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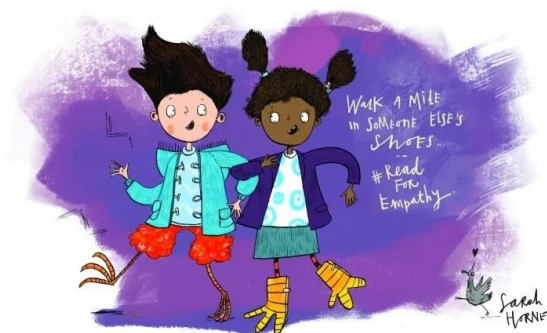
Headteacher Highlights...



- Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year - only **32 days** left!
- We hope that you have seen our **Learning Leaflets** and **Enquiry Organisers** for this half term.

Empathy Day 2025

On **Thursday 12th June**, both schools will be participating in [Empathy Day](https://empathylab.uk). Last year, school introduced this initiative as a way to support children's understanding of how their behaviours can both positively and negatively effect others. We had several unwanted prejudiced behaviours displayed towards both staff and children by *some* children. Whilst we have not eradicated these behaviours they have diminished. However, we can always do more to educate our children, hence supporting **Empathy Day** to create a better school. Activities will include reading a variety of **diverse texts** linked including an in-depth look at 'Invisible' by Tom Percival in the Infant school and 'Each Kindness' by Jacqueline Woodston in the Junior School. The children will be **painting/decorating pebbles** which we will hide in the community – to cheer people up! Let us know if you find one! We will participate in Empathy Lab assemblies and hopefully our day will shine a light on the role of books in raising an empathy educated generation.



Attendance Matters...

Attendance between 02/09/2024 – 06/06/2025			
Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
1	91.17	BEECH	96.95
2	91.31	CHESTNUT	94.43
3	92.8	ASH	95.91
4	91.62	HOLLY	91.86
5	94.95	WILLOW	96.03
6	94.46	OAK	96.14
Pre School	91.67	PINE	94.74
Whole School	92.82	SYCAMORE	96.79
		Whole School	95.34

Number of late children this week					
Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am	Class	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
1	3	0	BEECH	1	1
2	1	0	CHESTNUT	3	0
3	5	0	HOLLY	1	0
4	3	1	WILLOW	1	0
5	3	0	ASH	1	0
6	1	0	OAK	3	1
Pre School	0	0	PINE	3	1
			SYCAMORE	4	0

This week we have purchased some more small prizes. Hopefully next week the children will be able to swap their stamps.







Golden Welly Award...



Our **winners** for this week are...

In the **Infant** School - **Arthur** [Class 2]

In the **Junior** School - **Teddy** [Holly Class] **Well done to the children for showing us how to play well.**

OPAL Opportunities...



Next week, we are introducing **Tug of War** and **small bikes and scooters** to our lunchtime play. We are also encouraging our children to support our environment and have **volunteer litter pickers** in **Year 2** and **Play Leaders** in **Year 5 and Year 6**. **Our children are taking more responsibility.**

Classroom Curiosity...



Preschool

This week, we have begun reading our new core book of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We are looking at plants and growing this term, so this week we have planted tomato plants as well as root potatoes and beans in bags so that we can watch their roots grow.

Next week, we will plant peas and we will begin our transition to Reception by visiting the classrooms for story times.

Have you seen our new pallet planter? We would love any little plants or vegetables to plant in it. Thank you for any donations.



Year R

This week, we have started our new enquiry learning about 'The Wright Brothers' and the first flight. We had a wonderful day at The Shuttleworth Collection looking at lots of old airplanes from the past, exploring the beautiful Swiss Gardens and riding a 102 year old bus! The children have enjoyed using the props on our story shelves to retell the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. In maths, we have been learning pairs of number that make 5 by heart and have introduced using a range of hands-on resources to explore sharing equally.

Next week, we will be thinking about our lives and what our 'personal timeline' might look like, as well as playing games to develop our knowledge of odd and even numbers and sharing sets of objects equally.



Year 1

This week, we all enjoyed our trip to Shuttleworth and in history we have started to ask questions about the past. In English we have read, 'Anansi and the Golden Pot' and learnt some new vocabulary.

Next week, in science we are going to go on a walk around our school grounds observing a variety of plants and trees. In maths we will be solving subtraction problems for teen numbers.









Year 2

This week, we have learnt how to find symmetrical lines in 2D shapes. In English, we used expanded noun phrases to describe a setting in our new text, 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. We investigated plant seeds in science.

Next week, we will make some 3D shapes in maths and talk about their properties. In English, we will plan our own version of a story. We are looking forward to some computing lessons where we will take photographs using landscape and portrait.





Year 3

This week, we have really enjoyed thinking about unit fractions in many different contexts in maths. We used a range of physical resources to explore and displayed some excellent teamwork skills. In English we became authors! We wrote an introduction in the style of the author of our class text 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel', ensuring we used a range of exciting vocabulary, including similes, rhetorical questions and adverbs. **Next week**, we will begin planning our castles in DT before we build them. It would be great if the children could bring in any junk modelling resources to support with this, such as kitchen roll tubes, cardboard and cereal boxes.

Use two colours of snap cubes. One cube must be one colour and the rest should be the other.

Build some 3D fractions. What unit fraction of your whole model is the one cube?

Take pictures and annotate your work to show which unit fraction you have made.


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$\frac{1}{7}$ is



Work with a partner to fold your own strips which are divided into equal parts. Label the unit fractions you have shown.


Be accurate!

My unit fraction is:

$\frac{1}{7}$

The line has been divided into $\frac{7}{7}$ equal parts.

This part is $\frac{1}{7}$ of the whole line.



Year 4

This week, the children wrote their endings to our class novel, 'Boy Overboard', as it ends on a bit of a cliff hanger. In music, we explored how to make music with our bodies by clapping, rubbing, stomping, clicking and tapping. **Next week**, we will learn about Alfred the Great in history. **If you have any cardboard at home, can you please bring it in, the children need it for their upcoming DT project. Thank you!**

Year 5

This week, we have finished making our clay circuses in D.T. In English, we have started planning a narrative based on the class text, 'Who Let the Gods Out'.

Next week, we will write our narratives. We will start our new topics in PE: athletics and cricket. **Please send the children in with their coats, OPAL Lunchtimes means we go out in all weathers and lots of children are getting wet.**



Year 6

This week, we have been planning and writing a descriptive setting about Whitby Abbey using tension and suspense. We have had fun trying to make our readers 'sit on the edge of their seats'! In maths, we have started bakery investigation which has involved using ratio to work out the ingredients needed to make a set of cupcakes, as well as knowledge of percentages and fractions to work out the best value for money. We had a visit from a member St Peter's to talk about what school is like at secondary school and this was also an opportunity for children to pose any related questions. The rest of the week has all been about rehearsals! **Next week**, we will continue with editing our writing and practising our lines for the play.



Diary Dates 6.6.2025

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Multiplication Check	Year 4	Wk beg: Monday 2 nd June	Our Year 4 children participate in the statutory ^[1] Multiplication Tables ^[2] ^[3] Check ^[4] ^[5]
New to Y1 Workshop	Year R	Wednesday 25 th June	All our children in Year R [classes 1 & 2] will visit their new Year 1 classrooms for a short time, we are inviting all parents/carers to pop in at 8.45am for refreshments and find out more about life in Year 1 and then see the classrooms with their children.
Swimming	Year 6	Wednesday 3 rd June - 9 th July	Year 6 will be swimming at One Leisure Pool from 1.30pm-2.30pm for 6 weeks . Please ensure all hair is tied up, swimming bags are named with a swimsuit and towel. These are 'top up' sessions, if your child can swim, they will stay back at school for other PE lessons.
Phonics Screening Check	Y1 & some Y2	Wk beg: Monday 9 th June	Our Year 1 and some Year 2 children will participate in the statutory Phonics Screening Check ^[6] ^[7]
Empathy Day	All schools	Thursday 12 th June	Our Annual Empathy Day ^[8] will return with a day of activities to support everyone to feel happy and safe in school. ^[9]
Stay & Play	New to YR 2025	Friday 13 th June	Our first Stay & Play of the Season for all new YR 2025 children
Changeover Day	All schools	Wednesday 9 th July	We invite our new YR children to explore the Reception classrooms whilst the rest of the school 'jump up' to their new classes across both schools.
New to Y3 Workshop	Year 2	Thursday 10 th July	All our children in Year 2 [classes 5 & 6] will re visit their new Year 3 classrooms for a short time, we are inviting all parents/carers to pop in at 8.45am for refreshments and find out more about life in Year 3 and then see the classrooms with their children.
Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Thursday 10 th July	Our annual end of Primary School treat for good behaviours. School will not invite children on this trip with behaviours that put others and themselves at risk.
Healthy Week	All schools	Wk beg Monday 14 th July	A fun packed week of activities including Olympic Gym visits and Sports Day [Wednesday 16 th July 9.15am for Infant & 1.00pm for Junior]
St Peter's School	Year 6	Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th July	Our Year 6 children who will be transferring to St Peter's School will be spending both days exploring their new school.
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Monday 21 st July	From 9.15am, a chance to reflect on the children's time at Hartford Infant School.
Summer Fete	All schools	Monday 21 st July	From 1.00pm, pay for your child's ticket on Parent Pay [£3.00 per child], bring a picnic blanket and hang around using the field until 5.00pm. [T & C apply- which will be shared later]
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Tuesday 22 nd July	From 9.15am, a chance to reflect on the children's time at Hartford Junior School.
Last day of term	All schools	Tuesday 22 nd July	School will close for the Summer Break. No Treehouse Club for this evening.

1 - [1] <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents> [2]
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Coming up...

Don't forget next week, the [Huntingdon Riverside Gala](#) is on **Saturday 14th June** from 11.00am. A great community event with lots for the kids to do, fair rides, stalls (including **Mrs Germaine's home made jewellery**) and shows. **How exciting!**

