression.
- **Year 2 Hazel Class**
 - Freida For her responses to Hundertwasser's architecture.
- **Year 2 Willow Class**
 - Niamh For super story planning ideas in English. Well done!
 - Archie For using multiplication to solve problems in Maths. Well done!
 - Josh I For accurately using direct speech when writing story instructions.
- **Year 3 Birch Class**
 - Tilly For creating excellent illustrations, using line drawing and a water colour wash in art.
- **Year 3 Redwood Class**
 - Dulcie For working hard to improve her handwriting by applying joins.
 - Sebastian For showing determination with his learning during Maths. Keep up the effort :)
 - Logan For Consistently being an excellent role model – you listen attentively, are polite to staff and are resilient learner. Well done!
- **Year 4 Maple Class**
 - Isla For making good contributions to our history lesson on Henry VIII this week.
- **Year 4 Pine Class**
 - Kody For his great focus and effort in class this week.
 - Freddie For preparing, rehearsing and performing outstandingly in our class assembly.
- **Year 5 Ash Class**
 - Yusuf For using ambitious vocabulary in your explanation text and find just the right word.
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class**
 - Charlie For using accurate punctuation when writing an explanation text.
 - Maya For producing a fantastic explanation text on how to survive a desert island.
- **Year 6 Rowan Class**
 - Isaiah For your resilience by responding well to a difficult situation and being able to produce food work all week.
 - Zara H For really challenging herself across the curriculum in the last few weeks
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class**
 - Eleanor For her teamwork and resilience when tackling challenging word problems and supporting others
 - Marcin For working hard alongside his Year 6 adults in preparation for his SATs next week.
 - Taylor
 - Teddy For always communicating with his peers and adults in a respectful manner. Teddy is polite and empathetic to the those around him.
 - Jackson
 - Eden For showing great concentration and effort to improve on his overarm throwing. Well done!
- **PE Awards Infants**
 - Mable For excellent work in our practice for the egg and spoon race at sports day. Well done!
 - Henry For great work with his overarm throwing and catching in rounders. Well done!
- **PE Awards Juniors**
 - Asher For great work with his overarm throwing and catching in rounders. Well done!

Further Information and Reminders

Attendance

Congratulations to Elm 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.

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)."

| Diary Dates <i>New or amended events</i> | |
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| 11-14 May 2026 | KS2 Tests |
| Friday 15 May 2026 | Y2 class assemblies: 9am Hazel, 2:45pm Willow |
| Friday 15 May 2026 | Y6 Hemel Snow Dome |
| Sunday 17 May 2026 | FoHBS Colour Run |
| Monday 18 May 2026 | Year 1 Knebworth House and Gardens Visit |
| 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 |