

Hatfield Heath Primary School Newsletter

"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"

Issue 26



Dear Parents and Families

Finally, the sunny days are here! The world seems a lovelier place when the sky is blue and the sun is shining.

Please remember to put sun cream on your child before school as we cannot apply it for the children in school.

This week we have had a visit from a fire marshal in year 4, a gymnastic competition and years 1 and 2 played rugby with Matt from Ruggerkidz.

Gymnastics Competition

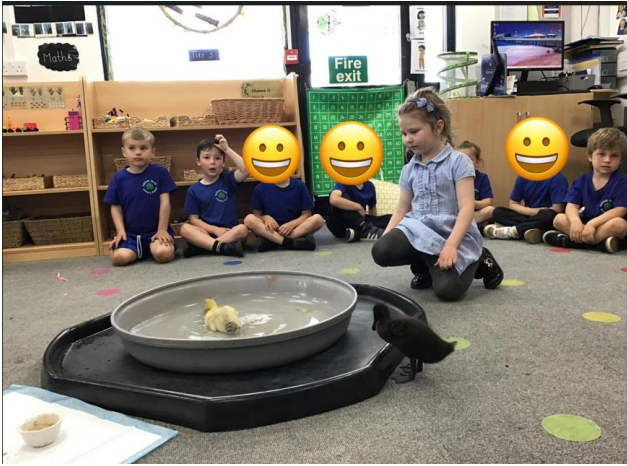
9 schools across Harlow competed in the Year 3 and 4 gymnastics competition in Great Parndon. Expertly coached by Lindsey Lester, they performed a series of routines. The B Team scored bronze medals and the A Team won gold. They were brilliant!

Here's the 5/6

Gymnasts from Year 5 and 6 also performed brilliantly in the afternoon of the same event. 11 teams battled for the prizes and both teams performed brilliantly, with the B team just missing a medal in 4th, and the A team gaining silver for 2nd place.



Reception News!



It has been an exciting week in Reception. Our butterflies finally hatched and we were treated to a special visit from Aurelia's ducklings!

Reception have been busy learning about minibeasts and looked for different types of minibeasts in the school grounds. They have also been learning how to throw and catch.



Eco Council – A message from Mrs Dordoy

Children in KS2 have the opportunity to become part of our school Eco Council. Together, we will lead the school's efforts to become greener, more sustainable and more environmentally responsible. Children who are interested should write a short paragraph explaining why they would be the right person for this role and hand it to their class teacher by Tuesday 5th May. Following this, two children from each year group (Years 3-6) will be chosen to represent their class on the council.



Upcoming Dates

Year 2 Trip to the zoo

6.5.26 The Two Johns Visit- Evening Parent session

WB 11.5.26- SATs week

11.6.26- New Reception Intake Meeting

14.6.26- History Workshop

12.6.26 Yr3 Natural History Museum Tring visit

18.6.26 PFA Father's Day Shop

20.5.26 Reception Visit to Hatfield Forest

17.7.2026 Last day at school

**Roblox? Minecraft? Reddit? YouTube?
Discord? Whatsapp? TikTok?**

If your child uses any of these sites and games then please come and learn how to support your child through this dangerous world.

The Two Johns will be with us on Wednesday evening for parents after a day with the children and staff **Wednesday 6th May . 6.30pm**

Come and listen to their insightful and very worrying knowledge about safeguarding children. **This workshop is long awaited and will not be repeated for a few years.**

We have talked about World Autism Acceptance Month and how we need to understand that people are different and we should look after and care for everyone. We have also been learning about World Health Day and the local area. We are also listening to music about friendship!

These children won Heath value award for all of the values.



Our amazing group of children won awards for hard work on their times tables.

They have become rockstars! We are currently **18th out of 26** schools in a 5 mile radius.



In Year 1 have been fruit tasting. We have been testing to see if the fruits are firm or soft for D.T. because we are preparing to make fruit kebabs.



Photos from year 4's school trip to Layer Marney Tower.

We had a lovely day, the children completed 4 activities: Looking at Viking artefacts and trying to guess what they were, archery, making clay pots and using Viking runes to decorate them and working in teams to create models of Viking longboats. We had a fabulous day and all the staff at Layer Marney commented on how wonderfully the children worked on the activities, showed resilience and behaved well!



Uniform Rail in the Foyer

Save the planet! Don't buy new uniform

In the foyer, we have a range of uniform items that are available to take away for free . Please come and grab an item.

If not, it will be thrown away at the end of the year.

Attendance

We will be finishing our school year on the 17th July, which is earlier than some schools. There are many events to look forward to: performances, sports days, picnics and sunny days where memories are made. It is so important for your children to attend for all of these days.

I really understand how expensive holidays are in the school holidays, but there are detrimental effects to children who miss school regularly.

Absent children miss out on many things:

Friendships- Friends are very important when you are young. It is difficult for children to maintain their friendships when they are not in school. Children want to feel certainty about who they will play with and this can be a source of worry for both parties.

Attainment- Every moment in school counts, school moves along quite quickly and if days are missed, children can lose their learning blocks; it might be the planning for a story, finishing a science activity, working on a model or painting.

Long term life outcomes- Children who do not attend regularly in primary school tend to become worse attenders in secondary school. Evidence shows that financial outcomes in adulthood and life chances are reduced.

I know mornings can be tricky and sometimes children can be reluctant to come to school, there may be a reason or no reason, but please come and talk to us if you are struggling on a regular basis. We can often find ways to help.

| Overall attendance from September until now:96.7% (0.0%) | |
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| Y1 | 96.7% (0.0) |
| Y2 | 95.9% (0.0) |
| Y3 | 97.2 % (0.0) |
| Y 4 | 96.8% (0.0) |
| Y5 | 97.2% (-0.1) |
| Y 6 | 96.5% (+0.1) |

