

## This Week's News

5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very full week with a Maple Class trip to Mountfitchet Castle, a K'NEX Challenge for KS2 and a lovely trip for all pupils from Reception upwards to St Leonard's Church in our local community for the Arts Festival today. We promoted prevention and safety across the school for 'Child Safety Week', and I hope you found the information sent home earlier this week useful. We also welcomed one of our Governors, Sue Wright into school on Tuesday to speak to the children about designing the programme cover for the Scarecrow Festival later this year. Well done to Louie & Darcy in Chestnut Class and Rupert Ca & Andre in Bonsai Class, who were awarded medals during the K'NEX Challenge for their super designs.

This week, Cherry Class have been exploring our new topic of 'Gardens'. They transformed the role-play area into a busy Garden Centre, complete with a working florist, where the children have enjoyed taking on different roles and using their imaginations. The children have also been designing their own vegetable patches, learning about plants and how they grow. They have started reading new focus stories too. Reception are thoroughly enjoying 'Oliver's Vegetables', while Nursery have begun exploring 'Planting a Rainbow'. They also discussed 'Child Safety Week', talking about the importance of staying safe in the sun and around water. The children shared their ideas about how to keep themselves safe and made safety posters.

Maple Class have completed lots of lovely learning this week. They explored fractions through Maths games, imagined and predicted monster characters from our new class book and asked questions about what makes a city in Geography. It was lovely to see the whole class get creative and collaborative with blocks as they began researching how best to make a structure stable in D&T. The highlight of the week was their school trip. They had a wonderful day at Mountfitchet Castle, learning all about Motte and Bailey Castle life in 1066. We were all so proud of their curiosity, kindness and excellent behaviour on their school visit. Thank you also to the parent helpers who assisted on the trip.

Chestnut Class have begun their new narrative unit based on 'The Iron Man'. In Maths, they have been deepening their multiplication skills learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000, while Year 4 children have been extending this knowledge by working with decimal numbers. In Geography, they started a fascinating new topic on India. The Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their K'NEX Workshop, showing great enthusiasm throughout. They also loved visiting the outdoor learning classroom this week and they were delighted to see how much their plants and vegetables have grown.

Bonsai have spent this week exploring extreme weather in Geography, making stencils in Art and becoming engineers in their K'NEX Workshop. The children have had a sneak peek at the KS2 summer musical script and began to consider which role they would like to take on. They have also explored how to be safe in and out of school and completed their entries for the Scarecrow Festival programme design competition. Keep an eye out for the winners later in the term.

Please remember to continue reading with your child on a daily basis and giving them the opportunity to complete their Numbots and TTRS learning each week.

I would encourage Years 1 & 4 to continue reinforcing their learning at home over the weekend ready for the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table and Year 1 Phonics Checks next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones  
Headteacher

### Summer Term Dates 2026

- 8th June—Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check
- 8th June—Y1 Phonic Checks begin
- 8th June—Class Photos - smart and
- 9th June—Y3/4 Rugby Event—Harpenden Rugby Club—whole class
- 12th June—Owl Workshop—All pupils
- 12th June—Pajamarama Day—Wear PJ's and raise funds
- 15th June—Assessment week—YR to Y6
- 19th June—Cherry Class Assembly 9am—Families welcome
- 22nd June—Arts and Sports Week
- 23rd June—Nikita Setchell Kayak Cross Athlete Visit/fundraiser
- 24th June—Flamstead's Got Talent
- 26th June—Sports Day and Family Picnic 9—12
- 29th June—Swimming starts (for 3 weeks)
- 2nd July—EYFS Stay and Play—For children in EYFS in September
- 6th July—KS2 Dress Rehearsal (Nursery pupils invited)
- 7th July—KS2 Performance (Parents invited)—3:30pm
- 8th July—KS2 Performance (Parents invited)—6:30pm
- 9th July—Class Swap Day & EYFS Parent Meeting
- 9th July—Herts Transition Day for Y6 pupils
- 10th July—End of year pupil reports home
- 10th July—Parent Council meeting at 9am
- 15th July—Arts Fest and Open Evening 3.30—4.30pm
- 21st—Y6 leavers assembly at 9am
- 21st—Term ends at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays

# Photos from this week

## Cherry Class



## Maple Class



## Chestnut Class



## Bonsai Class





## Bright Star Awards - Friday 5th June 2026

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Poppy</b>	For her enthusiasm and try hard attitude to her learning this week. Poppy has been asking for support and impressing her teachers with her learning and should be proud of all her learning this week.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Marlee</b>	For her increased independence in writing. Marlee has been set a target to write a word independently and has been doing so well.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Lucia</b>	For being a helpful friend during our Geography city-sorting lesson this week.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Milan</b>	For being responsible and following our Gold Rules on our trip to Mountfitchet Castle.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	For working super hard this week across all his learning; he especially shone in Maths, working hard to multiply and divide by 10 and 100.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Darcy</b>	For working hard in Maths this week. She tried so hard to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000, especially when it became a decimal number.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Theo</b>	For his effort and engagement across the curriculum and his role model behaviour.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>William</b>	For his engagement and effort in the K'NEX workshop.



### Attendance

### Home Learning Celebrations



Year Group	w/b 1st June
<b>Nursery</b>	100%
<b>Reception</b>	94.1%
<b>Year 1</b>	94.6%
<b>Year 2</b>	89.1%
<b>Year 3</b>	98.4%
<b>Year 4</b>	89.6%
<b>Year 5</b>	88.9%
<b>Year 6</b>	88.9%
<p><b>Well done Nursery!</b></p> <p><b>Make sure you arrive to school on time please</b></p>	

Year Group	Reading	Numbots/ TTRS
<b>Cherry</b>	8	5
<b>Maple</b>	6	4
<b>Chestnut</b>	9	3
<b>Bonsai</b>	-	-

**Each week, we check who has met the home learning expectations. The new chart above shows how many children in each class met those expectations.**

**Congratulations to Cherry & Chestnut Classes who, again, won and got 5 minutes extra break time this week for each challenge!**

