



14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Families,

**House Teams**

In Monday's assembly, Mr Peters launched the first competition as we begin using our House Teams - Elstree, MGM, Shepperton and Pinewood. The competition is for children to compete to create their house's crest design.



All pupils in year 6 have the opportunity to apply to be a house captain. They will be completing an application form. Following this, year 6 staff will be shortlisting 6 pupils from each house to attend a short meeting with their house leader. House leaders will then select a house captain and vice-captain for each house. We look forward to sharing who our first captain and vice-captains are. Thanks to Mr Peters for leading on this project.



**Coffee and Information Afternoon**

Mrs Brown led our Parents and Carers Information (and coffee and cake!) afternoon yesterday. They looked at homework and how it's coordinated across the school. Please do keep an eye on our calendar for the next coffee session - we love having parents here to share their views and help us with new ways to interact with our families.

**Attendance Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Please ensure that your child arrives in to school on time and ready to learn. If your child does arrive in to school after 8.50am then please use the office entrance and sign them in there.

<b>RPeterPan</b>	<b>RRosen</b>	<b>1Anning</b>	<b>1Donaldson</b>	<b>2Attenborough</b>	<b>2Johnson</b>	<b>3Rashford</b>
95%	90.6%	98.8%	95.8%	95.4%	97.4%	97.7%
<b>3Wicks</b>	<b>4Queen</b>	<b>4Thunberg</b>	<b>5Boseman</b>	<b>5Southgate</b>	<b>6Malala</b>	<b>6Obama</b>
93.9%	97.7%	97.8%	96%	96.8%	93.3%	94.7%

**Concerns and Worries**

Just a reminder that we are here to listen to any of your worries or concerns. Please speak to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant in the first instance. If you'd like to speak about the same issue again, please ask to speak to the phase leader as they will be able to pick up on any further concerns. We also love to hear your positives too. You can contact our team in person or by email. Please remember if we know what's worrying you - then we can put in some actions to help.

## Upcoming Fun Activities!

Next Friday - 21st March is **Comic Relief**, children are welcome to come in their own clothes in exchange for a donation (£1) for this great charity.

On Monday 31st March we'll be celebrating 'Wear a Hat' day for Brain Tumour Research. On this day your child can wear a hat or have some super funky hair! Again we'll be asking for a donation on this date. That gives you some time to get planning - we can't wait to see what the children will look like on this fun start to the week!



## Travelling book Fair



Book Fair through the KS2 playground entrance in to the Dining Hall.

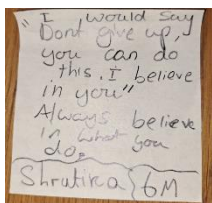
We have a Travelling Book Fair in school that will be open from Monday for families to attend in the school Dining Hall. It will be open until Thursday next week from 3.15pm until 3.45pm. Please note that we are able to take cash payments only. Please do come along and get a book for your child/ren. For every book that is purchased by our families, the school gets books to the equivalent value from the Book Fair to top up our library and keep our books fresh. You can make your way directly to the

## Living Eggs

From the 17<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of March, we will have living eggs in the Library. The children will be able to visit them throughout this time and will have the opportunity to interact with the Chicks once they hatch



## 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 **"Don't give up, you can do this. I believe in what you do"**

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Kneller".

Sarah Kneller  
Headteacher

## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 3 Trip- Celtic Harmony
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Travelling Book Fair
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Living Eggs in the Library
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	3W Class Assembly
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Voice in a Million 2025
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 1 Trip- London Eye and Boat Trip
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Great Summerswood Bake Off and Early Years Cake Sale
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Summerswood Families Egg Hunt 3.15-4pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Class and Year 6 individual photographs for Autograph books
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Early Years Cake Sale
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Start of Summer Term 2
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Summerswood Sunflower Growing Challenge begins
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summerswood Sunflower Growing Challenge- Judging
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Last day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm

# GREAT SUMMERSWOOD BAKE OFF


**Challenge to Families:  
Create 12 Spring/ Easter themed Cupcakes**

Bring them to school on the morning of the judging.  
Judging will take place at 2pm and certificates and prizes  
awarded to 1st Prize- Star Baker, 2nd and 3rd place.



**Cakes will be used to raise funds as part of the Early  
Years Cake Sale after school at the end of the day.**

# 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**





# EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP

Multi-Sport, Easter Egg Hunt, Arts & Craft  
& Eggstravaganza Party Day

## Summerswood Primary School

(Tax free Childcare available)

Furzehill Road WD6 2DW

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Apr - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Apr

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Apr - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr

### **FULL DAY:**

£24.50 per day

£110 for the week

Year 1 - 6 only

8:45AM - 3:30PM

### **HALF DAY:**

£14 per day

Reception - Year 6

8:45AM-1PM/  
12PM-3:30PM



8:30 AM Early drop off available

### To Book:

Visit [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk) 'Book Now'  
For more information email  
[operations@superstarsportnwl.com](mailto:operations@superstarsportnwl.com)

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# Spring term workshops 2025



## **Empowering Parents: Tuesday 11 March 9.30am - 11.30am**

Workshop designed to equip parents/carers with the knowledge skills and confidence to effectively address the challenges of parenting, including managing challenging behaviours, setting boundaries and implementing consistent consequences.

## **Reducing Conflict: Tuesday 18 March 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

This online workshop will help parents understand what causes conflict within their own families and being able to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach in resolving it.

## **It's a Dads Life: Thursday 20 March 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

This online workshop is for dads to help build strong attachments and relationships with their child. It aims to empower fathers with the knowledge and skills to develop deep connections with their children, enhancing their parenting journey.

## **Navigating the storm: Tuesday 25 March 9.30am - 11.30am**

This workshop is designed to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers facing challenging behaviours. It aims to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to manage the complexities of raising adolescents, fostering a positive parent-teen relationship

**For more information, you can scan our QR code to make a referral or call Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk).**



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# Parent & Carer Support Summer Term 2025



**FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire**

All courses are 6 weeks with a break for half term 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May

## TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



### Wednesdays

**7.45 - 9.15pm**

**7<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> Jun**

**Online Course: ID 759**

### Tuesdays

**7.45 - 9.15pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jun to 8<sup>th</sup> Jul**

**Online Course: ID 760**

## TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need aged **2-19**  
Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict and increase co-operation.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



### Tuesdays

**9.30 - 11.30am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jun to 8<sup>th</sup> Jul**

**Face to Face: ID 755**

**Gade Community Room  
Oakleaf Primary School,  
Hemel Hempstead**

### Tuesdays

**8.00 - 9.30pm**

**6<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> Jun**

**Online Course ID 756**

# TALKING TEENS



**Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course ID 759**  
7th, 14th, 21st May, 4th, 11th & 18th June 2025

**Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course: ID 760**  
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June, 1st & 8th July 2025

**6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 12-19, covering:**

- **The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.**
- **The link between behaviour and difficult feelings.**
- **Maintaining your relationship with good communication.**
- **Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.**
- **How to negotiate during a conflict situation.**

**Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.**

**Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child**

"Our home is no longer a battlefield. I am less stressed and my teenager speaks to me more. Thank you!"

**Booking essential**

**Please quote the course ID**  
**To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:**

**07512 709556**

**[bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk)**

**[www.supportinglinks.co.uk](http://www.supportinglinks.co.uk)**



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# TALKING FAMILIES



**Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am** Online Course: ID 757  
8th, 15th, 22nd May, 5th, 12th & 19th June 2025

**Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm** Online Course: ID 758  
6th, 13th, 20th May, 3rd, 10th & 17th June 2025

**6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children under 12, sharing tips on how to:**

- **Manage challenging behaviour with consistency**
- **Encourage positive behaviour**
- **Build your child's self esteem**
- **Set and maintain boundaries**
- **Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children**
- **Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future**

**Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.**

**Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.**

**'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'**

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# TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS



**Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30am** Face to Face Course: ID 755  
**3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June, 1st & 8th July 2025**

Gade Community Room, Oakleaf Primary School,  
Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

**Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm** Online Course: ID 756  
**6th, 13th, 20th May, 3rd, 10th & 17th June 2025**  
Delivered online using Zoom

**A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.**

- **Understand your child's behaviour.**
- **Develop strategies that really work.**
- **Reduce conflict and increase co-operation**
- **Improve emotional regulation**
- **Explore sensory needs.**
- **Increase your child's resilience.**
- **Manage the different needs within your family.**

**Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.**

**'I have been on a few courses to help me with my child but this was by far the most helpful'**

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# TALKING DADS



**Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course: ID 761**  
**4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd & 9th July 2025**

**6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of all ages, sharing information on:**

- **Increasing confidence in your parenting.**
- **Developing a healthy dad/child relationship now and for the future.**
- **Improved listening and communication skills.**
- **Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.**
- **How to enforce boundaries.**
- **Being the dad you want to be.**

**Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.**

**Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.**

**“The course has given me the confidence to know that I can break out of the cycle and make things different for my child.”**

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# Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm



# Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



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

Thursday  
24th April  
19:00 - 20:00

**FREE**



## Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday  
18th March

10:00 - 11:30

£24



## Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.  
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday  
3rd April

10:00 - 11:30

£24



## 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.

Tuesday  
3rd April

19:00 - 20:30

£24



## Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

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