

# Hatfield Heath Primary School Newsletter

*"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"*

*Issue 23*



Hello there,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the Spring sunshine

Thank you very much for your donations to the Myeloma charity last week when we all wore orange! The children looked glorious in their bright colours. You raised £342.00 for this little known but important charity that is close to the heart of one of our families. They have also asked me to pass their thanks to you too.

Next Friday we will be **closing at 2.30pm** next Friday and returning to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## Meningitis

I am sure that you have heard about the worrying outbreak of meningitis in two of the universities in Kent and obviously about the students who have died. Essex have issued a short paragraph to explain their view. They are preparing a statement to give families more information and guidance. Please see the statement below:

*The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency. Simply being a contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk. If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Security webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.*

This week we focused on Hard Work and Responsibility as our value and we talked about Stranger Danger and how we must take responsibility and keep ourselves safe. We talked about what to do if we are lost and what to do if a stranger tries to make us leave with them. **Many of the children did not know their parents phone number if they got lost. Please remind them of this and practice remembering. These children have shown great responsibility and hard work this week. Well done!**



## Holiday Dates 2026-2027

Please find the dates for the new school year, so that you are able to plan your holidays and ensure attendance is kept high.

Term	Dates
INSET	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026
Autumn, Term 1	From Wednesday 2 September 2026 until Friday 23 October 2026
Autumn half term	Monday 26 October 2026 until Friday 30 October 2026
INSET DAY	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
Autumn, Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026 until Friday 18 December 2026
Winter holiday (Christmas)	Monday 21 December 2026 until Thursday 31 December 2026
Spring, term 1	Monday 4 January 2027 until Friday 12 February 2027
INSET DAY	Thursday 21 January 2027
Spring half term	Monday 15 February 2027 until Friday 19 February 2027
Spring, term 2	Monday 22 February 2027 until Thursday 25 March 2027
Easter holiday	Friday 26 March 2027 until Friday 9 April 2027
Early May bank holiday	Monday 3 May 2027
Summer, term 1	Monday 12 April 2027 until Friday 28 May 2027
INSET DAY	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
Summer Half Term	Monday 31 May 2027 until Friday 4 June 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
Summer Term 2	Monday 7 June 2027 until Wednesday 21 July 2027

Last Friday, Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Harlow qualifiers. Both teams put in really impressive performances and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout. Year 6 won all their games, so won their group. The Harlow Finals awaits...

Years 3 and 4 will also join them in the challenge to win...



Why not pop down to Harlow Rugby Club to give rugby a try?



**Harlow Rugby Club**  
**Free Taster Sessions**  
Sunday mornings

9am-10am (u6-u8)  
10am-11.30am (u9-u12)

✉ : [minichair@harlowrugby.club](mailto:minichair@harlowrugby.club)

## Attendance

Thank you so much for all of your efforts to get your child into school every day and on time. Check your child's attendance on MCAS and see how they are doing.

Overall attendance from September until now: 96.8% (0.0%)

Year 1	96.4% (-0.1)
Year 2	95.7% (0.0)
Year 3	97.4% (0.0)
Year 4	96.9% (+0.1)
Year 5	97.3% (+0.1)
Year 6	96.8% (0.0)

This week Year 5 have been taking poems from the page to the stage with performance poetry and rapping. They produced some very energetic and creative performances!



## Young Carer- Is your child a Young Carer?

If you think that your child or children qualify as a young carer

A young carer is anyone under 18 who looks after someone with an illness, disability, mental health needs or substance misuse issues. This may mean helping with personal care, cooking, organising medication, looking after brothers or sisters, or helping with communication and day to day tasks. Many young carers don't realise they're carers or that help is available.

**A letter will be coming home and if you think that your child is a young carer, let us know, so that we can help your child and your family.**

This week, we had a visiting scientist who helped the children investigate and experiment. The children were absolutely thrilled with their exploration!



We dressed in red for Comic Relief Day and shared our funniest jokes, which will be made into a Joke Book for the Library!



### Upcoming Dates

23.3.26-25.3.26 Bikeability Group 2

24.3.26 Music Tuition Assembly 9.10am

25.3.26 - Spelling Bee

25.3.26 Yr 2 SATs meeting

26.3.26 9.30am Year 3 and 4 Poetry Recital

26.3.26 *PFA – Easter Egg Hunt- After School*

**Easter Holidays- 28<sup>th</sup> March -12<sup>th</sup> April**

15.4.26 Yr3 Roman workshop

### **Getting Support for you and your family**

**Sometimes life is difficult and we can struggle with our Mental Health. If you or someone you love is struggling you might want to contact MIND**

[www.MindInWestEssex.org.uk](http://www.MindInWestEssex.org.uk)

