

HCFS Newsletter

Summer Term One – May 2026



A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to share how proud we are of our Y6 pupils, who approached their SATs with maturity, determination and resilience. They have worked incredibly hard and conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the week and in the lead-up to the tests. My thanks also go to the staff team for their continued commitment and support—this is a real team effort.

You will have seen our recent communication regarding our exploration of future trust options. We are pleased to now be moving into a further stage of work with Ambition Education Trust as our preferred partner, exploring this opportunity in more detail. This remains a careful and thorough process, and I would like to reassure you that there are no changes to day-to-day school life at this time. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Looking ahead, the next half term is always one of the highlights of the year. With events such as Sports Day, Transition Day, our end of term Family Picnic, EYFS and Y6 Graduations and the Summer Fayre, there is much to look forward to. These occasions bring our community together and provide wonderful opportunities to celebrate the children's achievements—we look forward to sharing them with you.

Warmest Wishes,
Mrs Hobson

Key Dates for Summer Term Two

- 01.06.2026 INSET Day School Closed
- 03.06.2026 Reception School Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
- 05.06.2026 Yr 1 School Trip to Knebworth House
- 08.06.2026 Yr 1 Phonics Screening (2 Weeks)
- 10.06.2026 Yr R Height & Weight Check (School Nurses)
- 15.06.2026 Yr6 Residential Trip (All Week)
- 15.06.2026 Robotics Week
- 15.06.2026 Woodpeckers Swimming Lessons (2 Weeks)
- 24.06.2026 District Sports at Goslings
- 26.06.2026 HSA Break the Rules Day
- 29.06.2026 EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1pm
- 30.06.2026 KS2 Sports Day 1pm
- 06.07.2026 EYFS 7 KS1 Reserve Sports Day 1pm
- 07.07.2026 KS2 Reserve Sports Day 1pm
- 08.07.2026 end of Year Reports Issued
- 09.07.2026 Whole School Transition Day
- 09.07.2026 Yr 6 To Attend Allocated Secondary School
- 09.07.2026 Open Classrooms 3:05pm
- 10.07.2026 HSA Summer Fayre 2:30pm
- 13.07.2026 iRock Concert 2pm
- 16.07.2026 EYFS Graduation 5.15pm
- 17.07.2026 Yr 6 Prom 7pm
- 20.07.2026 HAS Colour Run
- 21.07.2026 Family Picnic 12pm – 1pm
- 22.07.2026 Yr 6 Graduation 5:15pm
- 23.07.2026 End of Term School Finishes 1pm
No JAG After School Childcare
- 24.07.2026 – 31.08.2026 Summer Holidays
- 01.09.2026 INSET Day School Closed
- 02.09.2026 INSET Day School Closed
- 03.09.2026 Autumn Term One Commences for Years 1 - 6
- 07.09.2026 – Autumn Term One Commences for EYFS

Congratulations

This half term's winning house group is

Crocodiles

with **451** points!

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Attendance Awards

13.04.2026	20.04.2026	27.04.2026	04.05.2026	11.05.2026	18.05.2026
Badgers 99.22%	Badgers 95.63%	Badgers 96.2%	S.hawks 98.33%	Hedgehogs 98.78%	Deer 99.47%
Ducks 98.33%	Hedgehogs 96.47%	Hedgehogs 90%	Ducks 97.92%	G. Eagles 98.67%	K.fishers 98.67%
G. Eagles 98.33%	Rabbits 96.47%	Rabbits 96.67%	Badgers 97.66%	Foxes 98.5%	Ducks 98.33%
Hedgehogs 97.79%	Deer 93%	Deer 97%	Foxes 97.5%	W.peckers 97.67%	Badgers 97.5%
W.peckers 97.5%	Foxes 93.5%	Foxes 96.5%	K.fishers 97.5%	S.hawks 97.67%	Foxes 97.5%
Falcons 97.08%	Seals 95.5%	Seals 90%	W.peckers 97.08%	Falcons 97.33%	G.Eagles 97%
Owls 95.83%	Owls 97.33%	Owls 98.67%	G. Eagles 97.08%	Ducks 96.67%	S.hawks 96.67%
S.hawks 95.83%	Puffins 96%	Puffins 96.67%	Seals 96.25%	Kestrels 95.67%	W.peckers 96%
K.fishers 95.26%	Ducks 98.67%	Ducks 96%	Puffins 95.83%	Deer 95.5%	Kestrels 95%
Kestrels 95%	Swans 97%	Swans 95%	Hedgehogs 95.59%	Badgers 95%	Swans 93.67%
Foxes 93.71%	K.fishers 95.33%	K.fishers 97.33%	Rabbits 95.14%	K.fishers 95%	Falcons 93.67%
Seals 93.13%	W.peckers 95.33%	W.peckers 96.67%	Deer 95%	Swans 94.67%	Hedgehogs 93.13%
Deer 91.88%	Falcons 97.67%	Falcons 99.67%	Falcons 95%	Seals 94.5%	Owls 93%
Puffins 90.42%	Kestrels 95.33%	Kestrels 94%	Kestrels 95%	Owls 94.33%	Puffins 92%
Swans 87.08%	G.Eagles 98%	G. Eagles 95.67%	Swans 94.58%	Rabbits 93.89%	Seals 87.5%
Rabbits 84.03%	S.hawks 99%	S.hawks 98.67%	Owls 93.75%	Puffins 93.33%	Rabbits 86.47%

The Summer Term One Attendance Winners are:

Sparrowhawks








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

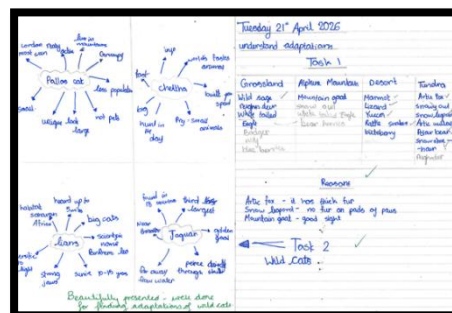
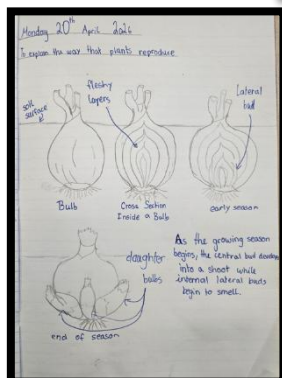
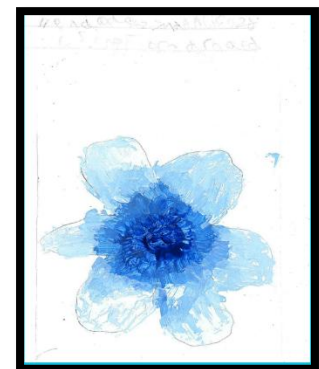
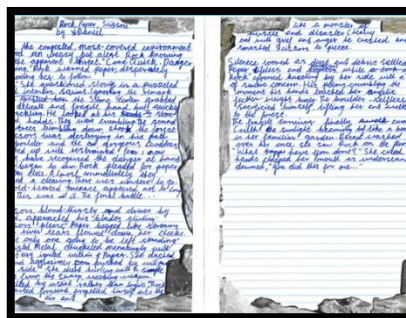
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Principal Awards

13.04.2026	 Badgers	 Chidera Rabbits	 Riley Hedgehogs	 Deer	 Seals	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
20.04.2026	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G. Eagles	 S. Hawks
27.04.2026	 Badgers	Jayna Rose Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Deer	 Seals	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
04.05.2026	 Ducks	 Swans	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G. Eagles	 S. Hawks
11.05.2026	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Deer	 Seals	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
18.05.2026	 Ducks	 Swans	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G. Eagles	 S. Hawks



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Core Value Awards – Curiosity

13.04.2026	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G. Eagles	 S. Hawks
20.04.2026	 Badgers	 Rabbits	Ray Hedgehogs	 Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	 Puffins
27.04.2026	 Swans	 Ducks	 W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	 Kestrels	 G. Eagles	 S. Hawks
04.05.2026	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	 Deer	 Seals	 Foxes	 Owls	Shreya Puffins
11.05.2026	 Swans	 Ducks	Tayo W.peckers	 K.fishers	 Falcons	Atherton Kestrels	 G. Eagles	 S. Hawks
18.05.2026	 Badgers	 Rabbits	 Hedgehogs	Ayda Seals	 Deer	 Foxes	 Owls	Puffins on School Trip

CURIOSITY



Half Term Highlights

Reception

This half-term in Reception, we have enjoyed a wide range of exciting and creative activities!

The children explored different artistic techniques inspired by famous artists such as Jackson Pollock and Rachel Maiden, experimenting with colour, texture, and expression. We also worked with clay to design our own snails after reading Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell, which the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing to life.



Miss Irish
EYFS Teacher

Alongside our creative work, we took time to celebrate important events including Mental Health Awareness Week and St George's Day. These provided valuable opportunities for discussion, reflection, and shared experiences.

As we look ahead, we have begun preparing for what we hope will be a fantastic summer term. The children have already got into the seasonal spirit by creating their own delicious-looking ice creams — a fun and imaginative way to welcome the warmer weather!

We are incredibly proud of all the children's enthusiasm, creativity, and progress this half-term.



Year One

We have had a very busy and enjoyable half term. In science the children explored the topic Weather Art, making the most of the windy weather to conduct different investigations. We made windmills and wind spinners and explored how well they worked at different times of the day. We went on to explore shadows and sun dials. The year 6 children joined us for a fun afternoon retelling stories using shadow puppet theatres.

In Project the children also had lots of fun stepping back in time, when exploring our history topic Memory Box. The children made memory boxes and reflected on their own memories they also learnt more about their adults past. Everyone agreed school is more fun now compared to 100 years ago!



Miss Surry
Y1 Teacher





Half Term Highlights - continued

Year Two

Year 2 enjoyed a memorable and exciting trip to Church Farm in Ardeley. We travelled by coach, and the journey itself was full of anticipation and excitement. Upon arrival, we were welcomed and given an important health and safety talk, which helped us understand how to stay safe while exploring the farm.

We then began our morning activities with a farm trail. The children were delighted to see a range of animals up close, including goats, sheep, lambs, cows, and pigs with their piglets. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about farm life and how animals are cared for. After this, the children took part in a planting activity, where they carefully planted runner bean and broad bean seeds, learning about how food grows and the importance of nurturing plants.



Ms Davies
Y2 Teacher

Before lunch, everyone remembered to wash their hands thoroughly, reinforcing good hygiene habits. After eating, the children continued their adventures. One group enjoyed the woodland playground, searching for fairies and riding on tractors, which was a particular highlight. Meanwhile, the other group went on a plant safari, exploring the polytunnels and discovering a variety of fruits and vegetables growing there.

At the end of a fun-filled day, we returned to the coach. The excitement had clearly taken its toll, as many children were very tired and fell asleep on the journey back to school. It was a fantastic trip that combined learning, exploration, and enjoyment for all.



Year Three

This term in English, Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring *Horrid Henry* as their focus text. The children loved reading the stories and eagerly discovering what mischievous trick Henry would get up to next!

Before writing their own *Horrid Henry* stories, the children worked collaboratively to generate exciting ideas, thinking carefully about situations where Henry could be horrid, what mischief he might cause and the consequences that would follow. They then worked incredibly hard to write their own stories, which will soon be turned into a class book titled "*Horrid Henry's Tales by Year 3.*" We hope to share this with you all very soon!



Mrs Veira
Y3 Teacher





Half Term Highlights - continued



Mrs Wallace
Y4 Teacher

Year Four

Year 4 have loved their 1066 project this half term.

We learnt all about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings and how the monarchy changed during this time period. We finished off the history learning with the Battle of Hastings and then moved onto the DT part of the project!

The children designed and made their own Anglo-Saxon pendants with different symbolic images on them. Vikings, battles and DT - what's not to like about this project?



Year 5

We are delighted to share that Year 5 pupils were taking part in an exciting programme delivered by the Stevenage Foundation (part of Stevenage Football Club).

Each week, the Foundation team spent two hours with Kestrels and Falcons providing a brilliant balance of classroom learning and physical activity. During the first hour, children take part in interactive sessions focused on nutrition, healthy eating, fitness and wellbeing. Through these discussions, games and practical activities, children learn about making healthy lifestyle choices, understanding food groups, and why exercise is important for both physical and mental health.

The second hour was out in the sun, where the children got active through a range of fun, inclusive sports and fitness activities. These sessions are designed to promote fitness, teamwork, confidence and an enjoyment of physical activity.

We would like to thank Stevenage Foundation for providing such high-quality sessions and for inspiring our year 5 to stay active and healthy.

We look forward to continuing this partnership throughout the year!



Mr Nicholls
Y5 Teacher





Half Term Highlights - continued

Year 6

As part of our Child's War project, we have explored the historical concept of "Make Do and Mend," learning how families during wartime reused and repaired clothing due to limited resources.

This topic has deepened their understanding of resilience, creativity, and sustainability. Through practical activities, the children have developed key sewing skills, including the use of blanket stitch, satin stitch, and leaf stitch. They have practised these techniques carefully, improving their fine motor control and attention to detail.

This week, the children applied their learning by designing and creating a personal emblem, inspired by wartime values and symbols.



Mrs Morris
Y6 Teacher



Sporting Achievements

In summer 1 we have attended the following events,

- District Football Tournament
- District Hockey Tournament
- Y5/6 Girls Cricket
- Y5/6 Boys Cricket
- Y3/4 Tri-Golf
- Swimming Gala



Mr Flynn
Sports Co-ordinator



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Out of School Achievements!

		
Achieved star of the week at Theatre Train stage school and passed her debut exams!	Achieved Player of the Week and Managers Player of the Week!	Winning the cup final with Hatfield Comets U12s

WE LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS!

If your child wants to share their achievements with us so that they appear in our next newsletter, please send them in to office@hdfs.org.uk