



Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Families,

Sports Week

As summer draws closer, we're thrilled to share exciting news about our upcoming Sports Week, taking place during the week commencing Monday, 16th June 2025. This much-anticipated event is always a highlight of our school calendar, and this year promises to be no exception. With activities designed to inspire fun, teamwork, and physical activity, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Here's a rundown of what Miss McNamara has planned:



Quidditch Day – Monday, 16th June: For our Key Stage 2 children, the week kicks off with a magical Quidditch Day! Inspired by the world of Harry Potter, this unique sport combines strategy, speed, and a touch of imagination. Students will have the opportunity to participate in house teams, learning to play and enjoying some friendly competition. Who will catch the Golden Snitch?

Sports Day – Tuesday, 17th June: The entire school will come together on Tuesday for our traditional Sports Day - with years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the morning and 1 and 2 in the afternoon. This event celebrates our house teams Elstree, MGM, Shepperton and Pinewood. **Please ensure your child wears their PE kit and house colours.** Families are encouraged to join us as spectators and cheer on the children. **For lunch on this day, children can choose from: Ham roll, Cheese roll and Home Packed Lunch options.**

Climbing Wall – Wednesday, 18th & Thursday, 19th June: Midweek, the excitement continues as we welcome a climbing wall to the school grounds. This is an opportunity for all students to test their agility and courage, with professional instructors guiding them safely every step of the way. Whether your child is a seasoned climber or a beginner, this activity is sure to build confidence and provide a great sense of achievement.



The Colour Run – Friday, 20th June: We're ending the week with a splash of colour! On Friday afternoon, students and their families are invited to participate in our vibrant Colour Run. This event involves running, walking, or dancing through a course filled with bursts of colourful powder. It's a fantastic way to celebrate the end of Sports Week together, and we'd love for as many family members as possible to join in. Don't forget to wear white for maximum effect, and bring a towel for

afterwards! **For lunch on this day, children can choose from: Ham roll, Cheese roll and Home Packed Lunch options.**

If you do not want your child to take part in any of these activities, please us their class email to advise (this is their class name followed by @summerswood.herts.sch.uk e.g. anning@summerswood.herts.sch.uk) or speak with their class teacher.

Attendance - Week ending 2nd May 2025

| RPeterPan | RRosen | 1Anning | 1Donaldson | 2Attenborough | 2Johnson | 3Rashford |
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| 91.4% | 90.4% | 96.9% | 87.6% | 99% | 98.4% | 98.1% |

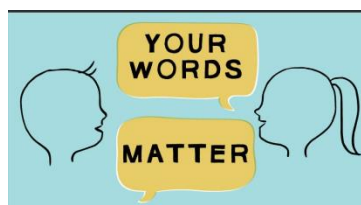
| 3Wicks | 4Queen | 4Thunberg | 5Boseman | 5Southgate | 6Malala | 6Obama |
|--------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|--------|
| 97.8% | 95.3% | 95.3% | 96.9% | 95.2% | 97% | 96% |

2A, 2J and 3R came very close to achieving 100% attendance last week. Hopefully we will have some more 100%'s to announce next week!

We continue to have many children arrive to school late on a daily basis. Again, lateness can be incredibly disruptive for children and staff. I would also like to remind you where possible, to ensure that all routine medical appointments are taken outside of school hours.

If your child has a mild illness such as a cough or cold, with no associated temperature, we would like to see them in school. Often, children with mild symptoms such as these feel better as the day goes on. However, if your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they need to stay off of school for 48 hours after the last incident. This is in line with NHS guidance to prevent the risk of spread to other children.

Appropriate Language



We would like to address the importance of students using appropriate language in school. Swearing or the use of bad language is not acceptable and can have a negative impact on the school environment and on others. We are committed to maintaining a respectful and positive atmosphere for everyone. Students who use inappropriate language will face consequences in line with our school's behaviour policy. We encourage you to discuss this with your child and support us in promoting a culture of kindness and respect

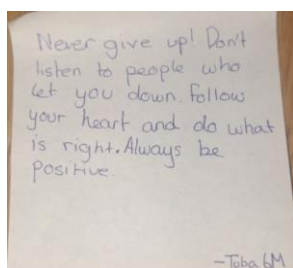
Class 3R's Assembly

This week, Class 3R delighted their families and Years 2 and 3 with their brilliant assembly, showcasing their music learning, as their performance was written in rhyme! It was a joy to watch their creativity and hard work come to life. Well done to Mrs Benedick and Miss Fry for supporting such a fantastic assembly. The quality of learning on show was fantastic and we can't wait to see what our final class assemblies have in store over the coming weeks.

Children's Mental Health week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we asked the children, Families and staff "What advice would you give someone to encourage them to persevere (not give up)?" This week's brilliant suggestion is:

"Never give up! Don't listen to people who let you down. Follow your heart and do what is right. Always be positive."



Kind Regards

Sarah Kneller



Headteacher

Dates to Remember

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 12 th - Friday 15 th May 2025 | SATs week- SATs breakfast club will be Monday-Thursday of this week |
| Thursday 15 th May | Burger day- Menu poster below |
| Friday 16 th May 2025 | Early Years Cake Sale |
| Wednesday 21 st May 2025 | 2J and 2A joint class Assembly |
| Thursday 22 nd May 2025 | Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm |
| Thursday 22 nd May 2025 | Y5 (old 5S) to Hertswood for Vocal Concert |
| Friday 23 rd May 2025 | School finishes at normal times for Half Term |
| Monday 26 th May- Friday 30 th May | Half Term |
| Monday 2 nd June 2025 | Start of Summer Term 2 |
| Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 | Summerswood Sunflower Growing Challenge begins |
| Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th June 2025 | Sports week |
| Tuesday 17 th June 2025 | Sports Day |
| Thursday 19 th June 2025 | Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm |
| Friday 20 th June 2025 | Colour run |
| Monday 23 rd June | INSET DAY- No pupils in School |
| Thursday 4 th July 2025 | WOODFEST 4.30pm-8pm- School Field |
| Tuesday 15 th July 2025 | Year 6 Production- Performance to Parents and children under 5- 2-3pm |
| Wednesday 16 th July 2025 | Year 6 Production- Performance to Parents and children under 5- 2-3pm |
| Wednesday 16 th July 2025 | Performance to Parents NO children under 5- 5-6pm |
| Thursday 17 th July 2025 | Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm |
| Monday 21 st July 2025 | Summerswood Sunflower Growing Challenge- Judging |
| Monday 21 st July 2025 | Leavers dinner 5-6pm in the School Hall. |
| Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 | Last day of Term for Nursery |
| Wednesday 23 rd July 2025 | Year 6 leavers Assembly- Families welcome |
| Wednesday 23 rd July 2025 | Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm |

BURGER DAY 15TH OF MAY

MAIN MENU

Chicken Fillet Burger

or

Beef Burger

or

Quorn Pattie Burger (v)

or

Jacket Potato with Various Toppings

or

Roll with Various Fillings

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

Coleslaw

DESSERT

Chocolate

Crispie Squares



Parents & Carers Information Afternoons



**COME AND GRAB A COFFEE AND
FIND OUT ABOUT WHAT IS GOING
ON IN THE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL**

Thurs 13th March – Home Learning

Thurs 22nd May – Phonics, reading and writing

Thurs 19th June – Maths

**Thurs 17th July – Specsaves – The importance of
eye tests and eye health**



**Time:
2.15-3pm**

**Venue:
School hall –
Entrance
via school
office**





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**Choose one of the 16
Parent talks below.
Email Jane for a free
recording and watch in
your own time.**

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

**Autism: Improving Communication
Raising Self-Esteem
Supporting Healthy Screen Use
Supporting Healthy Sleep
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness
What is ACT?
Introduction to OCD
Anxiety Explained**

**Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Supporting a Child with ADHD
Facing Defiance
Understanding Anger
Addictive Behaviour
Understanding the Teenage Brain
Decreasing Depression
Improving Family Communication**

FACE School Membership Plan

Give **ALL** your parents and **ALL** your staff unlimited free access
to **ALL** the above FACE talks for Parents



**info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk
facefamilyadvice.co.uk**





Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

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| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 16 June 10am |
| Decreasing Depression | 16 June 7pm |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 17 June 10am |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 17 June 7pm |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 23 June 10am |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 23 June 7pm |
| Improving Family Communication | 24 June 10am |
| Autism Improving Communication | 24 June 7pm |
| Facing Defiance | 30 June 10am |
| Anxiety Based School Avoidance | 30 June 7pm |
| Understanding Anger | 1 July 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 1 July 7pm |
| Introduction to OCD | 7 July 10am |
| What is ACT? | 7 July 7pm |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness | 8 July 10am |

CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

AWARENESS EVENT FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Hertsmere Borough Council and Welwyn & Hatfield Borough Council are pleased to offer an evening awareness session on child criminal exploitation and grooming. All parents and community members are welcome to attend this free event.

There will be **free pizza** on the night and entry to a raffle with the prize being a **signed Arsenal football!**

Local youth related organisations will have stalls to promote their services and answer any questions.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from our expert speaker!



**Monday 19
May 2025**



**Dame Alice
Owen's School
Dugdale Hill
Potters Bar
EN6 2DU**



6 - 8pm

Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2025



Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 15 May to 26 June 9.30am - 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4 June to 9 July 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 6 June to 11 July, 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 10 June to 15 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Tuesday 24 June 9.30am - 11.30am

A workshop that helps parents understand ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Monday 16 June 7.00pm - 9.00pm

A workshop that explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

For more information, please contact Louise or Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **services@familylives.org.uk**. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.



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SEND Parent Information & Support Group

Are you the parent / carer of a child / young person with SEND?

Come along to our monthly parent / carer support groups in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. Each session consists of an informal chat with other parents/ carers and the chance to listen to an experienced speaker on topics that may affect your child and family. We run the groups in 2 locations – please feel free to attend either or both.

The next meeting in Potters Bar will be

Thursday 15th May 2025

Elm Court, 363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 3BP

9.15 – 10.45am

Please join us for coffee and a chat!

No need to book in advance – feel free to just turn up on the day. Refreshments will be provided.

