

# HARTSBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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## **Highlights of the Spring Term**

Another term has passed by in a flash and what an incredibly busy one it has been. From whole school events such as Operation Dream Job, Number Day and World book Day to the many trips and visits that have taken place this term. The children have enjoyed a wide range of experiences to enrich the learning that goes on in the classroom. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our staff that go the extra mile to organise and provide these experiences for our children.

## **Community Governor**

We are currently still looking for a community governor to strengthen our governing board. This voluntary role involves attending six meetings and one training session annually. This role may be particularly of interest to somebody that has skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. If you know anybody who is passionate about education and making a difference in the lives of children in their local community, then please ask them to get in touch via the [admin@hartsbourne.org.uk](mailto:admin@hartsbourne.org.uk) email address.

## **Friends of Hartsbourne**

A huge thank you to the Friends of Hartsbourne for organising the very popular Spring Trail and Easter Egg tombola. Thank you also to those parents who have come forward and offered support to Friends of Hartsbourne. They are now able to continue with events at least until the end of the year. With school budgets becoming tighter, we really appreciate the extra opportunities and resources that Friends of Hartsbourne can fund and we have already got something exciting booked for the first day back in September which we would not have been able to do without their support.

## **Looking Ahead to the Summer Term**

In true Hartsbourne style, the Summer Term promises to be as busy as ever. We have provisionally booked Sports Day for Thursday 26th June as this allows us time to reschedule if the weather is not on our side. Please continue to read school notices each week for all of the updates that you need. Have a wonderful and safe Spring holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 22nd April for International Week!

Mrs Harte and the team at Hartsbourne

## Reading Maps

The following children have completed their reading maps. A huge well done to them.

Year 1 - Adele, Alaia and Nyra

Year 2 - Bianca, Emilia and Louie

Year 4 - Charlotte and Kiaran

Year 5 - Kamile

## *We Are Very Proud Of.....*



Kiaran who performed a solo on stage at the Artistic School of Music Concert. He did incredibly well, singing confidently in front of a live audience with a live band accompanying him, and was awarded a certificate in recognition of his outstanding performance.



Hartsbourne FC, Coach Bidewell and Coach Weinrich for a fabulous season! Thanks again to Gear 4 Sport for sponsoring our kit.  
<https://gear4sport.co.uk/>



Sanam for taking part in a gymnastics competition and all of our wonderful children that bring in certificates, belts, medals and trophies to achievement assembly every week. We love seeing what you have been getting up to outside of school and we are very proud of you all!



# School Notices

Welcome to this week's School Notices. As a school we try to support the busy lives of our families by consolidating communication to one weekly newsletter, and these are posted to the school website each Friday as an easy point of reference.

In addition to this don't forget about our FAQ page on the school website. Our aim is to provide the answers to your questions when you think of them, as opposed to you being restricted by school hours, so please let us know if you there's anything you would find helpful so we can add it in 😊.

<https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parent-hub/>

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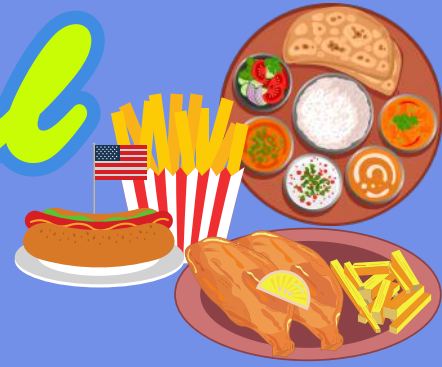


# Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
7th - 9th and 14th - 16th April	Easter Booster Sessions for Year 6
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of Summer Term / International Week
Friday 25th April	International Week - Non School Uniform Day
Tuesday 29th April	Nursery - Bushey Library
Wednesday 30th April	Year 5 Basketball Festival at Bushey Meads School
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6th May	Reception - Reveley Lodge
Thursday 8th May	BMS STEM Leaders - Rocket Building with Year 2
Friday 9th May	Reception and KS1 - Bushey Singing Festival
w/c Monday 12th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 13th May	Year 2 - Reveley Lodge
Monday 19th May	Year 5 - National Maritime Museum
Tuesday 20th May	Year 6 (10 students) - Cricket at Hertswood Academy
Wednesday 21st May	Forces Club - Activity Afternoon at St Johns C of E School
Wednesday 21st May	Class Photographs
Friday 23rd May	School Council to BMS - Leadership Project Presentation



# International Week



We are excited to celebrate our first international week at Hartsbourne! This special event will take place during the first week back after the Easter Holidays. Each year group will be exploring a different country and taking part in a range of fun and enriching activities that celebrate culture, history, language, art, music and more.

We'd love parent volunteers to come into school and share their experiences! If you were brought up in another country or have a strong connection to one, we would love for you to give a short presentation. If you are interested please pop a quick email into school via the [parents@hartsbourne.org.uk](mailto:parents@hartsbourne.org.uk) email address and we will be in touch.

To end the week, children are invited to dress in traditional clothing from their class country, in the colours of their class country's flag, or a country that they feel most connected to.

Teachers will let you know which country your class has chosen via Google Classroom.





## **Bushey Singing Festival - Friday 9th May**

Dear Parents,

I'm delighted to inform you that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in the inaugural Bushey Singing Festival, hosted by Little Reddings on Friday 9th May.

The festival will begin at 09:15 and conclude at 11:30. As such, children will need to be dropped off at **Little Reddings Primary School on Reddings Avenue (WD23 3PR)** at 09:00, where Hartsbourne staff from all three classes will be waiting to meet them. Once the festival is finished, Mr Bidewell and myself will drive the children back to Hartsbourne via minibuses in time for lunch.

Any children that attend Breakfast Club will be transported to Little Reddings by myself via the school minibus.

As we will be back at school for lunch, there is no need for children to have alternative arrangements regarding whether they are having a packed lunch or school dinner. However, please be mindful of the fact that the children will need to carry their own belongings on the way back to school, and ensure that all items are clearly named to prevent anything getting lost.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that parents will not be able to stay and watch the festival, due to it being the first year that it takes place and the high number of children attending. Providing all goes well, ticketing an event such as this may be possible in future years.

Kind regards,

Greg Harper



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Did you know that 90% of young people with attendance rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all? By teaching our children about the importance of school attendance and punctuality at this young age we are setting them up for future success. It is much harder to get a teenager out of bed and into school on time when this hasn't been given priority in their formative years.

We are very fortunate that so many of our families enforce this message at home. Our children come to school regularly, they arrive on time, they are well rested, and ready to learn. We also appreciate how frustrating getting everyone up and out can be in the morning, and so if you would like our support please let us know. We do run attendance intervention programs with the children, with the aim of encouraging them to take responsibility for their own organisation and time management. We've seen great success across all year groups and are more than happy to help so please feel free to ask.

## CURRENT ATTENDANCE WHOLE SCHOOL 95.9%

NURSERY - 96.6%	YEAR 3 - 94.8%
RECEPTION - 95.4%	YEAR 4 - 96.7%
YEAR 1 - 95.6%	YEAR 5 - 96.2%
YEAR 2 - 95.8%	YEAR 6 - 96.3%

# Easter Holiday Activity Ideas

**WATFORD PALACE THEATRE**

WATFORD PALACE YOUNG COMPANY PRESENT  
ALAN PARKER'S  
**BUGSY MALONE**

**19 - 20 April**

PLAY BY ALAN PARKER  
WORDS AND MUSIC BY PAUL WILLIAMS  
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH FABER MUSIC LTD  
ON BEHALF OF WARNER/CHAPPELL LTD

**Box Office: 01923 225 671**  
[watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk](http://watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk)

**Tickets from £10!**

**EASTER TRAIL**

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 11AM TO 1PM**

King George Recreation Ground, Bushey  
**£2.00 per child**

Friends of King George Bushey

## Our Easter Trail is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April

11 am – 1 pm,

Join Winnie the Pooh for an Easter Adventure!

Follow Winnie the Pooh and friends on a magical Easter Trail at King George's Recreation Ground, Bushey!

Bring the whole family for a morning of fun, adventure, and Easter surprises! Solve clues, and see if you can help Pooh and his friends find the sweetest Easter clues!

🐻 Perfect for little explorers and Pooh Bear fans of all ages!

We have two different trails:

- Younger children: A smaller, age-friendly trail around the playground, the trail will take approximately 30 minutes.
- Older children: A more challenging trail that spans the entire park, the trail will take approximately 45 minutes to an hour

Hope to see you there!

Each child will receive an Easter Treat.

**Just £2 per child**



# ART CLUB



## HARTSBOURNE SCHOOL

### MONDAYS

Beginning 28th April - 14th July  
Excluding 05.05.25 [Bank Holiday] &  
26.05.25 [Half Term] &  
02.06.25 [INSET]  
9 weeks - £63 [£7 per session]

3.20pm - 4.20pm  
Year Groups 1 - 6

Collage, painting,  
silk painting,  
printmaking,  
model making &  
much more!



Age appropriate  
projects that children  
will love



Lots of support &  
encouragement  
from a friendly,  
professional artist  
& tutor

Limited spaces available  
**TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT:**

[artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com](http://artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com)

Bookings will open on  
Saturday 05.04.25 at 7pm

Any queries please contact  
Kat at [artboxkat@gmail.com](mailto:artboxkat@gmail.com)

**Friday 4th April 2025 – Sapphire: working collaboratively, listening to others and accepting challenges or changes to our ideas.**



Year 1 – Rares and Willow are excellent learning partners who listen well and are willing to accept challenges.

Year 2 – Sufiya and Florence are both wonderful learning partners who listen to others and accept challenges to their ideas.

Year 3 – Nathan and Jose Carlos are always great team members and work well no matter who they are grouped together with.

Year 4 – Eduardo and Ta'Ziyah were both kind and supportive learners this week showing brilliant patience with others.

Year 5 – Georgia is a great role model when working collaboratively with her peers and Sujyan is always willing to accept challenges with a positive attitude.

Year 6 – Well done to all of Year 6 who have done Hartsbourne proud, either away at PGL or following their unique curriculum in school this week!

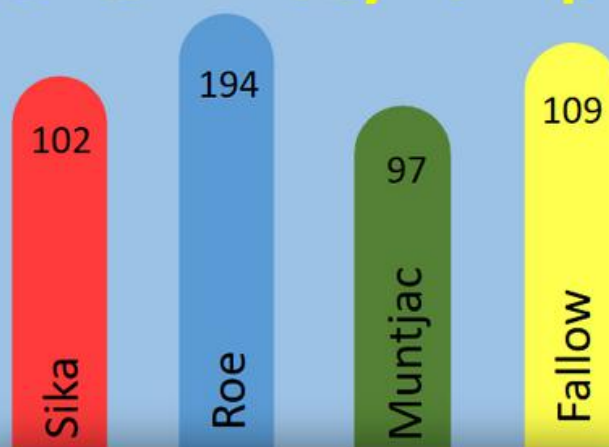
**This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...**



**Year 5!**



**Housepoints – Friday 4th April 2025**



**Roe wins!**



# Class Specific Messages



## Reception - Reveley Lodge

On the 6th May, Reception will be visiting Reveley Lodge to take part in a Plants and Seeds workshop, and look around the grounds to identify different plants, as part of their Spring and Growing topic. The children will be travelling to and from Reveley Lodge via the school minibus and should wear their usual school uniform.

The trip is a morning one and so they will back in school for their usual lunchtime arrangements.

To cover the cost of this trip we do need to ask for a £4.95 contribution per child which is payable via Arbor, or by handing cash in to the school office **by 12.00 21st April.**

We would love a parent volunteer to join Reception on this trip, and so please complete this form if you would like to volunteer.

<https://forms.gle/NQBorRerjkeLrxVy5>

## Year 2 - Reveley Lodge

On the 13th May, Year 2 will be visiting Reveley Lodge to take part in their Victorian Experience. The children will be walking to and from Reveley Lodge and should wear their usual school uniform.

The trip is a morning one and so they will back in school for their usual lunchtime arrangements.

To cover the cost of this trip we do need to ask for an £8.47 contribution per child which is payable via Arbor, or by handing cash in to the school office **by 12.00 28th April.**

We would love a couple of parent volunteers to join Year 2 on this trip, and so please complete this form if you would like to volunteer.

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## Year 5 - Basketball Festival

On the 30th April, Year 5 will be taking part in a Basketball Festival at Bushey Meads School. The children will be travelling to and from Bushey Meads in the school minibus and should wear their P.E. kits.

The trip is a morning one and so they will back in school for their usual lunchtime arrangements.



# Class Specific Messages



## Year 5 - National Maritime Museum

On the 19th May, Year 5 will be visiting the National Maritime Museum as part of their history topic, the Vikings. The children will be traveling by coach and should wear their usual school uniform.

They will need to bring a packed lunch and a still drink (NO cans or fizzy drinks) in a named recyclable or reusable bag, provided the reusable bag will fit in the child's coat. Please do not include any nut products in the packed lunch, including nut-based spreads.

If you have already booked lunch for this day with Innovate, please remember to cancel it with them.

To cover the cost of this trip we do need to ask for an £20.70 contribution per child which is payable via Arbor, or by handing cash in to the school office **by 12.00 5th May**. We would love a couple of parent volunteers to join Year 5 on this trip, and so please complete this form if you would like to volunteer.

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## School Council - Leadership Project

This year, Hartsbourne School Council have been working on a collaborative project with school councillors at Little Reddings and student parliamentarians from Bushey Meads to explore the concept of leadership and attempt to answer the question, 'What makes a good leader?'

On **Friday 23rd May**, school councillors from both primaries will present the outcomes of this project in the **Bushey Meads school hall from 09:00-10:00**. Parents of councillors are warmly invited to attend and find out more about what the children have been working on.

The school councillors themselves will be driven to and from Bushey Meads by Mr Harper via the school minibus, so there is no need for any alternative arrangements regarding lunches. Councillors should wear usual school uniform and, if Friday is a PE day, bring their PE kit separately to change into at Hartsbourne.