



Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Families

Sports Week

Wow! What a brilliant week we've had! Quidditch, dancing, sports days, a Chelsea FC football player, football freestyler, climbing wall, staff netball match and finally our colour run! Miss McNamara has put in great time and effort to create such an organised event. Thank you to Hertswood Academy for sending across 16 year nine students to support on Sports Day and to Joseph Wheeler-Henry – a past Summerswood pupil who plays for Chelsea FC – for coming and inspiring the children to keep working hard on their learning so make sure they can achieve anything they set their mind to. If the children told you there was some cheating taking place during the Staff Netball match – I can assure you we tried our best to make sure that Mrs Norman didn't wobble the nets during play, didn't squirt too many staff with her water pistol and the step ladder, that she is fully trained to use, was not allowed to be included during official match time. 😊



#Woodfest – 2 weeks to go!

Please be sure to buy your #Woodfest Tickets online- you'll then have your wrist band and will have smooth entry on the day – no need to wait and pay at the gate. Raffle tickets are also on sale - £2 each – first two prizes are £100 or an afternoon tea at The Manor Hotel, Elstree. Please help us raise as much money as we can! We're also still asking for your donations – this last week was for unwanted toys, gifts and cuddly toys – we haven't been

overwhelmed with donations so please do take time to see if you have anything you're able to bring to support us. Next Friday 27th June we need all the bottles we can get! Alcohol, soft drinks, bubble bath, shower gel, anything that comes in a full bottle is encouraged, If we have a good amount – we'll be giving the children some extra break time as a thank you.

Get ready for:

The Students of Summerswood

BBQ – Drinks – Games

Tickets - £6
11 and under free

Please join us on
Friday 4th July 2025
4.30 – 8pm

Marcus Firby



I will be performing live at Woodfest and am super excited to see you there in the crowd! ☺
Scan this QR code to listen to my music and be ready to sing along all evening!



for...

#Woodfest

WARRIOR SPARKLE

SHINE

In memory of
Luke & Emine

Love4Luke

COURAGE
BELIEF



Please bring change as we are cash based

It is the final of Summerswood's Got Talent on Thursday and we can't wait to see who will be performing on the night! Congratulations to all children who had the courage and confidence to audition – we're really proud of you all.

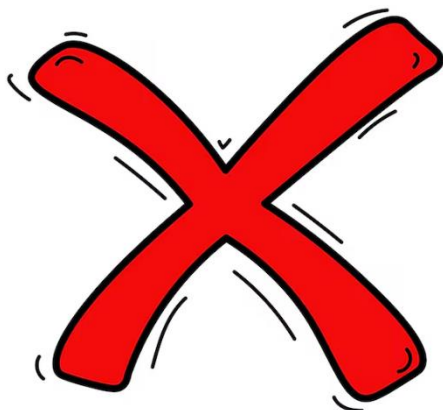
Attendance- week ending 20th June

Reception Rosen	Reception Peter Pan	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2 Johnson	3 Wicks
88%	86.5%	95.7%	96.8%	96.6%	98.4%	93.2%
3 Rashford	4 Thunberg	4 Queen	5 Boseman	5 Southgate	6 Malala	6Obama
90.3%	93.1%	92.9%	95.3%	85%	98.3%	92.3%

Please take the time to log on to Arbor to check what your children’s current attendance levels are. The government expected minimum is 96%. Please ensure that your child attends school on time, every day, ready to learn. There is still plenty of time for your children’s punctuality and attendance levels to improve in these final few weeks of the school year.



Playground Apparatus



Please remember that children are **not permitted to use any of the outdoor apparatus** before and after school, without permission from and supervision of school staff.

Gardening Club update



You may have noticed an improvement to the school entrance flowerpots. The Gardening Club have been busy planting them up and keeping them watered. Thank you for buying plants and helping us to raise money to make these improvements. There will be a plant stall at Woodfest. We will have a variety of plants for sale. Thank you for your continued support.

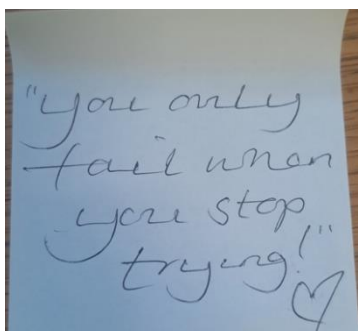
Reception Library Trip

A few weeks back Reception visited Borehamwood Library. The weather was kind, and the children were well behaved as we walked there and back. We learnt how to sign up to get a library card, were shown around the amazing library space, and listened to some great stories from the staff and volunteers.



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



"You only fail when you stop trying"

Kind Regards



Sarah Kneller

Headteacher

Dates to Remember


Date	Event
Monday 23 rd June 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Wednesday 25 th 2025	Year 4 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Year 6 Cinema Trip
Friday 4 th July 2025	WOODFEST 4.30pm-8pm- School Field
Monday 14 th July 2025	Reception- Trip to Southend
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	Year 6 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



**SUPER
STAR
SPORT**



**SUMMER
ACTIVITY
CAMP**



Dear parent/carer please find our exciting list of themes we will be running alongside our sports provision each week. Please bare in mind, this will be consistent over our camp venues so please be sure to check your desired camp is running on the given day!

Week 1: Wed 23rd – Fri 25th July

Wed 23rd July - Arts & Crafts
Thu 24th - Water fight
Fri 25th - Face Painting

Week 2: Mon 28th July – Fri 1st Aug

Mon 28th - Superhero Day Fancy dress
Tue 29th - Magician
Wed 30th - Water fight
Thu 31st - Ice Cream Day
Fri 1st - Board Game Day

Week 3: Mon 4th – Fri 8th Aug

Mon 4th - Boxing lesson
Tue 5th - Show & Tell/bring a toy
Wed 6th - Water fight
Thu 7th - Tournament day (Prizes to be won)
Fri 8th - Arts and crafts

Week 4: Mon 11th – Fri 15th Aug

Mon 11th - Water Fight
Tue 12th - Circus Skills
Wed 13th - Olympics Day
Thu 14th - Party game day
Fri 15th - Zorb

Week 5: Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Aug

Mon 18th - Cheerleading workshop
Tue 19th - Water Fight
Wed 20th - Football frenzy
Thu 21th - Arts and crafts
Fri 22th - Party Day

Week 6: Tue 26th – Fri 29th Aug

Tue 26th - Dodgeball Day
Wed 27th - Board game day
Thu 28th - Water fight
Fri 29th - End of summer party

To Book:

Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk 'Book Now' For more information email at email_operations@superstarsportnwl.com

SCAN HERE



SUMMERSWOOD SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

STARTS TUES 3RD JUNE 2025

- Every child will get the chance to grow a sunflower in their class
- Prizes for the tallest sunflowers in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes
- The judging will be on **Monday 21st July 2025**



**POTS &
SEEDS
WILL BE
PROVIDED**

**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS BROWN
GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL & HAPPY GROWING!**



JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday
31st July

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.
Identifying the issues and step by step guide
to reduce the negative impact.

Monday
21st July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving
practical interventions. Clear explanation of
the condition in all its forms and extremely
useful advice.

Monday
28th July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage
defiant and challenging behaviour,
especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA
conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
29th July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children
who are anxious about school.
Steps you can take to help them back
into the classroom.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



July Timetable

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

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
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am



Summer is the perfect time for children to head outside and explore! Nature play boosts health, sparks creativity, and reduces stress. From building dens to chasing butterflies, every muddy adventure builds confidence and a love for the planet. In a world full of screens, the great outdoors offers real magic - sunshine, fresh air and endless discovery - and is the ultimate playground for healthier, happier children. So let's get outside...

Are you ready to take on the matchbox challenge?

- 1 Empty matchboxes make great little containers for a mini treasure hunt, so start by decorating a matchbox.



- 2 Now, you have **15 minutes** to collect as many different tiny nature treasures as you can. Remember, they must fit inside your matchbox. How many will you find? Perhaps you could make it into a competition with friends?

Scavenger hunts are a brilliant and easy way to explore nature and stay active outdoors! Let's go!



If your little one loves nature, take a look at our eco activity boxes - our **TOOL KIT FOR ECO HEROES** - use **CODE** for **10% discount**

www.itsourplanettoo.co.uk



MAGICAL MATILDA SUMMER

ROALD DAHL
MUSEUM AND
STORY CENTRE

24 July to 31 Aug

Matilda Storytelling

24 July to 30 August (closed Mondays
except 25 Aug)

Free with Museum entry

Goodies & Baddies Clay Creations

Thurs 24 & Fri 25 July, Tues 12 to Fri 15
August, Tues 19 & Wed 20 Aug

Make clay statues inspired by the book
£5 per participant

Explore Your Way SEND Day

Mon 4 & Mon 18 August

A relaxed day with reduced visitor numbers
Museum admission applies

Miss Honey's Magical Garden

Tues 29 to Thurs 31 July, Friday 1 August

Make a craft garden with natural materials
£5 per participant

Mr Wormwood's Junkyard Cars

Tuesday 4 to Friday 8 August

Make cars out of wheels, axels and junk
£5 per participant

Titchy Superheroes - for under 5s

Wed 13 & Thurs 28 August

Fun session for tots, with a cake smash!
£5 per participant

Family Writing Workshop with poet Will Burns

Thurs 7 Aug, 11am to 1pm

An extra-special family writing workshop
with poet Will Burns. Explore the local
countryside together and conjure up
some epic creative writing to make your
own family poem to treasure for years
to come.

£25 per person plus Museum entry

Matilda's Storyboard Superpowers

Thurs 21 & Fri 22 August

Make a comic book-style storyboard
£5 per participant

Trunchbull's Flying Tricks

Tues 26 & Wed 27 August

Hands-on science session about flying
£5 per participant

Marvellous Matilda Walk

Friday 29 August

A storytelling walk around the village
£5 per participant

Enjoy a whole summer of Matilda fun!

Great Missenden, Bucks | roalddahlmuseum.org

Open 10am to 4.30pm. Closed Mondays except 25 August

What's On Summer 2025

JUNE

CHILDREN'S ART.

Lots of great things going on across the UK in galleries, museums, libraires and schools near you! If you would like to find out more about how to participate, take a look here... <https://www.accessart.org.uk/art-week-flourish/>



JULY

PLASTIC FREE JULY.

Whether you're a beginner looking for a few single-use plastics to avoid, or someone well on their way to a plastic free life, we have ideas to inspire you at home, work, school, and within the community. To get involved visit here. <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

NATIONAL PICNIC MONTH

It's time to get out and have fun in the sun (hopefully!) If you are looking for ideas for a



picnic, here's a few... You just can't beat finger sandwiches in the sunshine!

RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN FESTIVAL 1st - 6th.

As the world's largest annual flower show it's a plant lover's paradise, and is packed with stunning show gardens, floral displays, and plenty of garden inspiration. Visit here! <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-hampton-court-palace-garden-festival>

ALICE'S DAY 5th.

A festival when Oxford transforms into a Wonderland for all to enjoy! The theme for 2025 is Quests and Adventures. Heritage, cultural and retail partners across the city will offer a programme of storytelling, trails, games, crafts, talks and tours, mostly free and suitable for all ages. <https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/about-us/alices-day-1>

DON'T STEP ON A BEE DAY 10th.

Without the tireless work of our native bees, over a third of everything we eat would disappear from our tables. Bees are so vital for the ecosystem of the planet and yet they are under threat like never before. Learn more here... <https://beegood.co.uk/blog/dont-step-on-a-bee-day/>

BUCKINGHAM PALACE SUMMER OPENING 10th - 28th September.

Explore the palace's lavishly furnished State Rooms -

where the King and members of the Royal Family receive and entertain guests on state, ceremonial and official occasions - and admire some of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection. <https://www.rct.uk/visit/buckingham-palace>

LOVE PARKS WEEK 25th - Aug 3rd.

Learn all about what you can do in your community to look after our beautiful Parks. Visit here. <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/>

NATIONAL CHEESECAKE DAY 30th.

Celebrate here in style with our Raring2go! recipe. Have fun making it and enjoy eating it too! <https://raring2go.co.uk/activities/baked-cheesecake/>



AUGUST

SHINE NIGHT WALK 2025

for Cancer Research UK. Various dates in August, Sept & Oct across the UK to get involved, visit here! <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/find-an-event/charity-walks/shine-night-walk>



COWES WEEK 2nd – 8th.
As one of the sailing calendar's biggest events, Cowes Week brings together the world's biggest sailing stars, with more than 1,000 yachts and 8,000 competitors taking part. <https://www.cowesweek.co.uk/>

PLAYDAY 2024 6th.
Playday is the national day for play, celebrated each year across the UK on the first Wednesday in August. Playday 2025 will be celebrated on Wednesday 6 August. To get involved go to <https://www.playday.org.uk/>



AFTERNOON TEA WEEK 2025 11th – 17th.
Afternoon Tea Week celebrates the great British tradition of Afternoon Tea - check out exclusive offers. <https://afternoontea.co.uk/>

GCSE RESULTS DAY 21st After all the hard work and the long wait, today's the day. Good luck to everyone, we hope you get the results you deserve!

BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS 29th.
The biggest night of Blackpool's event calendar – the Blackpool Illuminations Switch-On concert - will take place on Friday 29 August 2025. <https://www.visitblackpool.com/things-to-do/blackpool-illuminations-and-lightpool/blackpool-illuminations-switch-on/>

SEPTEMBER ORGANIC SEPTEMBER
A celebration of everything organic and the hard work and dedication that goes into growing and making it work with nature, not against it. <https://goorganicuk.com/organic-september>

THE GREAT NORTH RUN 7th.
A series of professional and junior athletics activities for the Great North Run has been developed over the last few years. The run starts in the city centre, winds past several iconic sights, and ends at the sea. <https://www.greatrun.org/events/great-north-run/>

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 12th – 21st.
England's largest festival of history and culture. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE. <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN 19th-28th.
A wonderful initiative to clean up our beautiful shores. To get involved visit here <https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/join-a-beach-clean/great-british-beach-clean/>

Top Summer Games for Sun & Showers

Make the most of the great British summer no matter what the weather! These games are perfect for keeping everyone entertained. From outdoor classics to rainy-day favourites, there's something for every kind of weather.

Football: Grab a ball and head outside! Whether it's the garden, park or beach, all you need is a few players and makeshift goals!

Cricket: A true summer classic. Set up some stumps and enjoy a friendly match. Perfect for parks or garden gatherings.

Rounders: Ideal for picnics and BBQs, this easy-to-learn game is great for groups of all ages.

Tennis: With Wimbledon vibes in the air, dust off those rackets! Visit your local courts or pop up a net in the garden for some tennis fun.

Frisbee: From casual throws to a DIY frisbee golf course, it's simple, energetic and great fun for all.

Beach Volleyball: Seaside? Take a volleyball for some sandy fun! No beach? Parks and gardens work equally well too.

Water Balloon Toss: Cool off with this laugh-out-loud game. Easy to set up and brilliant on a hot day. Just make sure you're ready to get soaked!

Capture the Flag: A team favourite that's full of energy and excitement. Great for larger groups and wide outdoor spaces.

Board Games: Indoors with classics like Uno, Pictionary or Snakes & Ladders. Fun for all ages.

Table Tennis or Darts: Set up in a spare room or garage and get a tournament going! Perfect for competitive fun on rainy days.

Indoor Obstacle Course: Use cushions, chairs and blankets to create a DIY adventure zone. Great for burning off energy when stuck indoors. Think Gladiators and the 'Eliminator'...

Balloon Tennis: All you need is a balloon and some makeshift rackets. This is ideal for younger children and totally furniture-friendly.

Charades or Heads Up: Get everyone giggling with these silly, fast-paced guessing games. No equipment needed, just imagination and lots of fun filled silly guesses.

DIY Craft Challenges: Rainy days are perfect for creativity. Set a timer and theme—like 'summer animals' or 'beach day' and then let the crafting begin! So much fun and so creative too!

No matter what the forecast, all of these games guarantee giggles, bonding and brilliant summer memory making times for the whole family.

