

Weekly Newsletter

17th July 2026

Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

Headteacher award

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded this half term's Headteacher award and will be joining me for afternoon tea next week.

Class 1 would like to award Remy the Headteacher award. Remy has demonstrated considerable resilience this term. With his broken arm, there have been a number of activities he has been unable to participate in. Remy has always managed this with a positive, understanding attitude. In addition, Remy has also demonstrated his resilience and worked very hard both in school and at home on his letter formation. Remy has made significant progress with handwriting; we are very proud of him. Well done, Remy.

James has had an incredible two years in **class 2**. His confidence has grown, he has a brilliant sense of humor and he is an amazing friend to everyone. James consistently demonstrates our school values. He is helpful around the classroom and is polite to everyone in school. James listens well to learning and shows a determination for his independent work. He is kind to everyone and likes to be helpful. Well done James!

The **class 3** Headteacher award goes to Frankie this half term. Frankie is a great role model for the rest of the class. She displays our school values of Respect, Kindness and Resilience at all times. She works hard and always does her best. She is polite and is always happy to help with any jobs around the classroom in a mature and responsible way. Well done Frankie!

Class 4's award goes to Hattie W - since joining our school in January, Hattie has given nothing but her best, every single day. She works hard in all subjects and asks questions to support and extend her learning. She has made some lovely new friendships and treats everyone in school with kindness and respect. Well done, Hattie!

Class 5s HT Award this half term goes to Imogen. Imogen tackles every challenge in the classroom with 100% effort, going above and beyond to complete tasks to a consistently high standard. She always questions how she can make her work better, and applies prior learning confidently. Imogen is a kind and thoughtful member of our school, always looking out for others and happily offering help.

Swimming Gala

On Monday we held our annual swimming gala in our new venue in Leighton Buzzard. Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer the children on. The atmosphere was fantastic as classmates cheered enthusiastically from the poolside, creating a wonderful sense of community and encouraging every swimmer to perform at their very best.

The final results were:

Larks - 58
Martins - 78
Swifts - 50



Congratulations to Martins for winning this year's Swimming Gala and to every student who represented their house with enthusiasm, determination, and pride.

Attached to this week's newsletter, you will find your child's class 'Guide To' document. This contains important information, including PE days and homework arrangements.

Following feedback from our parent survey, further information will be shared in September about the curriculum your children will be covering throughout the year and how you can support their learning at home.

Kind Regards

Mrs Laura Whateley

PE Next Week

On Monday and Tuesday we have invited Premier Education back in to deliver some Lacrosse taster sessions to the whole school. Please can classes 1, 2 and 4 wear PE kit on Monday and classes 3 and 5 on Tuesday. Thank you!



Values Award

Rewarding all those who demonstrate our values of kindness, respect and resilience.

Class 1

Goldie for always demonstrating respect using her manners all the time.

Class 2

Myles for demonstrating all of our school values all of the time.

Class 3

Evelyn for resilience when writing a fantastic newspaper report.

Class 4

Charlie for his amazing resilience at the swimming gala.

Class 5

Mason for his AMAZING art work this week. He has shown great resilience and kept adding more detail to produce a beautiful piece of work.

House Points

Larks 187
Martins 197
Swifts 132

Congratulations to the
Martins!

Attendance this week:

Class 1 97.8% Well Done!
Class 2 97.4%
Class 3 95.0%
Class 4 97.6%
Class 5 87.4%

Whole School Attendance
this year: 94.5%

Coming Up

Monday 7th September

- [Chess -Lunchtime](#)

Tuesday 8th September

- Dodgeball - lunchtime
- [Football \(KS1\)](#)

Wednesday 9th September

- Gardening Club - lunchtime
- [French \(KS1&KS2\)](#)

Thursday 10th September

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- [Cheerleading](#)
- [Game on Football Club \(KS2\)](#)
- [Drums / Guitar Lessons](#)

Friday 11th September

- [Piano Lessons](#)



Game on schools cup

Last week the children participated in the 4th instalment of the Schools Cup. The results are below along with the results across the academic year. The Schools cup has been well received again this year and adds a competitive element to the PE lessons as the children enjoy competing in their house teams. Graham

The results were as follows:

1st	=	Swifts	378 points
2nd	=	Martins	358 points
3rd	=	Larks	339 points

Combining this score with the other 3 events has given us the final result for the year: Congratulations to the Swifts!

1st	=	Swifts
2nd	=	Martins
3rd	=	Larks

Audiobooks

Apple Books are offering FREE kids audiobooks until 21st July. Available on the Apple Books app, they are free to download and then yours to keep forever. Great for long journeys over the summer holidays! [Click here](#)

Clubs for the Autumn term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Chess (KS2) LUNCHTIME Kings and Queens 07-Sep	Dodgeball (KS1 & KS2) LUNCHTIME Game On 08-Sep	Football (KS1) 15:15-16:15 Game On 08-Sep	Gardening Club (KS1 & KS2) LUNCHTIME Mrs Buckley 09-Sep
		French (KS1) 15:15-16:15 Lingotots 09-Sep	Girls Football (KS2) LUNCHTIME Game On 10-Sep
			Cheerleading (KS1 & KS2) 15:15-16:15 Complete Sport 10-Sep
			Football (KS2) 15:15-16:15 Game On 10-Sep

Dates up until end of Summer term

Date	Event
Mon 20th July	Y6 celebration afternoon
Weds 22nd July	Y6 leavers' assembly. Please don't park in front of village hall—park and walk please.
1.30	Last day of term 1.30pm collection
Sat 1st Aug	2.00-4.00 Make, Bake and Grow Show at village hall

Dates Autumn first half term

Date	Time	Event
Tues 1st Sept		INSET DAY
Weds 2nd Sept		INSET DAY
Thurs 3rd Sept	8.40	Children return to school
Mon 7th Sept	3.20	Open Classroom
Thurs 10th Sept		Forest school Class 5 session 1
Mon 14th Sept		Hula Hooping Day
Mon 21st Sept		Year 6 Bikeability all week
Thurs 24th Sept	3.15	Class 4 Cake Sale—no nuts, allergens listed
Mon 28th Sept		Parent workshops this week
Mon 5th Oct		Class 5 trip—Child safety matters
Fri 9th Oct		Year 4 pedestrian skills
Mon 12th Oct		Parents evening
Weds 14th Oct		Parents evening Classes 1,2,4,5
		Class 3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Thurs 15th Oct		Class 5 last forest school
Weds 21st Oct		Parents eve Class 3
Thurs 22nd Oct		Perform for classes 1 and 2
Fri 23rd Oct	3.15	Break up for half term



Air Conditioning Appeal

Please find the link to our Air Con appeal below. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

[Help Keep our Classrooms Cool - Go Fund Me](#)

Meal Choices

The menu for next term is now live in Arbor. Please can you make your meal choices for September.

Pencil cases

Please purchase your pencil cases for next year. They are £9 and include additional top-ups throughout the year. These can be purchased on the Arbor Shop.

Summer Reading Challenge

We had a visit from Tring library this week to introduce the Summer Reading Challenge. More information can be found [here](#). Every child who takes part in the challenge, and brings their completed challenge card into school in September, will receive a house point for every book read!



End of term
Wednesday 22nd July 1.30pm

