

Diary Dates

**05/05/23 Street party- Wear-
Red/White /Blue**

08/05/23 Coronation-Bank Holiday

09/05/23 SATS week Willow

15/05/23 Gilwell Trip Willow

17/05/23 EYFS in-house experience

SATS, SATS and more SATS

In just two weeks our Year 6 pupils will be sitting the National SATS examinations. The children in Willow have been working incredibly hard and with preparations nearly complete, we are confident that they will shine.

Good luck Year 6 – you are more than ready– all you can do now is try your very best and have a very nice breakfast beforehand!

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already two weeks into the summer term, and May is almost upon us. I would like to say welcome to the 'summer' term, however with the current temperatures we seem to be some distance from that season, although I am assured it is arriving imminently!

We have had an excellent start to term, enjoying a brilliant Viking production from Lime Class- they really captivated us all! Developing our oracy skills is a huge part of our School Improvement Plan and you can certainly see how confident and how good our children are becoming in moments like these. Congratulations Lime Class we were all super proud of you and don't forget to watch yourself on SeeSaw.

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have attended the Learning Together Mornings this week. The children love you coming in and it's a great way to get some tips to help your child at home.

We have had very successful sporting events take place too, congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 who took part in a local schools competition at Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club. We were delighted to hear they came joint first- well done everyone, what a fabulous achievement- you might be ready to take on Ireland next! Thank you to Mrs Goodger and Peter's mum for all their support.

On Thursday many schools across the country closed, or partially closed, for the latest round of strikes. Although most of our classes remained open, I know our staff feel strongly in support of colleagues that have taken industrial action. We continue to hope a sensible resolution will be found soon and we are happy to say school is open as usual on Tuesday the 2nd of May for everyone.

This week we also received our International School Award. This means, thanks to Mrs Sassis, that we have been recredited for our outstanding development of the international dimension in the curriculum. Congratulations Mrs Sassis for your continuing hard work- Little Hadham Primary is lucky to have such a dedicated teacher on their team.

Don't forget the Farmer's Market takes place tomorrow- roll up for all the goodies available and of course if you can help out at all, it would be greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Bank Holiday weekend.
Sinead Connolly, Headteacher

Support available for families

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free lunch however there are other advantages to making an application for 'free school meals'.

If your application is successful, our school could get extra funding (called 'Pupil Premium') to pay for uniform, additional staff time, extra computers, books and trips for students. Children in Year 3 or above would be entitled to receive a free lunch in addition to the benefits listed above.

Please make an application via the following link: [Free School Meals](#)

Little Hadham's Best Kept Treasure



It is a truth universally acknowledged, that afternoon tea is the answer to everything. If Willow Class learned something new yesterday, it was definitely this! Our school captains were very fortunate to have been invited to help out and then join the rest of Willow class to perform T.S. Elliot's Macavity the Mystery Cat at Little Hadham's Village Hall yesterday afternoon.

There may have been no stately home in sight, but there was certainly an abundance of delicate china filled with sandwiches, sausage rolls, pork pies, quiches, scones, jam and clotted cream and an amazing selection of cakes baked by the wonderful Wendy.



Once there, I am proud to say that the captains immediately rolled up their sleeves (washed their hands) and loved filling some plates with cakes, doing the milks and sugars and any job they could find. Watching them place the labels on the food was particularly fun, their mouths were certainly watering then. However, their favourite job was selling raffle tickets. They loved chatting to everyone while taking their money!

Thank you Mrs Forgham for inviting us, what a wonderful experience for the children to have shared.

What The Green Team Have Been Up to...

Our Green Team have launched their latest competition this week. They met this week with Mrs Akester, who told them about the 'Let it grow' campaign that Radio 2 are currently running. They decided to introduce this to the classes using the book *Seeds of Change*. This is the story of Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2004 and founder of the Green Belt Movement in Kenya. It tells the real life story of how Wangari spread the message of the importance of planting trees. Each class now have 3 pots to grow some sunflowers and the competition is to see which class can grow the tallest sunflower. Also, they will be spreading the work about a poster competition- so watch this space!



In Early Years this week, we enjoyed our first gymnastics lesson! We took on an adventure in the rainforest, where we transformed into crabs, scorpions and caterpillars, oh my! The children did a fantastic job with their movements and learnt some fundamental gym shapes, such as the tuck, star and straight positions. It is also really noticeable how well the children listened and followed instructions too!

Our new text "Anansi the Spider" by Gerald McDermott has been a lot of fun to share. This week, the children composed their own song, inspired by the Ghanaian call and response song "*Che che kule*", to retell the story of Anansi. The children have also been enjoying using different media to draw Anansi, such as collage materials, drawing and painting tools and computer programmes.



The children have also been doing a wonderful job looking after Snowy and Cookie, ensuring that our furry friends get the right amount of food each day. This has meant that their skills of capacity and counting have been put to good use.

We have also started to map out our sensory garden! The children helped to roll logs to make the borders and mark out pathways with bricks. We are keen to fill the area with grasses, herbs and lavender plants, to delight our senses! If you happen to be doing any gardening over the coming bank holiday weekends and have some (drought-loving!) plants going spare, we would welcome any donations!

In Beech class this week we have been busy inside and outside of the classroom. In English we continued our work on the story Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We are preparing to write our very own fact file on meerkats. We have been identifying the features of a fact file and learnt some new, tricky vocabulary. We then used the dictionaries to check the different meanings. We have also researched lots of facts about meerkats; their habitat, diet and appearance.



We took our Science outside this week and went on a walk around school to identify different everyday materials and their uses.

In Art we used coloured modelling clay to sculpt our own monsters in the style of Maurice Sendak who is the author and illustrator of 'Where the Wild Things Are'.



Lime Class have had a busy couple of weeks rehearsing for their production of 'The Vikings'. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with them as they have so been enthusiastic, responsive and very, very professional!

Watch out West End, we have some budding performers here.....



As well as singing and acting their hearts out, Lime class have also found time to write poetry, speak French, play rounders and tennis, evaluate their D and T and learn about statistics.

Their shape poems are fantastic and they are working on publishing them to share.

In Maths they have gathered data, made bar charts and line graphs and learned how to interpret them effectively.

They evaluated their books with moving parts and thought about what went well, what was tricky, what they were proud of and what they would change.

And now it is time to dive into our new history topic!



This week, in Maple class, the children used their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures and solutions might be separated. They set up a scientific investigation with cups of water with different substances. The experiment looked simple but the challenge was to separate the solutions without spilling any water! You will be glad to know that one group won!

The Learning Together Morning was a big success! The children had the opportunity to show the Spellings Statutory lists and teach their parents and grandparents different, colourful spelling strategies. Pupils and parents did well practising different words! Thank you to all for coming and for participating!



In PSHE, children discussed the ways in which they can contribute to the care of the environment. They then worked with a partner, created a poster using Microsoft Word and displayed the seven Rs: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Rot, Recycle, Repair, Rethink! They added catchy titles, they inserted pictures but most importantly enjoyed making environmental posters!



We welcomed our parents to learn with us in Willow Class this week. Who doesn't love a game of SPAGopoly?! That's right, we played a board game in the style of Monopoly whilst revising key SPAG skills. We love an opportunity to show our competitive side and our SPAG skills did not disappoint. Great

learning and huge thanks to our parents for learning with us.



On Thursday, we joined local residents at Little Hadham Village Hall. We entertained all those gathered for a special Coronation afternoon tea by performing a poem on stage. Our School Captains also helped to serve tea and coffee and sell raffle tickets. It truly was a memorable occasion and we loved having the opportunity to recite one of our favourite poems again.





We've been framed! In Art, we put the finishing touches to our Victorian style silhouette portraits. We added ornate gold frames and we think the finished portraits look fabulous. Can you spot a famous Victorian writer amongst us?



Coronation Celebrations

This year marks a historic moment - the Coronations of their Majesties the King and the Queen Consort at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May. We will be celebrating this special event on **Friday 5th May** at school. Please come to school this day dressed in the colours red, white and blue. Please make sure there are no football kits. Every child from Reception to Year 6 will enjoy a Coronation Picnic street party either outside or in the hall- depending on the weather! The children who usually receive a school meal will receive a royal packed lunch provided by the school kitchen.

Safeguarding Update

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Sending nasty or hurtful messages

What should I do if my child is being bullied online? Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.