

Hatfield Heath Primary School

Newsletter

"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"

Issue 17



Hello there,

I hope that you are well. Again, we are settling quietly into the new year and focusing on our learning. Most classes have given in their handwriting entries for the Handwriting Competition and in the next week or so the Spelling Bee will begin. We are launching our Year 3 and 4 Poetry Recital and Young Writers Poetry Competition

We have just won our Healthy Schools award, which means that we are meeting the standard for keeping our school healthy. Look out for the plaque in the lobby. Lots of things to celebrate!

We have been encouraging children to read with our class tracking. It is so important for parents to be involved in their child's reading. **Children who read have better life chances.** It only takes 5 minutes a day and it's a good time to snuggle up and read books with your children, even when they are older.

Attendance from September until now.

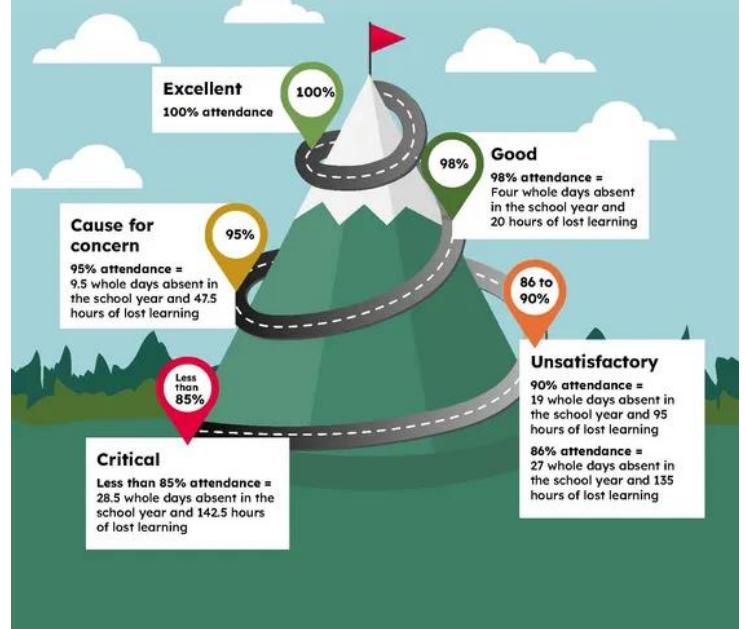
Woohoo! We have managed to improve our whole school attendance this week. Please have a look at the attached posters. Check your child's attendance on MCAS and see how they are doing.

Overall attendance: 96.8% (-0.1%)

Year 1	97.2% (-0.1)
Year 2	95.7% (-0.1)
Year 3	97.4% (0.1)
Year 4	96.9% (0.0)
Year 5	97.1% (-0.1)
Year 6	96.8% (-0.1)

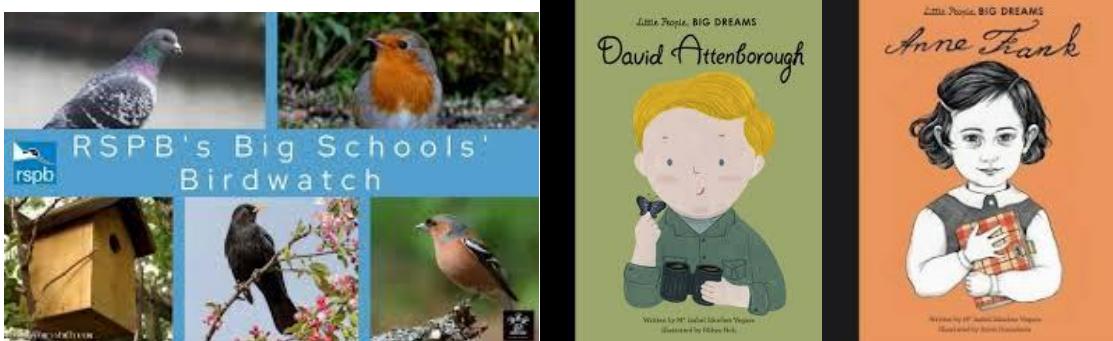
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Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?



In assemblies this we have been thinking about the world we live in. We read about David Attenborough and how he loves the creatures of the world and wants to protect them. Then, classes went to complete the Big School Bird Watch and count and identify the birds we saw. The children (and teachers) took great joy in this!

The older children also commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day and learned about Anne Frank. We talked about how care for one another irrespective of our differences.



On Friday evening lots of families had their eyes down for Family Night Bingo in the village hall! The turnout was very good and much fun was had. A huge thank you to the PFA for their organisation.



Club Survey

The results of the children's club survey was opened. There is still a little more research to do but the children showed wide and varied interest in the clubs and had suggestions of their own including a Chess club.

Soon, once I have finished a little more research I will be looking for sports coaches and volunteers to run these clubs.

We know that netball, cooking and cricket were some of the favourites.

INSET days for 2026-2027

Please see the INSET days for the next school year.

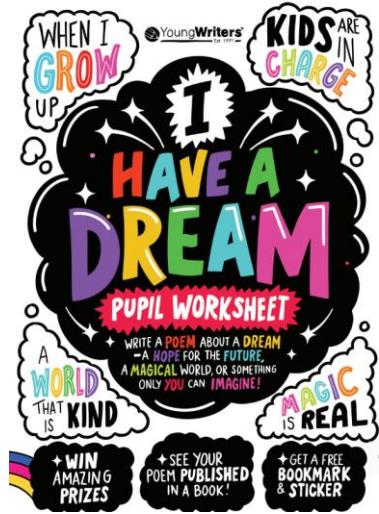
Tuesday September 1st 2026

Friday November 27th 2026

Thursday January 21st 2026

Friday May 28th 2026

Monday 7th June 2026



Poetry Recital Competition

As part of our preparation for the recital, we are asking all children to take part by writing their own poem. Every child will have the chance to recite their poem themselves on stage during our poetry recital. Poems can be about anything that fits the theme - a make-believe land, a spooky nightmare, or their hopes and dreams for the future. This theme encourages young writers to explore their imagination and express themselves using the power of words.



This week, Year 5 have been designing and building wooden toys using a cam mechanism.

External Excellence

We would like to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school on a monthly basis. Please send in a photograph of your child's endeavours. We are looking forward to sharing these efforts and achievements.

Upcoming Dates

- 30.1.26 PFA- Family Fun Bingo**
- 3.2.26 – Year 1 – Great fire of London Workshop**
- 9.2.26 Children's Mental Health Week**
- 9.2.26 (Monday) Parents Consultations 3.40-6.30**
- 9.2.26 Safer internet week**
- 11.2.26 (Weds) Parents Consultations 3.40 – 6.00**
- 12.2.26- PFA Glow Disco**
- Half Term**
- 3.3.26 Yr 6 SATs meeting (timing TBC)**
- 5.3.26 World Book Day-Details to follow**
- 12.3.26 Year 4 MTC check parents meeting 9.15am**
- 19.3.26 and 20.3.26- Bikeability -Group 1**
- 23.3.26-25.3.26 Bikeability Group 2**



Supporting Families

From time to time, families need some support with parenting and understanding the child's needs. Here are some useful links that may assist you.

Support groups

[SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex | Essex Local Offer](#) - SPACE is a free, parent to parent service, offering 1 to 1 support and online group sessions, run by peer educators - all are parent carers with lived experience.

[Parent4Parent \(P4P\) | Essex Local Offer](#) - A support group in Uttlesford for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25 who have social communication difficulties.

ACL courses

[ACL Essex HO4C40OL25 Positive Parenting](#) = This course is designed to support you to understand your children and provide parenting support. It covers boundaries, communication skills, understanding feelings and emotions and most importantly how to have fun as a family. 6 sessions over 6 weeks – some in Jan and Feb online.

[ACL Essex HO2C41OL25 Assertive Parenting](#)

[ACL Essex HO5A13OL25 Understanding ADHD in Children](#) = This online course is designed to help parents and carers gain a clearer understanding of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children. Led by an experienced tutor, the session explores common behaviours, challenges with focus and impulsivity, and practical strategies to support children at home and in school. It offers a welcoming space to ask questions, share experiences, and build confidence in supporting your child's unique needs.

[ACL Essex HO4C41OL25 Understanding ADHD & ASD in Children](#) A broad weekly course which covers a range of subjects which Neurodiverse children often struggle with, such as timekeeping, sleeping, eating, and understanding the world around them.

[ACL Essex HO4A45OL25 SEND Support for Families](#) = Navigating the world of Special Educational Needs can be challenging, but help is available. Our 4 session support offers guidance, resources, and a listening ear for families who need it most. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a place to connect with others who understand, we're here for you.