

Trip to the Houses of Parliament. Fifteen children from the School Council went to the Houses of Parliament to learn more about democracy in the UK and how decisions are made. They learned about the history of the Houses of Parliament and went to the viewing gallery in the House of Commons where they saw some of the MPs in action. They had a workshop about the process of making laws in the UK. After they had enjoyed lunch they went into one of the chambers to ask Josh Dean a number of questions about being an MP. They then held a School Council meeting with Josh Dean and made some decisions about the future of our school's reward system. What a great opportunity for them.



World Book day: It was a fun day and great to see so many wearing costumes of their favourite book characters.

Well done to the costume winners:

Tess, Eddie, Annie, Edward, Asha and Millie



The children took part in special activities during the day including some live lessons on the screens. Children from each key stage received a certificate and book for their costumes. It was a great day and a celebration of books and reading. Well done to everyone for the planning ahead and effort on the day.

Year 6 Bikeability. I have received great feedback about how well the Year 6 children have done on their Bikeability activities and how well they have behaved. Over the week, they have developed their confidence and skills to the point where they have been able to safely ride on the road. Well Done and Thanks to the Hertfordshire Team for this opportunity.

SAFE

We move around school in a safe manner. We follow instructions to keep ourselves safe. We keep hands, feet and unkind words to ourselves. We use equipment safely. We stay safe online. We talk to an adult if we feel unsafe.



READY

We wear correct uniform. We arrive at school on time. We have our equipment ready. We show that we are listening and ready to learn.



RESPECT

We listen when others speak and we respect the property of our friends and the school. We have an understanding of others cultures and beliefs. We respect that everyone have a right to learn.



Year 2 Scooter Lessons: Year 2 have had scooter sessions and they learned about balance and control, moving around obstacles and being able to stop safely. This should help them as they use their scooters and they also should always remember to listen to the grown up who is out with them



Wishing Ms Borgeat all the Best: Ms Borgeat has gone on maternity leave from today. There was a lovely assembly to wish her well and thank her for all her hard work. Each class had a few words expressing their best wishes and how great they believe she will be as a Mum. The children were split in their predictions of whether it will be a boy or a girl. We will miss her and look forward to seeing her and her baby soon.

Mrs Smail will be our SENDCO whilst Ms Borgeat is away. She will be working with us Monday to Wednesday each week.

Bike Donation Appeal. The Men's Shed who work in conjunction with the Hertford and Ware disability partnership are collecting bikes. They would like any that children have outgrown and parents are happy to donate. They are happy to repair if needed before they are passed on. Please bring them to the school and let the office know.

Windows and cladding Works. The work is going very well and all of the plans to keep the school safely and effectively operating around the work have been successful so far. Where areas are complete they look superb. We are delighted that the addition of a new canopy outside Reception and Nursery has now been agreed and the old wooden and plastic one will be replaced. This will enhance our great EYFS provision.



Reception Parents Maths Workshop: We look forward to seeing you on Monday Morning.

Have a lovely weekend.
J Fisher

Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mr Fisher, Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Poole and Mrs Richardson
Any issues relating to your child or another child in the class	Email admin to arrange a meeting, sometimes a phase leader may join this meeting
If you do not feel the issue has been resolved or you may need more advice.	<p>Step 1 Phase Leader</p> <p>EYFS-Miss White Year 1 - 3- Mrs Christman Yea 4 - 6 -Mr Chandler</p> <p>Step 2 Deputy Headteacher Mrs Hannah Cracknell</p> <p>Step 3 Headteacher- Mr Fisher</p>
Inclusion/ Special Educational Needs	Mrs Smail
Looked After and Previously Looked After Children	Mrs Cracknell
Payments/Finance	Miss Byrne Mrs Tilbury
Admissions	Miss Byrne
Complaints	Please refer to school complaints policy on the <u>website</u> .

March

Monday 2nd	Y6 Bike ability - all week
Monday 2nd	Secondary allocation day
Tuesday 3 rd	Y4 pedestrian skills
Thursday 5 th	School council visit to the Houses of Parliament
Thursday 5 th	Y2 scooter sessions
Thursday 5th	World book day
Thursday 5 th	Hope plate football match
Monday 9th	Mastering number workshop - Reception parents
Wednesday 18th	Modeshift stars national awards
Friday 20th	Odd Socks Day - Down syndrome awareness
Friday 20th	District football - Selected year 5/6 children
Monday 23rd	Rock steady concert
Wednesday 25 th	Parents evening / stepping stones - Year 1
Thursday 26th	Y5 trip to Knebworth House
Thursday 26th	Parents evening / stepping stones - Year 1
Friday 27th	Tales together
Friday 27th	End of term 1:15pm finish

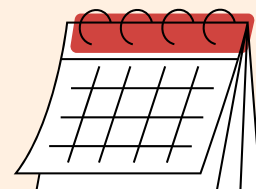
Upcoming Events 2026

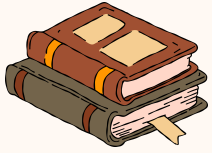
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Monday 13 th	Everyone back to school
Thursday 16th	Primary allocation day
Monday 27th	Cricket engagement day
Tuesday 28th	Y1 visit to Hertford Museum

May

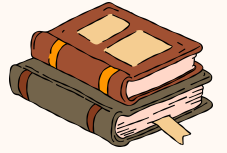
Monday 4 th	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
Friday 22nd	Tales Together
Friday 22 nd	End of half term finish 3:10 / 3:15 pm
Monday 25 th - Friday 29th	Half term - School closed





Staff book review

By Mrs Christman



The Bog Baby, written by Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Gwen Millward, is a tender, imaginative story that blends childhood wonder with an important message about care, responsibility, and letting nature be free. It's a picture book that feels simple on the surface but leaves a lasting emotional imprint on both children and adults.



The book teaches that caring for others means understanding their real needs, not just acting on good intentions. It shows the importance of respecting nature and recognising that wild creatures belong in their own habitats. Through the girls' fear of telling the truth, it also highlights honesty and trust, and the way compassionate responses help children learn. The gentle moment of letting go reflects emotional growth, making these lessons easy for even very young readers to understand.

My favourite part is when the girls show their mum the Bog Baby and she remembers finding one in her own childhood. This moment shows that the magic of the Bog Baby isn't just a one-time discovery. Their mum experienced the same wonder when she was little, which makes the world of the story feel bigger, richer, and more timeless. It hints that childhood imagination and nature's secrets can pass from one generation to the next. It also reminds us how important it is to slow down, notice the small wonders around us, and create lasting memories with our children.



Nursery

Nursery have had a very busy time wondering what it would be like to jump into a book. We pretended to be different characters using masks to help us. We have been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and retelling the story using puppets.

We followed a recipe and made our own porridge. We really enjoyed making and eating it!

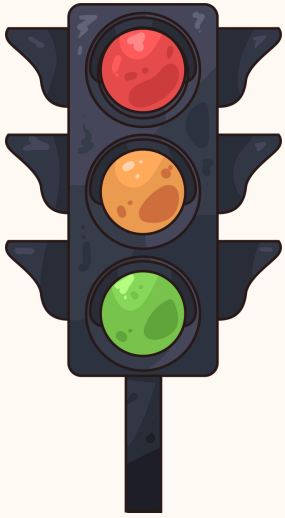


Year 1

Year 1 has had a very busy first few weeks back after half-term! In English, we have been focusing on Yeti and the Bird and using adjectives to describe the characters. In Math, we have been exploring volume and mass using a balance scale. In Science, we have been learning about the different groups of animals and their features. In Art, we have been exploring the idea that paper can also be 3D by making our own 3D sculptures.



Year 3



Year 3 took part in an engaging virtual lesson this week to learn all about how to cross the road safely. The children were enthusiastic from the start, sharing a wide range of ideas and demonstrating a strong understanding of how to stay safe as pedestrians. Throughout the session, they offered thoughtful answers, asked sensible questions, and showed real maturity in their discussions. It was wonderful to see them so invested in such an important life skill.

This week, Year 3 have also been busy developing their skills across a range of subjects. In maths, the children explored equivalent fractions and enjoyed using practical methods to deepen their understanding. In English, they focused on writing speech and experimented with a variety of synonyms for said to make their dialogue more expressive. The class also learned about pneumatic devices in preparation for an exciting upcoming design project, and they are already full of creative ideas.

Year 3 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day this week. The children arrived bursting with excitement, eager to show their outfits and talk about their favourite characters. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of book-themed activities that encouraged creativity, imagination and a real love of reading. It was wonderful to see how confidently they talked about the books they enjoy and how enthusiastically they engaged with every task. The joy of reading was truly alive in our classroom.



Year 5

Year 5 took part in an engaging mobile-phone distraction and safety workshop last week, focusing on how devices can affect awareness both in school and when out in the community. Two volunteers demonstrated this brilliantly by attempting an obstacle course twice - first with full attention and then while using a mobile phone. Their second attempt took noticeably longer and both children bumped into obstacles they had avoided before, showing just how easily a phone can distract us. The session gave pupils a clear, memorable message about staying alert and making safer choices when using mobile phones on the move.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Year 5 celebrated World Book Day with a lively mix of reading-themed activities that brought stories to life across the classroom. The children took part in an interactive live writing lesson, where they explored how authors build ideas and create characters, and they also enjoyed a fun whole-class quiz that tested their knowledge of books, authors, and favourite stories. The day was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share their love of reading and immerse themselves in the joy of books.

Nightlights in DT

Year 5 have been learning about light sensors and on/off switches. Using that knowledge, they have created their own nightlights. They thought carefully about what kind of lighting would be suitable for a young child, considering brightness, colour and overall appearance, before creating a design that was both functional and appealing. The finished nightlights showed thoughtful choices and creative ideas, with each pupil producing a unique product tailored to a child's needs.





HOLLYBUSH IN BLOOM 2026


Summer term



Our grounds are looking very dull, untidy and worn. To bring them back to life we are celebrating Hollybush in Bloom, where you can donate anything we can plant!

 • This can be new, dug up from your garden or a plant which needs splitting. Just pop it in a plastic pot and we will do the rest.

 **WE WANT:**
Bulbs, Perennials,
Grasses, Shrubs, Veg,
Fruit Trees...
Anything that lasts
more than a year.

 Bring to the year 5 outside door or just place them in the allotment area opposite year five.



Elizabeth and Woody have placed some beautiful posters around school for you to read!

Please support our community team as they are so excited about the idea they came up with!

Here's to a blooming marvelous team effort,
From Elizabeth, Woody and Mrs Botterman