

# HCFS Newsletter

## Summer Term Two – July 2025



### A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful year at Hatfield Community Free School, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our pupils, staff, and families have achieved together.

This year, our children have shown incredible resilience, kindness, and a real love of learning. Whether it's been in the classroom, during sports days, or in our school performances, every pupil has made us proud. Thank you for supporting your children and our school community—you play such a vital role in making our school a welcoming and inspiring place.

I'd also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff team. Their commitment and care ensure that every child at our school feels valued and supported every day.

As we look forward to the next academic year, we're excited to continue building on our successes together. I wish you all a restful, enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year.

Warmest Wishes,  
Mrs Hobson

### Key Dates for Autumn Term One

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET Day School Closed
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Day School Closed
- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - School begins for Years 1 to 6
- 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – School begins for Reception
- 8<sup>th</sup> September – 5:15pm Cuffley Camp Parent Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> September Golden Eagles Daily Swimming Lessons Commence (2 weeks)
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – Cuffley Camp Residential
- 18<sup>th</sup> September – Cuffley Camp Residential
- 19<sup>th</sup> September – Cuffley Camp Residential
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Spanish Celebration Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 8:30am – 9:15am
- 29<sup>th</sup> September – Sparrowhawks Daily Swimming Lessons Commence (2 weeks)
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Consultations 3pm – 5pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Parent Consultations 3pm – 5pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October EYFS & KS1 Harvest Festival Assembly – Parents Invited 2:45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Year Five Assembly – Parents Invited 2:45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Lessons – English – Please join your child in class for an English Lesson – 9am to 10am
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – HSA Family Event – Details to follow
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Nasal Spray Flu Immunisations
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parent Lessons – Maths – Please join your child in class for a Maths Lesson – 9am to 10am
- 22 October – Year 4 Assembly – Parents Invited 2:45pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October – HALF TERM
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November Autumn Term 2 Commences

Congratulations

This half term's winning house group is

**Parrots**

with **3097** points!

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### Staff News



Today we say farewell to Ms Hammond and Miss Wasnock as they move on to new ventures in September and to Mrs Richardson who embarks on her retirement. We will miss them all greatly and wish them the very best for the future.



In September we will be welcoming Mrs Good and Mrs Atkin to the teaching team. In addition, we are welcoming back Mrs Ephgrave in the role of Learning Support Practitioner and Miss Cumberbatch as Administration Officer in the office.



Finally, we send our congratulations to Mr Francis as he has been successfully appointed into the role of Thrive Practitioner from September.

### Attendance Awards

06/06/25	13/06/25	20/06/25	27/06/25	04/07/25	11/07/25	18/07/25
Kestrels 100%	Kingfishers 98%	Seals 99%	Seals 100%	Woodpeckers 99.33%	Woodpeckers 98%	Rabbits 100%
Falcons 98.85%	Rabbits 97.5%	Kingfishers 99%	Rabbits 99%	Badgers 98.95%	Hedgehogs 97.89%	Puffins 99.33%
Deer 98.25%	Kestrels 97.33%	Falcons 98.99%	Kestrels 98%	Foxes 98.57%	Puffins 97.67%	Woodpeckers 99.33%
Rabbits 96.67%	Woodpeckers 97.24%	Rabbits 98.5%	Woodpeckers 97.99%	Rabbits 98%	Foxes 97.62%	Swans 97.93%
Golden Eagles 96.67%	Foxes 97%	Ducks 97.33%	Owls 97.33%	Swans 97.93%	Rabbits 97%	Badgers 97.89%
Woodpeckers 96.55%	Hedgehogs 96.84%	Puffins 96.64%	Kingfishers 97.33%	Falcons 97.67%	Badgers 96.84%	Owls 96.67%
Hedgehogs 96.49%	Falcons 95.86%	Badgers 96%	Ducks 97%	Puffins 97.33%	Kingfishers 96.67%	Kestrels 96.33%
Owls 95.56%	Seals 95.5%	Woodpeckers 95.52%	Golden Eagles 95.33%	Ducks 97%	Swans 95.86%	Sparrowhawks 95%
Ducks 95.56%	Owls 95.33%	Swans 95.33%	Badgers 95.26%	Kingfishers 96.33%	Ducks 95.67%	Falcons 94.67%
Kingfishers 95.56%	Puffins 94.14%	Owls 95%	Foxes 95%	Kestrels 95.67%	Owls 95.33%	Seals 94.5%
Seals 95%	Golden Eagles 94%	Foxes 92%	Falcons 94.67%	Golden Eagles 95.33%	Sparrowhawks 94%	Hedgehogs 94.21%
Swans 94.44%	Swans 93%	Deer 88.5%	Falcons 94.67%	Hedgehogs 93.16%	Kestrels 93.33%	Kingfishers 94%
Sparrowhawks 94.44%	Deer 90.91%	Deer 88.5%	Puffins 93.67%	Owls 92.67%	Falcons 92.67%	Ducks 93.33%
Foxes 93.33%	Ducks 90.67%	Hedgehogs 88.42%	Deer 93.5%	Sparrowhawks 92.33%	Golden Eagles 92%	Golden Eagles 93%
Puffins 90.8%	Sparrowhawks 90.67%	(Year 6 PGL Week)	Swans 93.45%	Seals 92%	Deer 90.5%	Foxes 92.86%
Badgers 88.33%	Badgers 90%		Sparrowhawks 93%	Deer 91.5%		Deer 92.5%
			Hedgehogs 92.63%			



We strive to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance. Further information regarding attendance can be found on the [Attendance Page](#) of our school website.

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## Principal Awards

06 June	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G.Eagles	 S.Hawks
13 June	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
20 June	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 Year 6			
27 June	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
04 July	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G.Eagles	 S.Hawks
11 July	 Hedgehogs	 Rabbits	 Badgers	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
18 July	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G.Eagles	 S.Hawks

## Out of school achievements!

Well done to ...

			
Rainbows Gold Award	Competing in a gymnastics competition	Level 7 Swimming	Winning a football tournament

Please do share your child's achievements with us via the school office as we love to be able to celebrate them with them in school.

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## Core Value Awards

06 June	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
13 June	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G.Eagles	 S.Hawks
20 June	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
27 June	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G.Eagles	 S.Hawks
4 July	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
11 July	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G.Eagles	 S.Hawks
18 July	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins



### Half Term Highlights

#### Sports Day

We were thrilled to come together for our annual Sports Day. Children competed with boundless energy and excitement, representing their houses in a series of engaging and spirited events. From tricky obstacle courses to fast-paced relay races, each activity showcased teamwork, determination, and plenty of smiles. The final scores were:

#### EYFS and KS1 Results

1st Place	<b>Giraffes</b> with 1143 points
2nd Place	<b>Elephants</b> with 1123 points
3rd Place	<b>Zebras</b> with 1053 points
4th Place	<b>Crocodiles</b> with 985 points
5th Place	<b>Panthers</b> with 957 points
6th Place	<b>Parrots</b> with 946 points

#### KS2 Results

<b>Parrots</b> with 1602 points
<b>Zebras</b> with 1579 points
<b>Crocodiles</b> with 963 points
<b>Panthers</b> with 935 points
<b>Giraffes</b> with 905 points
<b>Elephants</b> with 805 points



In our KS2 sports day, we also ran sprint finals. Our winners were as follows:

	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	Grace	Theo
<b>Year 4</b>	Adelaide	Edson
<b>Year 5</b>	Chloe D	Alfie
<b>Year 6</b>	Kayla	Tendekai



Well done to all the children and thank you to the staff and those that supported during the events.



### Half Term Highlights continued

#### Year 6 Residential

Wow what an amazing week we had at PGL- full of sun, laughter and memories to last a lifetime!

We set off on a very sunny Monday morning, the children using this time to practise their graduation songs- the most popular choice by far was the song Stargazing!

On arrival the children were straight into activities. Across the week the children took part in raft building, abseiling, zip wire, giant swing, shooting, archery, archery tag to name a few. All the HCFS and PGL staff were super impressed with every child's approach to the challenges they overcame whilst there, whether that was on an activity or adjusting to a new routine. Every child rose to them with grace and determination and should feel very proud of themselves.

Our evenings were filled with different activities, set up by the PGL staff. One night the children were challenged to complete team building activities. The winning team were gifted a water balloon-watch out teachers! Another night the children took part in campfire, learning new songs and toasting marshmallows. On our final night the children took part in a general knowledge quiz. Resulting in a three-way tie!

We ended the week with a lovely walk along the beach. All very tired by this point, the children relaxed and spent the last morning enjoying time with their friends. We had the best time at PGL!! Then traveling safely back to school listening to many renditions of Stargazing once again. We reunited the very tired children with their parents as well as a lovely big bag of washing!

Here's what the children had to say about their week away, *'PGL was awesome. There were fun activities like rafting and the giant swing which was scary and thrilling at the same time. We spent our time in a bunk with our friends and got to play games with them. The food was amazing and tasted great. It was as good as Gordon Ramsey's food: 5 stars!!!'*

Thank you, children, for keeping all us adults entertained across the week, we hope they enjoyed it just as much as the adults!



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## Half Term Highlights continued

### EYFS Graduation

Our Reception Graduation was a truly special milestone, marking the wonderful achievements our youngest learners have made in this important stage of their journey. The children amazed us all with their enthusiastic singing and confident dance moves- a true reflection of their hard work and growth throughout the year.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and guardians who joined us to celebrate. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we enjoyed preparing them.



### Year 6 Production

For the end of year production, year 6 have performed 'I'm An 11- Year Old ...GET ME OUT OF HERE!' By Andrew Oxspring, Nick Haworth, Mark and Lisa Hilton.

The children have performed the musical with trials, challenges and retrospective snapshots of the wild and weird things experienced by our 11-year-olds, their teachers and their parents. The show included humorous situations and variety of opportunities for our children to showcase their tremendous acting skills. It has been a real pleasure to watch, and evidently a very exciting and fun experience for our pupils. We all had a well-deserved laugh!

### Thrive Tea Party

At the end of the school year, we held a lovely Thrive Tea Party to celebrate the children who've had regular support from our Thrive team. Those who had been working closely with Mrs Dobson and Mrs Richardson were invited to join the fun, along with their parents. There was music, biscuit decorating, puzzles, and games – something for everyone to enjoy! It was a great chance for families to spend time together and see some of the activities their children take part in. We also took a moment to thank Mrs Richardson, who is getting ready to retire, for all the care and support she's given over the years. The afternoon was a warm, relaxed way to end the year and continue building those strong, supportive relationships with our families. We're really looking forward to working with these families again in the new academic year. Until then, we wish everyone a happy and restful summer!



### Half Term Highlights continued

#### Reception Zoo Trip

In June, our Reception children had a brilliant trip to Hertfordshire Zoo. It was a day full of excitement as the children explored the different animals and learned all about their habitats. The bird show kept everyone entertained, and the dinosaur experience was a definite favourite!

The children behaved beautifully throughout the day, making it a great experience for staff and helpers – several members of the public even commented on how fantastic they were. We're so proud of how they represented our school. It was a fun, memorable trip that we're sure the children will be talking about for a long time!



#### HSA – A Fantastic Year of Fundraising and Support!

We are thrilled to share the amazing accomplishments of the Home School Association (HSA) this academic year. Thanks to the incredible generosity and support from our families, children, and staff, we raised approximately £8,500 during 2024–25!

More than £3,000 of that has already gone straight back into the school, funding a wide range of initiatives that are making a real difference. These include:

- The support of creating a brand-new Thrive Room
- Helping cover the shortfall for the Year 6 PGL coach trip
- A planetarium experience enjoyed by all year groups
- Sensory circuit resources to help children regulate their emotions
- A large stock of whiteboards to support our amazing LSPs in the classroom

It's been a truly wonderful year, and we can't wait to see what next year brings. Thank you again to everyone who supported us — we couldn't do it without you!

**Sam Merton HSA Chair**



### Half Term Highlights continued

#### Year 6 Graduation

What an incredible day we had as we gathered to celebrate our Year 6 pupils on their graduation from primary school on Thursday! It was a heartfelt ceremony, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of many adventures ahead. The atmosphere was filled with joy and nostalgia as the students sang beautiful songs that reflected their seven-year journey with us. Hits like “Stargazing,” “Power in Me,” and “Beautiful Things” echoed through the quad, leaving many of us feeling proud and emotional. It was a reminder of all the memories we've created together!

As part of the occasion, we held a prize-giving ceremony honouring our talented pupils for their hard work and achievements throughout the years. The smiles on their faces while receiving their awards were priceless! The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the moment when each pupil received their scrolls and yearbooks whilst dressed in their gowns and mortarboards. It was a significant milestone, capturing their primary school memories and accomplishments in a way they can cherish forever.

Let's keep the spirit of celebration alive as we look forward to what the future holds for these amazing young people! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the event and supported us in making this day a success.

Here's to a bright future filled with endless possibilities for our Year 6 graduates!



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## End of Term Message from the Chair of Trustees

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of another year with so much to celebrate!

It was wonderful to watch our Reception children graduate and celebrate with their families. We also say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s! We wish you every success at Secondary School and well done in the completion of your recent SAT exams.

We have had a recent change to the Trust Board and Chetan Pawar is stepping down as a Parent Trustee. We thank Chetan for his time and commitment in supporting the school and Trust Board.

Our HSA have been very busy this year bringing you the Summer Fayre and Colour Run and continually selling second hand uniform via their webpage. Thank you to all who have supported our charity this year and to our volunteers. The HSA are always looking for new volunteers so please email the HSA admin if you wish to get involved next year.

We look forward to working with you next year. Have a great Summer, with best wishes.

**Maxine Kinghorn – On behalf of the HCFST Board**

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### 25/26 Staffing

Senior Leadership Team	Principal	Mrs Victoria Hobson
	Vice Principal	Miss Jo Pape
	Assistant Vice Principal (Pastoral)	Mrs Ellen Summers
	Assistant Vice Principal (Curriculum)	Ms Maliha Syeda
	SENCO	Mrs Ashley Holmes
	School Business Manager	Mr Jonathan Durbin

Middle Leadership Team	EYFS and KS1 Phase Lead	Miss Martha Surry
	KS2 Phase Lead	Mrs Meg Wallace
	Teaching Development Lead	Mrs Michelle Morris

Reception	Badgers Teacher	Mrs Thea Atkin	<b>LSP Team:</b> Mrs Elena Badelita, Miss Molly Curtis Mrs Nikoletta Sari
	Rabbits Teacher	Miss Millie Irish	
	Hedgehogs Teacher	Mrs Fahmin Razaq	
Year One	Foxes Teacher	Miss Belle Kalyan	<b>LSP Team:</b> Miss Joanne Collett Mrs Janthima Ephgrave Mrs Ranisha Senaratne Mrs Yasdenis Sola Mrs Zubaida Kauser Mrs Samira Razi
	Seals Teacher	Miss Ruya Gorur	
	Deer Teacher	Miss Martha Surry	
Year Two	Owls Teacher	Ms Sarah Davies	<b>LSP Team:</b> Miss Melanie Hunter Mrs Anna Merrill Mrs Zabia Ghazzali Miss Lauren Taylor Mrs Wiska Perera
	Puffins Teacher	Mrs Heather Canty	
Year Three	Ducks Teacher	Miss Megan Shepherd	<b>LSP Team:</b> Miss Melanie Hunter Mrs Anna Merrill Mrs Zabia Ghazzali Miss Lauren Taylor Mrs Wiska Perera
	Swans Teacher	Mrs Vitoria Vieira	
Year Four	Woodpeckers Team	Mrs Meg Wallace	<b>LSP Team:</b> Mrs Anam Khan Miss Jessica Banks Mrs Rebecca Delaney Mrs Monika Dudek
	Kingfishers Team	Miss Beth Campbell	
Year Five	Falcons Teacher	Mr Adam Nicholls	<b>LSP Team:</b> Mrs Anam Khan Miss Jessica Banks Mrs Rebecca Delaney Mrs Monika Dudek
	Kestrels Teacher	Miss Eithne McLoughlin	
Year Six	Golden Eagles Teacher	Mrs Michelle Morris	<b>LSP Team:</b> Mrs Anam Khan Miss Jessica Banks Mrs Rebecca Delaney Mrs Monika Dudek
	Sparrowhawks Teacher	Mrs Emma Good	

PPA Teacher		Ms Galina Doychinova
Sports Co-ordinator		Miss Nikita Shah
Thrive Team		Mrs Sarah Dobson, Mr Amalak Francis
Admin	Office Manager	Miss Lorraine Hake
	Admin Officer	Miss Yasmin Cumberbatch
	PA to Principal and SBM	Mrs Shula Venn
Premises	Site Manager	Mr James Williams
	Housekeeper	Miss Joanna Musialik
	Midday Supervisors	Miss Maisie Samuel, Mrs Melissa Brightman, Mrs Sam Merton