



Value of the term: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already at the end of week 3 and what a busy fortnight we had! Following on from Year 4's multiplication test check, our Year 1 and some of Year 2 learners undertook their phonics screening check. It was lovely to hear that all the children did their very best and 'gave it a go'. Well done children we are incredibly proud of your resilience and confidence!

It was so lovely to welcome so many of you at Reception:1 and 1:1 class assemblies. Your children have made great progress this year and it is lovely for you to see their learning in action. We shall be continuing the class assemblies for the next Academic Year as I know how much we all enjoy them.

On Thursday last week we held our Early Years Sports Day. It was great to have so many parents joining us. Holding the event on the main field was a huge success and it was an absolute treat to watch your children in action. Not only were they demonstrating great physical development but they were applying the Golden expectations and communicating effectively with each other; a very proud Head Teacher moment.



On Friday 13th June, the PSA held their annual school fete. I would like to start by thanking Katie Purcell and her dedicated PSA team for providing us with an amazing event. My twins joined us and it was “the best day ever!”. I know we had lots of parent and staff volunteers and I want to thank you all for giving up your time as this enables the school to have the resources to enable us to deliver our curriculum and curriculum enrichment.



Speaking of curriculum, this week is our CUSP DT Food Festival. Schools across the county are participating in culinary delights in the Mexican Food Fiesta! I know that the children have had great fun cooking from scratch and have developed their knowledge and skills which will support them in the future. I would like to thank Miss Burt, our DT subject leader, for organising this event and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

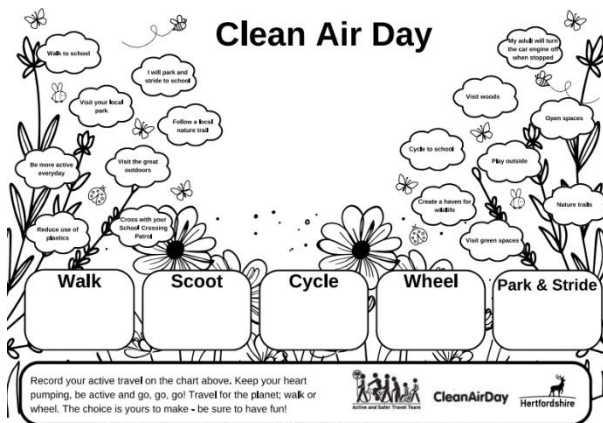


Miss Wood and Miss McPherson have had a very busy fortnight. They have been ‘out and about’ visiting nursery / PVI settings of the new children who will be joining us in September. We are really looking forward to them joining us very soon.

Year 6 had a very exciting day on Wednesday as they rose to the 'Go Construct' K'NEX challenge. I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed this enrichment activity and it really got them thinking and applying the knowledge and skills they have learned over the years.



I had the opportunity to visit Onslow St Audrey's and was privileged to have a tour with Mrs Jones. It was lovely to be shown around a very calm and productive learning environment and to hear of all the plans to renovate the buildings. I have to say I was incredibly impressed by the sport facilities and the Science labs were far improved from the ones from my secondary school days.



Thursday 19th June was 'Clean Air Day'. This is a day where across the UK we raise awareness of air pollution and make pledges as a community to promote cleaner air. One of those could be to turn off engines when waiting to collect children at the end of the school day. Another idea would be to leave the car at home once a week and walk / cycle.

Thank you so much for supporting our school book fair. The graphic novels are incredibly popular in the library so monies raised will enable us to increase stocks of our most popular items.



On Wednesday it was 'Thank a teacher day'. The role of the teacher has evolved so much over the years and not only are teachers teaching, so are our support team so I would like to thank all the staff who play such an important role in developing and shaping young minds.

I'm sure you will be delighted to know that the GCSE examination period has concluded. I am very much looking forward to having a break this weekend.

Wishing you all a very lovely weekend, please stay safe in the sun as you enjoy a plethora of outdoor activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Tracy Prickett

YEAR 5 MAYAN WORKSHOP

Last week, year 5 took part in a virtual Mayan workshop. The children immersed themselves in all things Mayan after learning about them over the Summer Term. They learned how to write their names in glyphs - some of their names had to be changed slightly because not all of the letters in the alphabet existed in the Mayan times!

The children also made traditional head dresses and necklaces with beautiful designs on them. We then embarked on soap carving, which although rather messy, the children really enjoyed. We also created temple paintings using mudlark and water colours; there were some beautiful traditional paintings that would work well in temples during the Mayan times.

The staff in year 5 are really impressed with the children's knowledge and enthusiasm throughout all lessons in this topic and a fun filled day was had by everyone!



KICK ROUNDERS FESTIVAL

On 6th June a group of children from Year 2 were selected to take part in a Kick Rounders Festival at another local primary school. This was an opportunity for students to take part in a new team sport, challenge themselves and build on their experiences of Primary PE & extracurricular activities. All the children had a great time!



GO CONSTRUCT K'NEX CHALLENGE

This week, Year 6 welcomed Ben Butters from MBDA as a STEM Ambassador to deliver the Go Construct K'NEX Challenge. He introduced them to the exciting world of engineering and technology. The challenge required the children to design and build a solution to a problem, developing their problem-solving skills, using creativity as well as early project management skills.

This year's task was: Fairground rides. Each pair, equipped with their K'NEX set, had 60 minutes to create the moving model which was evaluated one by one, supported by the creators' explanation. After a short deliberation the winning designers were Robert and Nicole from 6.1 and Joseph and Ben from 6.2 whose designs will be entered to the Regional Final Round.



PSA NEWS

Thank you for attending the Summer Fete ☀

A huge thank you for supporting our Summer Fete on Friday 13th June —we hope you and your families had a fantastic time!

The volunteers are working on getting a final total raised, but this will take a few days as we collate the final invoices and receipts for expenses.

However, we are already starting to think about 2026 Fete and this is where you come in!

Our PSA team is made up entirely of volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to bring events like this to life. We know there's always room for improvement, and your feedback helps us make next year even better.

We'll be holding a debrief soon to reflect on what worked well and what could be improved, and we'd love to include your thoughts in that conversation.


Please take a few moments to complete our short anonymous feedback form here:

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/4pQ1NTjGkE>

Deadline for responses: Tuesday 24th June

Thank you again for your support

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES



24/06/2025	6.1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited Year 6.1 Evolution Workshop Year 4 Electric Umbrella Event at St Albans Abbey Year 6.2 Evolution Workshop	9.15am – 9.45am 11.00am 12.00pm – 3.30pm 1.30pm
25/06/2025	Year 5 Taster Morning at Stanborough School	8.50am – 12.15pm
27/06/2025	Author of the Month Assembly – Parents Invited Year 6.2 Volcano & Earthquake Workshop	8.55am 10.00am
01/07/2025	Year 6 Food & Farming Day 4.1 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
02/07/2025	1.2 Class Assembly – Parents Invited	9.15am – 9.45am
04/07/2025	Year 1 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo	8.40am – 3.00pm
08/07/2025	2.2 Class Assembly – Parents Invited 4.2 Strings Concert – Parents Invited Year 6 Production	9.15am – 9.45am 9.30am – 10.00am 2.00pm & 6.00pm
10/07/2025	Secondary Transition (Year 6) New to Reception Parent Meeting Whole School Transition Afternoon	1.30pm 1.30pm – 3.15pm
14/07/2025	Festival of Language	
15/07/2025	School Improvement Parent Update	8.45am
16/07/2025	Rocksteady Concert	Time TBC
17/07/2025	Celebration of Music – Parents Invited	9.15am – 10.15am
21/07/2025	Year 6 Prom	5.30pm – 7.00pm
22/07/2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last Day of Term – School closes at 1:30pm	9.00am

LINKS AND ATTACHMENTS

(Can be found under Newsletter Attachments on our school website)

<https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/newsletter-attachments/>

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- ❖ Tottenham Hotspur FC are running football player development sessions for boys & girls from ages 5-15 every Tuesday evening at Onslow St Audrey's. The sessions are for players of all abilities and a fantastic opportunity to be coached by coaches of a Premier League club. Sessions run during term time, with camps also available during the holidays. Here is the website for bookings <https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/the-club/football-development/uk-courses/evening-programmes/>
 - ❖ WithYOUth Online Group Support poster

REMINDERS

EARLY YEARS READING

Every Tuesday morning (8.40am – 8.55am) Reception and Nursery classes would love parents/carers to join them in a shared reading session. For afternoon Nursery the session is 12.20pm – 12.40pm.

LUNCH ORDERS

Please remember to order your child's lunch through school grid. If lunch has not been ordered, you will need to bring in a packed lunch which must not contain hot food.

BEACON PUPILS

On the recommendation of the class teachers, we would like to celebrate our Beacon Pupils this week.

Nursery	Aden	For sharing his excellent football skills with his peers
Year R1	Rayan	For his improved attitude to learning and coming into school with a smile
Year R2	Mara	For showing fantastic listening skills during our food festival and working hard on using tools effectively to create a moving vehicle
Year 1.1	Geraldine	For consistently following the Golden Expectations and being a great role model for her peers
Year 1.2	Sydney	For always following the Golden Expectations and being a good role model
Year 2.1	Freya	For her kindness and support towards her learning partner
Year 2.2	Mimie	For participating well when learning fractions in Maths and sharing her reasoning with her peers
Year 3.1	Ayaan	For being an inquisitive scientist
Year 3.2	Jeremiah	For making good choices and asking for support
Year 4.1	Nate	For making good choices and improvement in behaviour
Year 4.2	Amelie	For her incredible effort in every single subject
Year 5.1	Philip	For being an excellent role model, supporting his peers during lessons and always following the Golden Expectations
Year 5.2	Kristian	For always following our Golden Expectations and for his enthusiastic learning across Year 5
Year 6.1	Robert	For showing outstanding passion, creativity and determination during the K'NEX challenge on Wednesday. Robert and his partner achieved first place for their brilliantly constructed fairground ride. Well done!
Year 6.2	Jake T	For his excellent group work and contributions during Geography lesson

MERITS

Well done to the following children for achieving their merit certificate this week:

Bella N	2.1
Ayaan	3.1
Lakshmi	3.1
Mayumi	3.1
Keonna	3.1
Noah	4.1

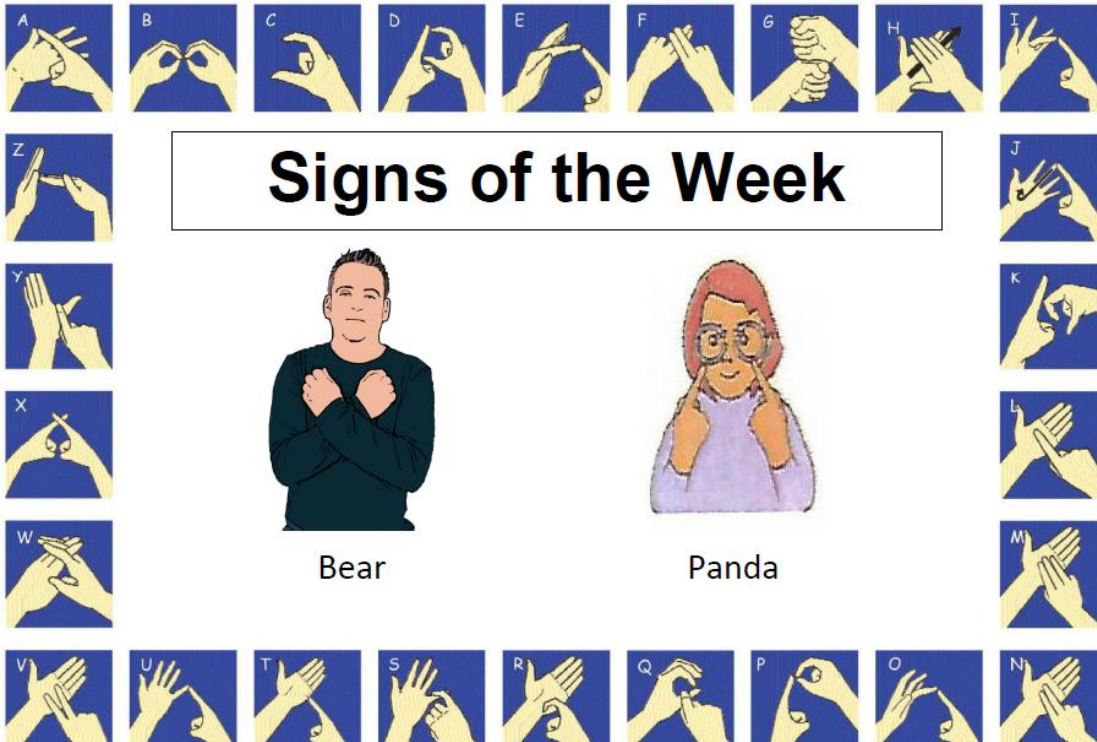


ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK 9 th – 13 th June 2025	WINNERS Year 5.1
Reception 1	97.9%
Reception 2	94.5%
Year 1 Class 1	96.3%
Year 1 Class 2	94.8%
Year 2 Class 1	94.8%
Year 2 Class 2	98.7%
Year 3 Class 1	94.5%
Year 3 Class 2	98.0%
Year 4 Class 1	95.0%
Year 4 Class 2	97.7%
Year 5 Class 1	99.0%
Year 5 Class 2	97.2%
Year 6 Class 1	97.9%
Year 6 Class 2	96.7%
Weekly Attendance	96.6%


FAB FRIDAY

Well done to the following children for being selected to sit at the Fab Friday lunch table:


R.1	Clementine	R.2	Oluwadamola
1.1	Ethan	1.2	Aaliyah
2.1	Kian	2.2	Sofia
3.1	Millie	3.2	Timi
4.1	Nate	4.2	Freddie
5.1	Niko	5.2	Sophie
6.1	Jeremiah	6.2	Ariyan



Signs of the Week



Bear



Panda