



Weekly Newsletter

16 January 2026

Making learning a lifelong adventure

Our values focus for this half-term is **What three gifts?**

Dear Parents/Carers

Visits to our neighbouring residential care home, Willow Court recommenced this week and we hope that all classes from Year 2 upwards will have the opportunity to visit again this term. Yesterday's visit was the turn of Year 3 Redwood class and the children enjoyed chatting and decorating biscuits with a number of the residents. This included one lady who, at an impressive 104, is their oldest resident!



Next week, all the Infant children (Reception to Year 2) will be participating in a free drama workshop given by *Perform*.

Do have a look at this week's FoHBS News (attached and the first of 2026) for updates on spending plans and forthcoming events, which are also given in the diary dates on page 4.

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for all their achievements this week.

• Reception Chestnut Class	Harrison	For showing good learning behaviours in class this week. Well done!
	Millie	For having a go to work more independently when building a bed for Goldilocks.
• Reception Oak Class	Zack	For working so hard to improve his pencil grip and letter formation.
	Daphne	For great spelling using a whiteboard in phonics.
• Year 1 Cedar Class	Beau	For using such wonderful language and ideas in English this week.
	Mila	For such careful presentation when writing her story 'Mila's Stick'.
• Year 1 Elm Class	Lyla	For working really hard to improve her handwriting with a focus on forming f and s correctly.
	Benji	For taking care to select the correct grapheme when spelling words in phonics.
• Year 2 Hazel Class	Margot	For making a real effort with making her handwriting. Your letter shapes are a lot clearer and easier to read!
	Freida	For clear and neat bar models when regrouping coins in Maths.
• Year 2 Willow Class	Alex	For super effort in maths and presenting maths neatly. Well done
	Sophie	For neat, beautifully presented handwriting. Well done.
• Year 3 Birch Class	Jack	For improved focus and concentration in learning time resulting in excellent work and fantastic contributions. Keep it up, Jack!
	Saraiya	For excellent presentation and hand-writing across all of her work. Well done, Saraiya!
• Year 3 Redwood Class	Zoey	For the super progress you've made with your handwriting!
	Elise	For writing an effective character description including well-chosen adverbs.
• Year 4 Maple Class	Josie	For using legible and joined handwriting in all your work. Well done!
	William	For showing good teamwork skills when making a Roman soldier recruitment video.
• Year 4 Pine Class	Jake	For maintaining high handwriting standards across all lessons.
	Kody	For being polite and courteous when communicating with others
• Year 5 Ash Class	Amy	For always using beautifully joined handwriting across the curriculum.
	Christopher	For working hard to add and subtract fractions then apply this to problems.
• Year 5 Hawthorn Class	Liliana	For working really hard on improving your handwriting this week.
	Mia D	For your excellent work on adding and subtracting fractions.
• Year 6 Rowan Class	Elizabeth	For always taking pride in her work and handwriting, while striving to get more out of each lesson.
	Monty	For his hard work in developing a wider range of ideas and positive approach to new methods
• Year 6 Sycamore Class	Cailey	For beautiful handwriting across all subjects.
	Emily	For working absolutely fantastically with her group in Geography to research the biome allocated to her.
• PE Awards Infants	Theo	For some excellent work on shapes, balance and travel in gymnastics this week. Well done!
	Charlie	For his beautiful 'shapes' work in gymnastics this week. Well done!
• PE Awards Juniors	Alex	For focusing on coaching points and working extremely hard to improve his forward rolls. Well done!
	Alex R	For focusing on coaching points and working extremely hard to improve his forward rolls. Well done!
	Alfie	For focusing on coaching points and working extremely hard to improve his forward rolls. Well done!

Supporting Families

Please see the attached flyer from [Hertfordshire Libraries](#) who are celebrating their centenary this year. Membership is a free and it is a great way to keep both children and adults well supplied with quality reading material in the year ahead.

Further Information and Reminders

Correct Email for School Office – Ensuring Messages Get Through!

Please note that the school office email is admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk. Some parents are inadvertently emailing [reception@highbeeches...](mailto:reception@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk) (believing this to be the email for our school receptionist. However, this is actually the year group email for the Reception staff team and is used and managed as set out below.

- ✓ All urgent messages and those to do with school dinners, other payments, consultation bookings etc should be communicated via the school office by telephone or email admin@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk.
- ✓ Unplanned absence should be notified via the office by telephoning 01582 767966 and selecting option 2.
- ✓ Messages regarding non-urgent, curriculum and pastoral matters can be addressed directly to the year group teams via their email yearsix@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk; yearfive@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk etc

Attendance

Congratulations to Willow and Hawthorn classes who have the best attendance this week, with 97.3% and 99.3% attendance.

Diary Dates

Additions or amendments shown in purple.

Friday 23 February, 3:15 to 4:50pm

Friday 30 February, 3:15 to 4:50pm

Friday 30 Jan 2026, 2:30pm

Monday 2 February 2026

Tuesday 3 February 2026

Tuesday 3 February 2026

5 and 6 February 2026

Thursday 5 February 3pm

& Friday 6 February 2026, 8:45am

Friday 6 February 2026

9 to 13 February 2026

Monday 9 February 2026

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Thursday 12 February 2026

Thursday 12 February, 3pm

& Friday 13 February 2026, 8:45am

Friday 13 February 2026

Friday 13 February 2026, 2:50pm

Friday 13 February 2026

Thursday 26 February, 3pm

& Friday 27 February 2026, 8:45am

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Thursday 12 March, 3pm

& Friday 13 March 2026, 8:45am

Tuesday 17 March 2026, 6pm

Saturday 21 March 2026

Thursday 19 March, 3pm

& Friday 20 March 2026, 8:45am

Monday 23 March 2026

Tuesday 24 March 2026

24 and 26 March 2026, 3:45 to 7pm

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Thursday 26 March 2026

Friday 27 March 2026, 2pm

Thurs/Fri 23rd -24th April 2026

Friday 15th May 2026

Thursday 11th June 2026

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

FoHBS Movie Night (Reception to Year 3)

FoHBS Movie Night (Years 4 to 6)

KS2 Test and Pacar Residential Information Meeting for Y6 Parents

Year 3 and 4 First Aid Workshops

Reception Pirate Workshop

Year 6 Mid-year reports to parents

Y6 Parent Consultations- Portal opens 20th Jan 7.30pm to book.

- *Thursday 5 February, 2:30 to 5pm*

- *Friday 6 February, 2pm to 4:30pm*

Year 4 Open Classrooms

FoHBS Quiz Night

The High Beeches Be Safe Week

Reception – Year 2 Fire Safety Visits from Hertfordshire Fire Service

Parent Cybercrime Awareness Workshop – 8:50am

Year 5 and 6 Cybercrime Awareness Workshop – Herts Constabulary

Y5 Visit to Hazard Alley

Y6 Visit to Hazard Alley

Year 5 Open Classrooms

House Ambassadors' Charity Fundraiser

Sit Together and Read event for Reception parents

School closes for half-term break

Year 1 Open Classrooms

Year 3 Open Classrooms

Year 5 Mayan Workshop

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Spring Music Evening – instrumentalist concert

FoHBS Easter Egg Hunt

Year 6 Open Classrooms

Year 2 Open Classrooms

Mid-year Reports for Reception to Year 5

Spring Festival – invited choir

Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 5

KS2 Speakers' Cup Final

KS1 Speakers' Cup Final

School closes for Easter holiday

Year 4 PACCAR

Y6 Hemel Snow Dome

Y3 Kew Gardens

Class Group Photographs

Y5 Young Mariners Visit