

This Week's News

27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome you all back to school after the half term break. The children have been telling us about all the exciting things they did, I hope you all got some time to rest and relax too.

New this week:

- **My Happy Mind Module on 'Relate' - please log onto the parent app for more details**
- **Our Value for this half term is 'Resilience'**

Cherry Class have started their new topic, 'Under the Sea'. The children have been exploring the world's oceans in fun and engaging ways in the classroom. The role-play area has been transformed into a Marine Biologist Research Centre, where the children can write about their observations of different sea animals and read books all about the oceans. They have also been exploring ocean habitats and investigating a range of shells. So far, they have learned about the life cycle of a fish and discovered the wonders of coral reefs!

Maple Class have really enjoyed starting all their new topics this half term. They have been singing songs about the Earth's continents in Geography, creating sliding mechanisms in DT and investigating different parts of flowers in Science. They have started planning settings and characters for their narrative writing in English and in RE, they retold the Parable of the Lost Sheep with puppets. It has been a very busy week, but they have still found plenty of time to explore all the wonderful resources in their classroom garden. They are enjoying the continuous provision opportunities that this space provides.

Chestnut Class have started the term exceptionally well and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and focus. In English, they have begun exploring personal narratives, thinking carefully about meaningful experiences from their own lives that could inspire or help others overcome a struggle. The children have shown great maturity in considering how challenges can lead to growth. In Maths, they have been learning about perpendicular and parallel lines, identifying them in different contexts and practising drawing them accurately. In Science, they started our new topic on animal skeletons, sorting animals into groups such as those with endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. They then designed and created their own skeletons, carefully considering how different structures support movement and protect the body.

Bonsai Class have worked hard this week to write their letters of persuasion to Mrs Walton-Jones, carefully considering their formality and language choices. In Maths, they have been adding and subtracting fractions ensuring they have the same denominator. In DT, they tested the qualities of paper after learning about the four most important Chinese inventions.

The children are enjoying their new learning. Curriculum maps for each class are on the school website for you to view and find out more detail about your child's curriculum for this half term.

Our Book Fair was up and running yesterday, and will be there each afternoon after school until Wednesday next week. Please do pop in and see the books on offer and if you would like to donate a book to school each class has a 'Wish List'. These books will have a donation plaque added to the front, with your child's name in, if you are able to donate one.

Next week we have a super range of activities for World Book Day.

Please remind your child to bring their favourite book in on Monday, we have a Book inspired lunch on Thursday and we look forward to seeing your book-related costumes on Friday, when we will also have our West End Live Pinocchio Workshops.

I wish you all a super weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher



Spring Term Dates 2026

- 2nd Mar—Secondary School Allocation Day
 - 5th Mar—World Book Day
 - 6th Mar—Dress up for World Book Day
 - 6th Mar—West End Live—Theatre workshops for all pupils
 - 9th Mar—British Science Week
 - 12th Mar—Y4 Speed Stacking AM
 - 13th Mar—Sublime Science Workshops for all
 - 16th Mar—Assessment Week
 - 16th Mar—Nursery 2026 places offered
 - 18th Mar—Bonsai Class Residential Parent Meeting 2.45pm
 - 19th Mar—Y5/6 Quick-Sticks Hockey
 - 20th Mar—Chestnut Class Assembly 9am
 - 23rd Mar—VR Animal Workshops for EYFS and KS1
 - 24th Mar—Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby at HRFC 11.45am
 - 25th Mar—Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service—2.30pm
 - 26th Mar—End of Spring Term—school closes at 1.30pm
 - 27th Mar—INSET Day for teachers
 - 30th Mar—Easter Holidays
- Summer term 2026**
- 13th Apr—All pupils back to school



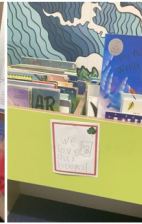
Photo's from this week



Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class





Bright Star Awards - Friday 27th February 2026



Nursery	Frankie	For his effort in writing his name this week in Phonics lessons. Frankie tried hard with his letter formation!
Reception	Marlee	For her effort in learning this week. Marlee has worked hard to focus during lessons and use her phonics independently.
Year 1	Aubrey	For drawing and labelling a very detailed diagram of a flower in this week's science lesson.
Year 2	Xander	For completing some great maths this week and sharing his ideas well when looking at word problems.
Year 3	Jude	For working really hard in Science. You were on fire with facts about the human body and the skeleton you crafted was impressive!
Year 4	Harrison	For working hard in Maths. You have done so well when learning about angles, perpendicular and parallel lines.
Year 5	Alice	For her focus and effort across the curriculum.
Year 6	Lottie	For her dedication to learning and strive to better herself.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 23rd February
Nursery	77.1%
Reception	94.8%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	92.6%
Well done Year 1!	
Make sure you arrive to school ON TIME	



TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	Amelia and Willow
Year 1	-
Year 2	Daisy and Phoebe
Year 3	-
Year 4	-
Year 5	-
Year 6	Lottie and Rupert
At least 15 minutes a week please!	

**Show your heart
some love this February**



It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

Activity 1:

Move a little together, every day

Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.



Activity 2:

Fill your plates with colourful foods

Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.



Activity 3:

Get kids involved in the kitchen

Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Your heart works hard for you, so let's show it some love as a team!



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



hrt.maximusuk.co.uk

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.



**Ready to start making
healthy habits as a family?**

Sign up for Beezee Families today and find **FREE** healthy lifestyle support that's right for your family. We can help you with healthy eating, getting more active, and having fun while doing so! You can:



Join us for 12 weeks of in-person group sessions



Log in for 10 weeks of online group sessions, plus 2 check-in calls



Get two appointments and an action plan with a dedicated Wellbeing Co-Ordinator



Learn at your own pace by enrolling onto the Academy

Sign up for your
FREE PLACE today



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Beezee Families

Beezee Families is a **FREE** healthy lifestyle programme that nutritionists deliver across Hertfordshire.

The 12-week programme supports families to build healthy habits around food, physical activity, and how to have fun while doing so!

The current programmes are in full swing but you can secure your **FREE** spot now for April.

Places fill up fast so make sure to book soon!

If you can't wait to get started on your healthy lifestyle journey, you can learn at your own pace over on the Academy's website.

[Visit the website for more details](#)

Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

Thursday 5th March 2026
9.30am-12.30pm at
Bennetts End Community Centre
Gatecroft, Bennetts End Hemel
Hempstead HP3 9LZ

At the fayre we will have local provider information stands, activities for children & refreshments!

Please register your attendance via the booking link below, however you are welcome to drop in any time

And its FREE!
Walk-ins welcome or book tickets below:
Eventbrite: DSPL8 Info Fayre Booking



-  **The ADD-vance ADHD and Autism Trust**
-  **Berkhamsted Raiders Football Club**
-  **Delivering Special Provision Locally** **DSPL8's Post 16 SEND Project Lead -Jo Sanford**
-  **Family Support Service - OneYmca**
-  **Gade/Kings Langley Schools Family Support**
-  **Herts Inclusive Theatre: A Stage for Everyone**
-  **Herts Mind Network**
-  **Herts Parent and Carer Involvement**
-  **Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust - SEND MHST**
-  **Hertfordshire Libraries**

-  **The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer website**
-  **Inclusive United**
-  **Liberty Tea Rooms and Community Hub**
-  **NHS Speech and Language Therapy**
-  **Public Health Nursing Service 0 - 19 years: Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust SEND team**
-  **Services for Young People**
-  **SPACE Hertfordshire**
-  **Step2Skills: Prepare for success in Herts**
-  **Sunnyside Rural Trust**
-  **Supporting Links: Promoting Strong Family Relationships**
-  **Up on Downs**

Stevenage Moon Palace Experience

A FREE cosmic experience

Friday 6 March 6 until 8.30pm

Saturday 7 March 1:15 until 8.30pm

MOON PALACE BUS EVENT ISLAND

Come and explore this mobile observatory – tickets are free, scan to book.

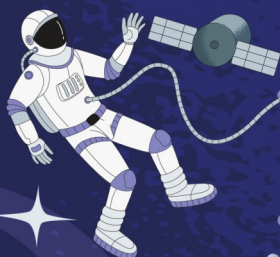
MOBILE PLANETARIUM LEISURE CENTRE

Experience the wonder of the cosmos - tickets are free, scan to book. Also including Mad Science, Airbus and more, on Saturday from 1-6pm.

JUNCTION 7 CREATIVES:

FRI EVENING: 'Moon Palace Poetry' - drop-in creative writing workshop 5-6.30pm; **Open Mic readings** 7-9pm
SAT DAYTIME: 'A galaxy of art' drop-in session

Suitable for all ages.
Under 14s need to be accompanied by an adult.
Please note that the bus is a shoe-free zone.



FREE Stevenage Moon Palace Experience

6th & 7th March as part of 'Stevenage 80' birthday celebrations!

The Moon Palace bus (based on Event Island) - a mobile observatory

- Free tickets available for Fri sessions 6-8:30pm
- Free tickets available for Sat sessions 1:15 - 8:30pm

The Planetarium (based in the leisure centre)

- Free tickets available for Fri sessions 5-9pm
- Free tickets available for Sat sessions 12:30-9pm
- Junction 7 Creatives** (17 Town Square, Stevenage)
- Fri eve - Free 'Moon Palace poetry' session 5-6:30 followed by Open Mic readings 7-9pm
- Sat daytime - Free drop-in session 'A galaxy of Art'

Plus stands (based in the leisure centre) - including Mad Science, Airbus, Youth team & more

- Sat 1-6pm

Book your FREE session using the links below

Moon Bus <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982280593617?aff=oddtcreator>

Planetarium <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982291882382?aff=oddtcreator>

EVERYONE
THEATRES



"Brand New Show"
An Outstanding Tribute to
the Music of Eric Clapton

Friday 3rd April

7.30pm

The Eric Morecambe Centre

www.the-emc.co.uk / Box Office: 01582 767525

Rothamstead Park, Harpenden, AL5 2FR



The Pete Letanka Trio



Pete Letanka - Piano

Saturday 21 March 2026 Sam Burgess - Double Bass

George Double - Drums

7:30pm

St Leonard's Church
Flamstead

SCAN ME!



Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk

Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825



Tickets £25 / £20 / £10