

Hatfield Heath Primary School Newsletter

"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"

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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.

The Two Johns Finally Arrived in the school this week.

They worked with every class across the school , then after school with staff and then finally with parents in the evening. A huge thank you to all parents who managed to join us for this. Also huge thanks to the PFA who are helping to part fund this.

There were a number of key takeaways from the day:

Children as young as reception know about a range of influencers.

Lots of the children in Years 1 and 2, thought that toys were for 'babies'.

The children didn't understand that going 'live' in their bedrooms with devices was very dangerous.

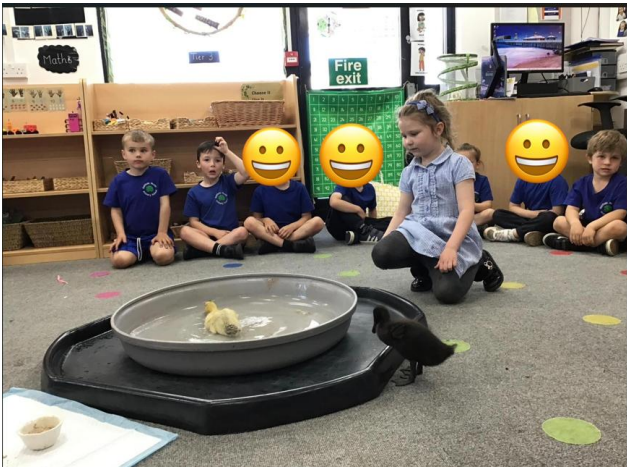
That children have begun to understand that their childhood memories are being lost by being on devices.

Parents know that indecent images of children aged 3-6 years rose by over a 1000% on the internet.

I am currently waiting for the code to be sent for an online session at 8.00pm on Thursday, so that if you missed it, or want to watch again, then you can.



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.



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 binned at the end of the year.

Year 6 have continued to explore World War 2 when they built Anderson Shelters in their Design and Technology lesson.





Our Year 2 Class went to Colchester Zoo. The weather was perfect and the children were very excited to see the animals and Mrs Atherton said that there was a collective gasp when the children saw the elephants! Thanks to the parents that attended to make the day run really smoothly.

Upcoming Dates

WB 11.5.26- SATs week

11th ,12th,13th May EYFS
and KS1 Sport Experience

20.5.26 Reception Visit to
Hatfield Forest

*21.5.26 PFA Family Quiz
5.30pm-8.00pm*

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*

17.7.2026 Last day at
school

Next week our Year 6's will take their SATs Tests.

These are the children who didn't go on any trips in year 1 because of Covid. Instead, they wiggled their socks at a screen whilst they giggled and learned with their friends.

SATs are important, but they are not everything.

SATs do not measure friendships,

They do not measure artistic skills and team work in P.E.

SATs don't measure kindness or a 'well done mate that was a great effort'

SATs don't measure helping your buddy in Reception or reading with the Year 2 children.

SATs don't measure opening doors and saying thank you and please.

SATs are not a measure of character and decency.

They are a rite of passage, a new challenge and a gateway to the next step.

So next week, when they finally wear their Leavers' Hoodies on Friday, they will have done their very, very best.

Be proud, because I am.

Good Luck Year 6!

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. These children won the Heath value award for Equality. We are also listening to music about friendship!



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!

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





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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.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been testing their bridge designs and construction to see if it could cope with the 'Nemesis Car' - an unnecessarily weighty toy car. They studied bridge designs and came up with their own ingenious solutions and improvements.



Attendance to date- all looking very steady. Well done to those classes above 96%! Our attendance is among the best in Essex!

Overall attendance from September until now: 96.7% (0.0%)

Y1	96.6% (-0.1)
Y2	95.9% (0.0)
Y3	97.2 % (0.0)
Y 4	96.7% (-0.1)
Y5	97.2% (-0.1)
Y 6	96.3% (-0.2)

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!

