

This Week's News 26th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of a wonderful Spring Term has arrived. Our Easter service was a lovely end to the term on Wednesday and the hats and bonnets that the children made with you at home were AMAZING! The time and effort that went into each and every one was superb. We had chicks and rabbits, football fields and rugby fields, decorated hair buns, flowers and they really were very impressive. It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us for the service with Reverend Helen too. Thank you for joining us.

This week, Cherry Class took part in an exciting VR Ocean Animals Experience. The children 'travelled' to a spaceship, where friendly robots guided them in learning about fascinating sea creatures, including whale sharks, jellyfish, plankton, and coral reefs, helping to bring their underwater learning to life. Outside, the children have been busy working together to improve their newt house, as well as creating their own obstacle courses. In the sand pit, they built phonic sound walls, using their knowledge of letters and sounds in a fun and practical way. It has been a great week of teamwork, creativity, and learning in Early Years.

Maple Class also enjoyed the VR Workshop on Monday, where they were transported to different places around the world to learn about wild animals. They explored concepts such as predators and prey, as well as life cycles, deepening their understanding of the natural world. Their English lessons focused on one of their favourite things - poetry. They created funny and descriptive poems, describing everything that children could get up to as they waited in a 'Queue for the Zoo'. Computing has been all about computational thinking and exploring how they could make and compare groups of objects. They have been especially creative in thinking up labels for all the different groups they found. Maple Class were super helpful to Jigsaw Jack this week, reminding them how important Stop, Look, Listen and Think are when crossing the road.

Chestnut Class have been busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, they have been writing personal narratives, focusing on sharing their experiences with clear structure and descriptive language. In Science, they have been learning about different food groups and exploring the traffic light system used on food packaging to help us make healthier choices.

Geography lessons have taken them around Europe, where they have been learning about different countries and creating detailed fact files all about France. In Design & Technology, they have been investigating waterproof materials, putting their ideas to the test by seeing if they could make a paper boat waterproof. It has been a fun and engaging time full of creativity and discovery for them all.

Bonsai have been busy building character descriptions in English and solving Algebra in Maths. In Music, they layered beats to create a hip hop track and, in DT they became kite makers. The Easter service allowed the children to show their creative skills and singing skills ensuring a lovely end to the term.

I truly wish you all a lovely Easter break. We all look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 13th of April to start our Summer Term. We will have some additions to the school on the first day of term, our eggs will be arriving in their incubator and we hope to welcome our chicks into the world later that week! How exciting!

Kind regards

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Summer Term Dates 2026

- 13th Apr—All pupils back to school
- 13th Apr—Yr 2 & 3 Glow Dance Workshop—1.15pm
- 14th Apr—Chestnut Class Science Workshop in school
- 16th Apr—Reception school offers for September 26 released
- 22nd Apr—Earth Day
- 23rd Apr—Last Day to accept Reception places
- 30th Apr—FoFS Fish & Chip Quiz Night—Tickets available now!
- 1st May—Parent Council Meeting—9am
- 4th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed
- 4th May—Final payment for residential due for Y5/6
- 6th May—Cricket Workshops in school—all pupils
- 11th May—SATs Week for Y6 starts
- 11th May—Full Governor Body Meeting—5pm
- 13th May—Cherry Class trip to Kew Gardens
- 18th May—Bonsai Class Residential Week starts
- 22nd May—Last Day before Half Term —3.15pm

Photos from this week

Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Sports Events—we are so proud of you all!

Y4 at the Commonwealth Festival

Some of our Year 4 pupils took part in a Commonwealth Festival in Ware this week. Our country was Canada and two of our children held the Canadian flag alongside the other Commonwealth countries. They then took part in twelve different activities which developed a range of sporting skills, as well as teamwork and stamina. After lunch, they participated in a range of relay races against the other twelve schools. At the end, we heard from some of the sports ambassadors and had some photos taken. It was a fun-filled day which promoted inclusivity and celebrated all of our children's different abilities.



Girls Tag Rugby

This week our girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in Tag Rugby activities and games against girls from other local primary schools. They were excellent role models for our school, displaying enthusiasm, teamwork and responsibility throughout the event. This was classified as a non-competitive event. However, the girls were keen to keep the score in their games and they won 3 out of the 6 games! Well done to all who took part.



OUR SPORTS STARS

In our end of term assembly today we congratulated our sports participants who have represented us so well in the past two weeks in Quicksticks Hockey Tournament, Tag Rugby events and the Commonwealth Festival.

Well done to everyone.



Spring Term Awards 2026

| | Always Certificates | Achievement Certificates |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Nursery | Isaac-Eli | Elsie |
| Reception | Malaya | Jesse |
| Year 1 | Aubrey | Axel |
| Year 2 | Xander | Reece |
| Year 3 | Leo | Jasper |
| Year 4 | Winter-Rose | Oscar |
| Year 5 | Oscar | Rafael |
| Year 6 | Fletcher | Max |
| EYFS Star Cup | <p style="text-align: center;">Robin</p> <p>For being an exemplary role model. Robin is always a ray of sunshine in the classroom, every morning he skips into school. He makes excellent choices, embraces challenges in his learning and listens carefully to feedback from adults. Keep it up Robin!</p> | |
| Key Stage One Star Cup | <p style="text-align: center;">Matilda</p> <p>Matilda's hard work is evident in all her learning. She is keen to make every lesson as good as she can and has learnt how to listen to feedback to make her learning even better. She is kind, funny and full of amazing history facts. Watching Matilda's self-confidence and independence grow has been great to see - keep believing in yourself, you can do wonderful things!</p> | |
| Key Stage Two Star Cup | <p style="text-align: center;">Joey</p> <p>Joey is a truly outstanding role model who consistently shows kindness, respect, and a willingness to help others. He always leads by example, especially when caring for and including younger children, making everyone feel valued and supported. Thank you for your contribution to our school Joey.</p> | |
| Flamstead Sports Star Cup | <p style="text-align: center;">Isabella</p> <p>For her dedication in sports lessons and sports trips. Our girls often have to play every game in a tournament and Isabella does so with great enthusiasm.</p> | |

END OF SPRING TERM ALWAYS, ACHIEVEMENT AND TROPHY CUP WINNERS

Congratulations to you all.



OUR EASTER BONNET WINNERS

Congratulations to Elsie, Willow, Aubrey, Ella, Finley, Harrison, Ava and Sidni. They were ALL so wonderful. It was not easy for the Class adults to choose an overall winner. Well done to everyone.





Family Support for everyone

Please find attached the DSPL8 Parents/Carers Newsletter, you will find lots of useful information and support here. Please take a look using the link below.

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS
Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April

BREWDOG
Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

CAFE ROUGE
Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE
Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

CHIQUITO
Kids eat free during all school holidays

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS
Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March - 17th April

FRANKIE & BENNY'S
Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT
Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SUBWAY
Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELodge
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY
Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS
2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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Could you be a young carer?

If you help look after a friend or family member who needs extra support - you may be a young carer and there's one easy place to get help.

WELCOME

- Be part of a young carers community
- Friendly welcome from the young carers team

A new young carers webpage

- Clear information on what help you can get
- Links to opportunities, activities & wellbeing support
- Designed by young carers for young carers

Support for the whole family

- Friendly chats to consider everyone's needs
- Check ins to make sure you're doing ok
- Help as you grow up and move into new stages of life

Get involved

- Conference designed by young carers, workshops, fun sessions, meeting others
- Opportunities to have your say
- Work with SEND Youth Councils

Additional support

- Support in your school / college
- Meet other young carers
- If you're eligible for free school meals, you can get discounts with a **Herts Card**
- Free activity camps in school holidays - **HAPPY Camps**

How to get support

- Ask an adult in your family to help you get in touch
- Speak to your teacher or a trusted member of staff
- Visit the website or call 01992 658469

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers Hertfordshire

Attendance

| Year Group | w/b 23rd March |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Nursery | 92.9% |
| Reception | 78.2% |
| Year 1 | 97.6% |
| Year 2 | 91.4% |
| Year 3 | 96.7% |
| Year 4 | 96.2% |
| Year 5 | 100% |
| Year 6 | 94% |
| Well Done Year 5! | |
| No term time holidays please! | |

Easter Sessions for neurodivergent children

Follow this link to book [Events - Potential Kids](#)

EASTER FUN POTENTIAL KIDS

Sessions for neurodivergent children, young people and their siblings

BOOKINGS:
potentialkids.org.uk/events

Further event details can be found on our website

Happy Easter

Promoting social inclusion, new friendships, physical activity, life skills, learning and social skills

the gallery EMBRACING NEURODIVERSITY
Autism-ADHD-Dyslexia-Dyspraxia-Tourettes
www.potentialkids.org.uk

Event Schedule:

- Tue 31st March 6.00-7.30pm: Roller Skating, Roller City, Campus West, Age 8 Yrs +
- Wed 1st April 1.00-2.00pm: Fun Rings, Snow Centre, Gosling, Age 8 yrs +
- Thur 2nd April 10.00-12pm: Pony Morning, Danecroft Stables, Age 5-11 yrs
- Thur 2nd April 6.30-8.00pm: Soft Play, Funzone, Birchwood, Age 4-12 yrs
- Tue 7th April 10.30-12.30 1.30-3.30: Cooking & Gardening, Potential Kids Garden, Age 4 yrs +
- Thur 9th April 6.00-7.00pm: Trampoline, Gosling Sports Centre, Age 5 yrs +

Information for families on FREE health and lifestyle courses and support

Beezee FAMILIES

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our **FREE 12 week in-person programme** starts on **27th April 2026**, with an intro call beforehand

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|--|---|--|--|
| HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm | CHESHUNT Oakview Primary School ENT 6LB 5:00 - 7:00pm | STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:00 - 7:00pm | WATFORD Chater Junior School WD18 0ND 5:00 - 7:00pm |
| ** NO SESSION ** | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm | BOREHAMWOOD St Michael's & All Angels Church Hall WD6 5EQ 5:00 - 7:00pm | ** NO SESSION ** |
| ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm | ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm | ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm | ** NO SESSION ** |

Scan to find our online timetable!



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Hello **Easter Holidays!**

Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started;

Activity 1:

Get active as a family

Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video



Activity 2:

Try a mini "mission"

A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves



Activity 2:

Keep it simple with food

Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!

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Want more healthy lifestyle support? Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or Click the link



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Beezee by maximus

Ready to unlock the secrets of healthy eating on a budget?

Date: **Wednesday 15th April** Time: **6 - 7pm**

Join us for a **FREE** one-hour workshop to get practical tips from our nutritionists. During your time with us you can:

- Discover low-cost healthy swaps
- Understand the importance of meal planning
- Get tips to stick to your shopping list and budget
- Learn about different cooking methods
- Ask questions and get free resources!

Secure your **FREE spot today**

Click me to sign up

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Beezee by maximus

Sign up to our **FREE masterclass** How to support children with a limited diet?

Date: **Wednesday April 8th** Time: **6 - 7pm**

This one hour session will be led by our nutritionists who can help you understand more about limited diets and offer their expert support. By signing up, you can:

- Share challenges and tips with like-minded parents/carers
- Join an informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere
- Get lots of practical tips you can use for your family

This is available to all parents, whatever your child's age.

Secure your **FREE spot today**

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