



# Newsletter

July 2023

Dear Parents,

Well, we have reached the end of another academic year and I hope that you are as proud of your children as we are. They have worked so hard this year, shown great perseverance and determination and are a credit to us all. I hope you enjoy looking through the last newsletter of the year, a fine review of all the exciting and fun learning opportunities the children have had the chance to experience.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Art Exhibition, we were blown away with the standard of art work on display and coupled with the performance of our musicians at the Summer Music Concert and our sportspeople at the Sports Presentation Evening, it is safe to say our children are a very talented bunch!

You will notice that the end of term bags are coming home considerably lighter this year. This is because we have chosen to send the children up to their new classes with their current books. We believe this will help them to recall previous learning and makes links to new topics from September. We will of course, continue to open the school each half term for you to come and see how well your child is progressing.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and relaxing summer holidays. may you make special memories and cherish the time with your families. I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes  
Mrs Shenston  
Headteacher



## House Captains 2023-24

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2023-24 - Izequiel, Heidi, Hamza, Felix, Rebecca, Ellen, Hollie, Alice, Isla, Freya, Sebastian and Amaya.





Sunflower Class had a fantastic day in the Pop Up Play Village visiting and serving in the café, working at the vets, building walls and going camping!







## Lilac Class Shakespeare Workshop



Lilac Class were very lucky to spend three days with Anthony from "Shaking Up Shakespeare" as they explored the work of Romeo and Juliet.

The workshop culminated in a stunning performance of the play to the school and parents.



## Year 2 & 5 Music Festival



Daisy and Lilac Class were proud to represent the school at a town-wide Music Festival held at South Mill Arts Centre.

They performed with choirs from other local schools.

Year 2's songs were based on the theme of Space and Year 5 sang songs based on the theme "Songs of the Earth".

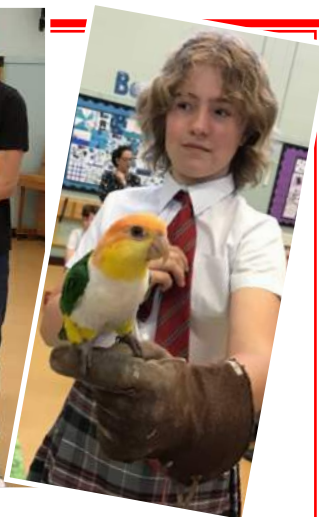
## HCC Active and Safer Travel

Staff from Herts County Council's Active and Safer Travel team have visited twice this term. They spent a morning with Year 2 teaching them how to use their scooters safely and sharing space with others.



They also spent a morning with Year 4 teaching Pedestrian Skills. The children went for a walk with staff on nearby paths around the school and crossed roads to learn about the street environment and practised safe crossing techniques. They were also taught to understand the importance of being seen as well as being able to see.





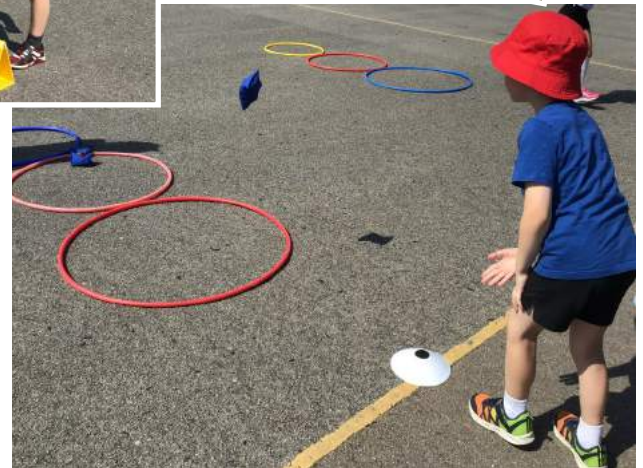
## Spirit of the Wild

We had an incredibly informative visit from Spirit of the Wild recently. The children learnt about animals' different habitats and how their bodies have adapted over time to survive and thrive. They also heard about the different animals' defence mechanisms - how they protect themselves and how they fight back too! The children were full of fabulous questions and were very respectful and mindful when handling the animals—many conquering their fears in the process!





## KS1 Sports Day





# KS2 Sports Day







**EYFS  
Sports  
Day**







### Drama workshop

Sunflower, Tulip and Daisy Classes were treated to a drama workshop run by Perform, where they explored the theme of Peter Pan through drama, dance and singing.



### Beekeeping Workshop



Tulip and Sunflower Classes had a visit from members of the Saffron Walden Beekeeping Association. Sunflower Class drew pictures of the flowers loved by bees and made candles, whilst Tulip Class were shown how honey is made—and got to taste some!





## Summer Music Concert





## Year 6 Performance





Year 6  
Harlow Outdoors







### Hillfest 2023



A big thank you to our wonderful PTA who have put on so many fun events this year, including discos, the Christmas and Summer Fayres, Christmas and Coronation gift making, a sponsored hop, skip and jump and many raffles for all the family, plus some new, very successful adult events such as the Christmas wreath making, cheese and wine evening and a fabulous quiz night—all raising very valuable funds for the school.







Sports Presentation Evening was a wonderful celebration of all the children who had represented the school in sports events this year, and included demonstrations of karate, gymnastics, cheerleading and fencing, plus our newest sports club, dodgeball. Congratulations to our award winners Heidi, Jamila, Molly, Felix, Hayden and William and to Poppy, winner of our annual Richard Webb Trophy.



## Sports Presentation Evening

