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'Inspiring confident and independent learners'

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Dear Parents,

End of Another School Year

Today we celebrated the end of another school year. We have awarded trophies and certificates to many pupils for their achievements both during and at the end of the year and today we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We now look forward to our new term in September with all the exciting opportunities for the year ahead. We will write to you again towards the end of the holidays with an update for the new term. Latest news – our new playground markings are going in today so netball basketball and tennis will be available in September. The covered court is also having floodlights fitted and will be available for weekend hire.

This Week

It's been a busy week! On Monday our Year 6 children enjoyed their Leavers Outing to Phasels Wood Activity Centre. On Tuesday, we held our 40 Years of Hobbs Hill Wood Celebration Evening. It was great to welcome many parents to our Open Evening on Tuesday where there was an opportunity to talk to your child's current class teacher and meet their new teacher. It was also great to see the children perform on the field and then enjoy a concert by Elite Elton. On Wednesday we had our Whole School Outing to Whipsnade Zoo. On Thursday we presented certificates for the following in Years R – 5:

- Sportsperson of the Year
- Boy/Girl Effort during the year
- Boy/Girl Highest Achiever during the year

and we celebrated our Year 2 and Year 6 trophy winners. A list of all our winners is attached to this email. Today we presented our Attendance Awards for the term and year and we said 'goodbye' to our Year 6 pupils. It was also time for me to say 'goodbye' to Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School after 40 years of exciting adventures. My thanks to everyone for your kind words and gifts.

Year 6 Achieve Excellent SATs Results

Reading – 83% achieved the expected level – 8% higher than the national results

Writing – 73% achieved the expected level – in line with the national results

Maths – 80% achieved the expected level - 5% higher than the national results

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling – 92% - 18% higher than the national results

Overall – 68% achieved the expected level – 5% higher than the national results

These results are amazing and due to the hard work of the children and staff in Year 6. Well done to all our children for rising to the challenge of doing their best.

Changes for 2026/27

Our opening times for our Years 3 – 6 gates will move to 8.20am from the beginning of September. Please do not send your child to wait outside the gates before this time.

Reminders for 2026/27

Pencil cases – every child in Years 1 – 6 will need to bring a small pencil case containing the following:

- 12 coloured pencils
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Pritt stick

The school will provide your child with the following

- Pencil
- Ruler
- Swimming hats are provided for Year 3 but years 4 – 6 will need to hunt out their ones from last year or purchase one from the school office.

Old School Uniform

Please send us any old school uniform for our second-hand shop. Any uniform or clothing that your child has grown out of and not suitable for the uniform shop can be placed in our recycling bank.

TTRockstars will be switched to Automatic Mode over the Summer holidays. This means TTRockstars will set the times table that your child needs to learn next based on their progress so far. Your child will be able to play games each week and improve their score until Monday 24th August. TTRockstars will go offline for 48 hours so that all year groups can be moved along.

Our theme for the year ahead will continue to be **‘Improving outcomes for all our pupils through high quality teaching and learning’** and will see us raising standards even higher in all that we do and especially in writing. The key word for next year continues to be **‘Challenge’**. Children should be challenged to take risks with their learning and make even greater progress.

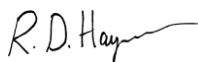
Dates for the term ahead have been published on our website and are shown below.

The bookings system for Breakfast Club, Treetops After-school club and our own after school activities remains open throughout the holidays until maximum numbers are reached.

Please do keep an eye on our site if you drive past in the holidays. If the gates are shut and you see someone inside the green fence please contact the police by dialling 101 (non-emergency number).

I would like to thank everyone for their support and hard work throughout the year. We start our new term on Thursday 3rd September at 8.45am. Please make sure you are on time and wearing correct school uniform including black shoes.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer holiday.



R. D. Haynes
Headteacher

Sept	
1	INSET Day
2	INSET Day
3	Children back.
7	Nursery start Swimming Y6
8	Reception children start
14	Swimming Y4
19	Teddy Bears' Picnic
21	Swimming Y5
22	Year 2 Trip Florence Nightingale Museum
23	Governors' Business meeting
28	Swimming Y3
29	Early Reading and oracy for Parents Y1 and 2
30	Y4 Verulamium

Autumn Term 2026/27	Spring Term 2026/27	Summer Term 2026/27
Thursday 3 rd September – Thursday 22 nd October	Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 12 th February	Monday 12 th April – Thursday 27 th May
Monday 2 nd November – Friday 18 th December	Monday 22 nd February – Thursday 25 th March	Monday 7 th June – Friday 22 nd July

School Test Week 2027 – 10 – 14th May (absence will not be authorised during this week - except significant illness)
School Journey Dates 2027 Sheringham 28 – 30th April 2027 Isle of Wight 21 – 25 June 2027

Treetops Breakfast and After School Club

The clubs run from 7.45 – 8.45 and 3.15 – 6.00pm. For more information or to book please see our website or contact the school office.

School Meals

We have worked closely with our school meal supplier this term and the children are now reporting that the menu is much more to their liking. The quality of the food continues to be high compared to our previous supplier. As with all services, our staff and food costs have been impacted by the high rate of inflation in the last year so we have to put our meal prices up for September. We have worked hard with our supplier to keep this increase as affordable as possible. The new meal price is shown below and is still very good value for money compared to providing your child with a packed lunch.

School Meal Prices (Autumn Term) Daily £3.45 (paid by 9.00am) Weekly £17.25

Friday Specials for KS2 children are available from 4th September (all Reception and KS1 children taking a regular free school meal will have a Friday Special as part of their regular free meal provision.) Payment will be required by 9.00am on Friday 4th September and can be paid now on Arbor.

Thank you to everyone for their support over the year and for making our school such an amazing place where children can learn and grow to their full potential.

Certificates of Achievement 2025/26

FS/KS1

		Sportsperson of the Year
Year R Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year R Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year R Effort – Boy Year R Effort – Girl Year R Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year R Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year R Effort – Boy Year R Effort – Girl	Jaxon Talbot Willow Backhouse Zakariyya Bilal Violette-Rose Crawley St Hilaire Sin Ho Leung Emi Umurski Jeremiah Ngoma Olivia McNicholl	Stars – Cody Van Der Ploeg Comets – George Weimar
Year 1 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 1 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 1 Effort – Boy Year 1 Effort – Girl Year 1 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 1 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 1 Effort – Boy Year 1 Effort – Girl	Oliver Danslow Sophie Leyman Azhan Khan Evie Sampson Maksim Oleksiy Maribelle O'Malley-Lewis Teni Olaoluwa Leya Buttle	1AC – Mihai Carstoiu 1MC – Evie Williams
Year 2 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 2 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 2 Effort – Boy Year 2 Effort – Girl Year 2 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 2 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 2 Effort – Boy Year 2 Effort – Girl Year 2 Outstanding Boy Year 2 Outstanding Girl	Albi Nurce Samia Rahman Kai Kitaka Isla Broome Freddie Hutchinson Lucy Mennie Felix Potton Gracie Guy Mohammad-Ayaan Abbas Gwen Bannister	2BG – Keira Ti-Jones 2JG – Poppy Fletcher

KS2

Year 3 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 3 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 3 Effort – Boy Year 3 Effort – Girl Year 3 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 3 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 3 Effort – Boy Year 3 Effort – Girl	Jackson Dingley Laura Li Huxley Jennings Esmae Buck Gabriel Shortt Edith Parker Ibraheem Ibraheem Millie Castle	3A – Henry Howie 3W – Jack Cornish
Year 4 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 4 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 4 Effort – Boy Year 4 Effort – Girl Year 4 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 4 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 4 Effort – Boy Year 4 Effort – Girl	Saif Shakeel Areej Khan Zac Hafidh Poppy Waterman Fareed Mohammed Lea Nurce Mustafa Butt Evie Howie	4S – Jacob Butler 4B – Luca Correia
Year 5 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 5 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 5 Effort – Boy Year 5 Effort – Girl Year 5 Consistent High Achiever – Boy Year 5 Consistent High Achiever – Girl Year 5 Effort – Boy Year 5 Effort – Girl	Eli Shults Lisa Hortopan Harrison Gates Belle Stone Andrei Cucu Sofia Oprea Jaxson Smith Marisa O'Malley-Short	5C – Jessica Harvey 5G – Aubree Parrott

Year 6 Trophies 2025/26

Consistent High Achiever (Girl)	Neva Mesiano
Consistent High Achiever (Boy)	Aniv Tallapaneni
Effort (Girl)	Maesha Ahmed
Effort (Boy)	Alfie Lee
Maths	Aniv Tallapaneni
English	Betsy Parker
Outstanding Topic Work 6T	Elizabeth Hirons
Outstanding Topic Work 6M	Lucy Green
Science	Felix Headland
Spanish	Lexi Myatt
Sportswoman	Evie Broome
Sportsman	Jack Brown
Music	Betsy Parker
Drama	Joshua Gray

Handwriting (Girl)	Freya Watts
Handwriting (Boy)	Jude Porter
Art/Design	Lily Leyman
ICT	Teddie Waterman
Good Manners and Positive Attitude	Lilly Wadham

Certificates for Effort and Improvement

Evie Broome	Holly Charman	Iqra Akram	Maeesha Ahmed
Mia Wingfield	Katie Manolea	Denis Mazuolis	Faris Al-Ziyadi
Alfie Lee	Joshua Upson-Black	Amra Mohamed Safeer	Sharon Vijayarajah
Anaya Hussain	Leila Biswell		

Certificates for Consistently High Achievement

Neva Mesiano	Jasmine Sabet	Mya Arnold	Blossom Abrahams
Freya Watts	Felix Headland	Aniv Tallapaneni	Lucy Green
Jack Brown	Oakley Streeton	Luna Nurce	Betsy Parker
Will Brown			