

Dear families,

What a rollercoaster of a fortnight!

We have had SATs, performances, Ofsted, KS2 in school football tournament- we really know how to have fun!

Thank you for all your kindness and support during the week of our recent Ofsted inspection. The inspectors' findings have now been sent away for validation, and we expect to receive and share the final report with you in several weeks' time.

In the meantime, I wanted to let you know how incredibly proud we are of our children. They were calm, respectful, and a true credit to our school throughout the inspection. They spoke with enthusiasm about their love of learning and shared the many ways they enjoy and engage with school life. As Headteacher, it was a privilege to show the inspectors around and to talk about everything we do here at Little Hadham. I am extremely proud to lead a school that is, without a doubt, a little treasure!

Thank you also to the many parents and children who completed the questionnaire—the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. And thank you to our dedicated staff and Governors, whose tireless work makes Little Hadham Primary the happy and fabulous school it is.

Wishing you all a well deserved half term
Sinead Connolly, Headteacher

Diary Dates

- 23/05/25 Half term begins
- 02/06/25 School Re-opens
- 04/06/25 EYFS trip Hatfield Forest
- 18/06/25-20/06/25 Willow class to Kingswood
- 23/06/25-27/06/25 Willow Class Bikeability
- 27/06/25 – Beech Class trip Knebworth House
- 03/07/25 Willow Class National History Museum online
- 04/07/25 Art Exhibition 2:30pm
- 04/07/25 Colour run & singing 3:15pm
- 15/07/25 Imagine Theatre Visiting
- 15/07/25 Willow leavers show 6pm
- 16/07/25 EYFS Sports day 9am
- 17/07/25 Sports Day (Beech, Lime, Maple, Willow) 9am
- 17/07/25 Willow leavers BBQ 6pm
- 18/07/25 Term ends – Parents and Children picnic from 12pm, Willow Class Vs Parents Football
- 1pm Summer holidays commence

Little Hadham Crowned Champions in Year 4 Maths Competition

Little Hadham Primary School is celebrating an extraordinary success after their Year 4 pupils were crowned **Champions** in the prestigious **HfL Year 4 Maths Challenge 2025**.

The competition, which draws schools from across the country, tested pupils' mathematical reasoning, teamwork and problem-solving skills across four demanding rounds. The Little Hadham team impressed with their precision, collaboration, and confidence—earning **1st place**.

The team's exceptional performance secured them the top spot, a proud achievement that highlights both the pupils' dedication and the school's strong commitment to fostering a love of mathematics.

"We are absolutely thrilled with this result," said Markella Afenti-Sassis, Maths Leader at Little Hadham Primary School. "Our Year 4 team worked incredibly hard, showed true teamwork and really enjoyed the challenge. We're all so proud of them!"

Little Hadham Primary continues to promote excellence in learning through engaging and enriching opportunities like this. This marks the **third consecutive year** that a team of pupils from the school has reached the final—and the third year running they have placed in the **top three**. The school looks forward to continuing its success and inspiring a new generation of confident, curious mathematicians.



Empathy Assembly – Caring for the Environment

This fortnight's empathy assembly was beautifully led by members of our fabulous Green Team, who shared the story *Luna Loves Gardening* by Joseph Coelho. The book tells the story of Luna, who finds joy, healing, and connection through gardening with her family. It reminds us how nature can help us feel calm, and how looking after it brings us together.



The children explained, "Empathy is understanding how someone or something else feels and caring about it." This term, our focus is on showing empathy to the environment — to gardens, plants, and animals.

Each class is planting seeds, including bee-friendly flowers and herbs. The children will be taking turns to water and care for them. Also, we'll also be painting pebbles with kind, empathetic words and phrases to place around our plants. As one child put it, *"The pebbles will be like hugs for the garden."*

We are proud of the thoughtful ways our pupils are putting empathy into action — not just with people, but with the planet too.

Willow Class attend Crucial Crew

On Wednesday afternoon Willow Class attended a fantastic Crucial Crew session, designed to support their transition into Year 7 and equip them with essential life skills. The afternoon was filled with a variety of engaging and informative activities. The children learned vital First Aid skills, including how to perform CPR, and explored the important topics of money management, such as interest, debt, and savings. They also took part in sessions led by the Police, focusing on online safety, water safety, fire safety, and electrical safety, helping them become more aware of how to stay safe in everyday situations. One of the highlights of the afternoon was a powerful drama performance, presented by Year 10 students from Herts & Essex School, tackling the issue of bullying. It was a wonderful afternoon that not only helped our Year 6 children understand key safety topics but also gave them the confidence they need as they prepare for greater independence in secondary school.



The Maple Class performance took place on the 20th May. It was all about the Ancient Greeks and they really did bring it to life-Ms Connolly

‘My favourite part of the play was when they made a small part of the play all about the Odyssey’ – Abigail, Year 6

‘I think Maple class did an amazing job performing the play. 5 Stars!’ said Ms Evans.



Mrs Sassis, the Maple class teacher originally thought that Maple class were going to perform a show about Shakespeare’s life. However, ‘The Ancient Greeks were my favourite topic, so I managed to convince Mrs Sassis to do a play about them instead off Shakespeare,’ said Ernie, Year 5

Mrs Sassis bought the script and presented it to the class, but they didn’t believe that the script showed how much they enjoyed learning about them. The next day, children added songs and two of them wrote their own parts and one of them (The Odyssey) was added to the show.

‘I enjoyed getting into character during rehearsals,’ exclaimed Charlie, Year 5

One the day of the show, the hall was full of parents waiting for the show to start. The show started, cameras flashed on and off. The applause went on for ages. In the final song, parents stood up and began dancing.

Written by Joe and Ernie