



Newsletter

July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support this year. We've had an exciting term filled with incredible achievements and memorable experiences; many of which you will see in our bumper end of term newsletter.

I hope you enjoy looking at the pictures from our extensive summer programme and take some time to reflect with your child on their year at school. Highlights of our year include our excellent Ofsted report, which reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire school community, our fabulous Summer Music Concert, our Sports Presentation Evening and our Year 5 and 6 play, Rock Bottom.

I hope you are able to take the time to relax and enjoy the summer break, may the weather be kind to us!

I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term, ready for more exciting adventures and excellent learning opportunities.

With best wishes

Mrs Shenston
Headteacher



Congratulations to our new House Captains from Bluebell Class!



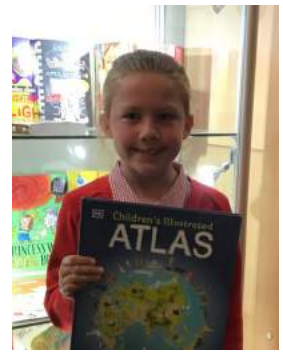
**Archery
Workshop**



Year 6 visit to Bishop's Stortford Museum

Lilac Class spent a fascinating day with staff from Bishop's Stortford Museum learning about the history of our town. They spent the morning at South Mill Arts Centre hearing about the development and growth of the town over the years and explored the many displays in the museum, including a skeleton of a Roman soldier found by pupils at the College during an archaeology dig at a housing construction site in the 1950s! In the afternoon they were taken on a trail around town, where notable sites were pointed out to them.





Readers of the Week



Congratulations to our recent Readers of the Week who include Danielle, Logan, Emma, Albie, Emilia, Curtis, Olivia, Erin, Ken, Yasemin, Elliot, Rafe, Owen, Ava, Harry, Hayden, Lucia and Chloe.

National Thank A Teacher Day



Our Governors and PTA worked together to surprise the school staff with a special assembly to mark National Thank a Teacher Day on 19th June. Our Chair of Governors Gareth Lewis led the assembly supported by our PTA Chair, Rhona Brown, and her team as they expressed their appreciation for the work all the staff in school do – from teachers and Learning Support Assistants in the classrooms, to our school cooks, midday assistants, caretaker and office staff.

The PTA made cards for each teacher, which were signed by the children in their class, and decorated the school with bunting and balloons and also left lots of sweet treats in the staffroom!



Music Festival

Year 2 and Year 5 were invited to join other local schools at a Music Festival at South Mill Arts Centre. After rehearsals they all got the chance to perform on the stage in front of a packed audience.





Clover Class visit to Boydell's Farm

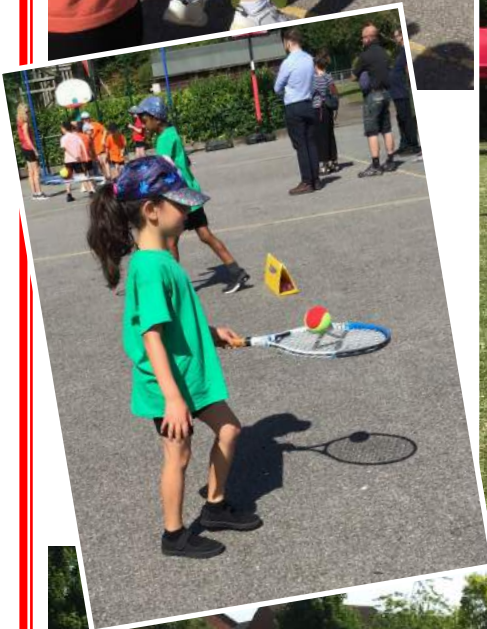




Year 2 visit to the Henry Moore Foundation



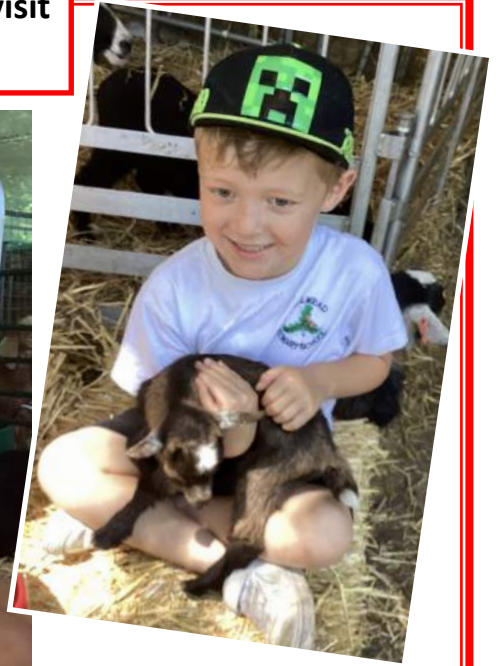
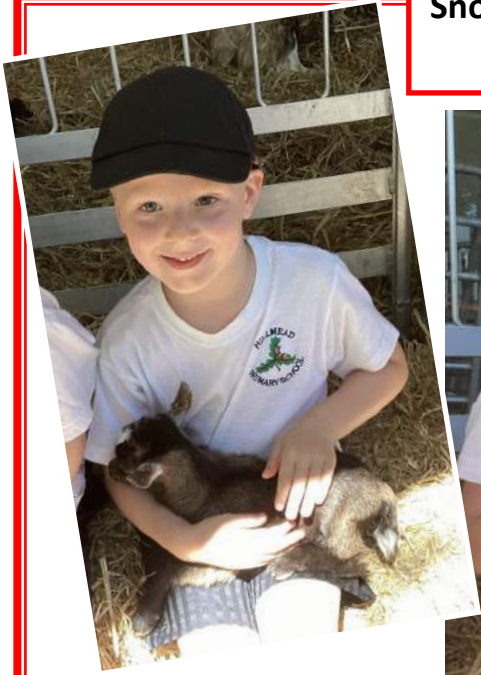
**KS1
Sports
Day**



KS2 Sports Day



Snowdrop and Meadow Classes visit
to Daisy May's Farm





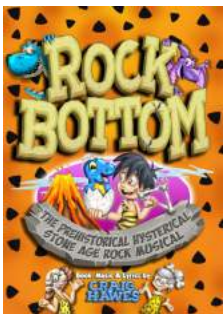
EYFS Sports Day





Year 4 to the Henry Moore Foundation





Year 5
and 6
Play



**Summer
Music Concert**





**CHaOS
Science
Roadshow**

We were delighted to welcome the team from Cambridge Hands-On Science (CHaOS), a STEM outreach group organised

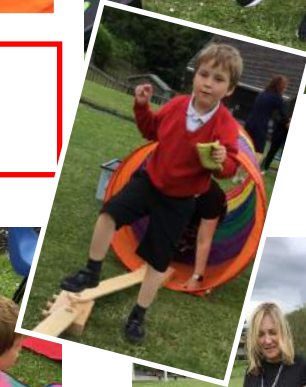
by students from the University of Cambridge. They brought their summer roadshow to Hillmead, with Buttercup and Bluebell Classes having the chance to take part in a range of interactive experiments involving biology, chemistry, physics, geology, engineering, medicine and maths.





Year 6 visit to Harlow Outdoors





Meadow Class Sports Picnic

Primary Music Day

Margot and Ethan represented the school at a Primary Music Day hosted by Birchwood School. Woodwind, brass and string musicians from



around the town gathered for an afternoon of music, culminating in a mass orchestra concert to parents.

Thank you Emma!

We have to say a very sad but fond farewell to Emma Clarke, who has been a valued member of our school kitchen team for several years.

We wish Emma all the best in her new role with Little Ladybirds and Night Owls at their setting at Northgate Primary School.



Sports Presentation Evening



We were treated to some excellent displays as we celebrated sporting achievements by our pupils in and outside of school, plus Mrs Shenston was challenged to a game of boccia!

Congratulations to Lucia, winner of our annual Richard Webb Trophy and to all those who received awards for embodying the School Games values when representing the school, showing determination, passion, respect, honesty, self belief and teamwork.



Hillfest 2024



The sun certainly shone on us for Hillfest 2024. The PTA worked tirelessly to put on an amazing afternoon of entertainment and deservedly raised a bumper amount—an astounding £5207!!

Office News



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Kathryn Millard, who has joined us in the office as an Office Administrator. Mrs Millard works Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Mrs Gosden is now working on Tuesdays, Wednesday mornings and Thursdays and Mrs Wardle continues to work Tuesday-Friday.

Sports Round-Up

This half term has seen our Year 5 and 6 netballers busy with a number of high-scoring matches against other local schools, with our best result being a 17-3 win against Spellbrook Primary. We also sent a team from across our year groups to represent Hillmead at an inter-school boccia competition.

