



Newsletter

April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting half term, we're delighted to share the highlights in our latest newsletter!

From creative adventures like the Pop-Up Play workshop and KNEX challenges to memorable experiences such as our river trip and the fantastic Year 3 and 4 play—made even better with PTA-funded microphones—our students have had an enriching few weeks.

World Book Day saw a wonderful array of costumes, bringing special words to life, while our Easter bonnet parade added a festive touch to the term's end.

A huge thank you to the PTA for their ongoing support and to our staff and students for making this half term so special.

Kind regards
Mrs Shenston



We had some beautiful entries for our Easter colouring competition and some wonderful Easter bonnets, including this stunning, towering creation by Beaux!





Thanks to your support of our fabulous PTA events, the PTA were able to fully fund a whole day Pop Up Play Village workshop for Clover and Daffodil Classes, where the children got the chance to role play going camping and running a shop and a café as well as working as vets, builders, florists and mechanics!





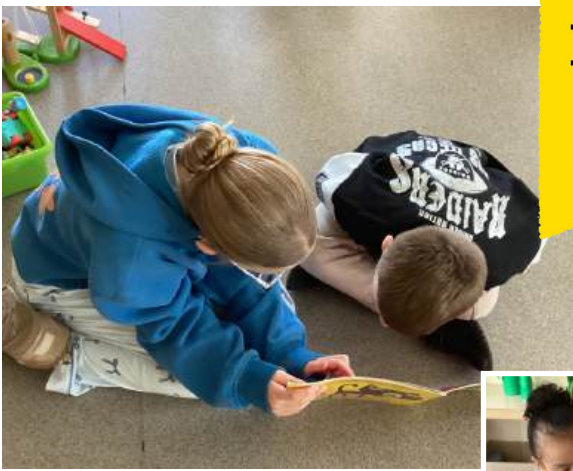
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We want to thank you all for the fantastic efforts everyone went to as we marked World Book Day by dressing as a word. Our competition winners included children dressed as “sleepy”, “electrified” and “colourful”. Staff got involved too and Mr Evans managed a morning wearing his clothes back to front as “reversible” and new dad Mr Harris wore a dressing gown and eye mask and was genuinely “sleep-deprived”!

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As part of our World Book Day celebrations Year 5 enjoyed reading stories with Daffodil Class.



**Daffodil Class
visit to Bishop's
Stortford
Library**



Daffodil Class paid a visit to Bishop's Stortford Library where they took part in story time and had a chance to browse the shelves.

Those children with membership cards were able to borrow a book to take home too!





**Year 5
River Studies**



Buttercup Class spent a day on the River Stort with CanalAbility as part of their River Studies topic. They learnt how to steer the boats, open and close the locks and studied the animal habitats along the towpath.

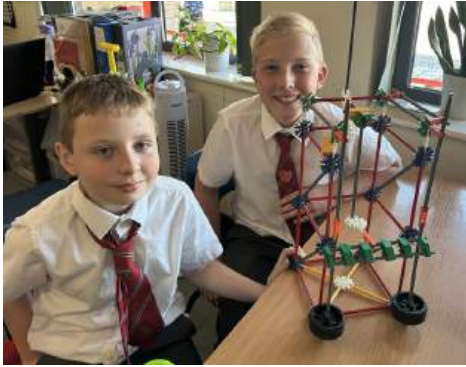




Year 3 and 4
play



Year 5 and 6 KNEX Challenge



Buttercup and Bluebell Classes took part in a KNEX Challenge organised by STEMPoint. They worked in pairs to design a fairground ride—starting by drawing their ideas, then building their design whilst making adaptations along the way, as they discovered what worked and what didn't! The winning designs from each class will be entered in a regional final.



We now have a complete set of house trees within the school grounds! Children from Elm and Beech House were dazzled by the Spring sunshine as they helped plant our two new acquisitions.



School House Trees

Year 6 Magistrate's Talk



Year 6 recently had a thought-provoking and informative visit from a magistrate, Elaine Terry.

They learnt about the types of cases that would be heard at a magistrates court, what types of sentences magistrates might hand out and how decisions on sentences are made. Importantly, they also learnt about the age of criminal responsibility and the impact of a criminal record on someone's life, and, in groups, tried to decide which crime was the most serious from a set of scenarios.

In a final question and answer session, Elaine answered many varied and interesting questions from the class!



Easter Bonnets



Sports News



We've had an action-packed sporting calendar this half term.

Our Year 5 and 6 football team finished the season with a 5-0 victory over Manor Fields, having taken part in some exciting, high scoring games along the way.

Teams from Year 2 and Year 4 have represented the school in Gymnastics Competitions, with each team member performing a set routine and Year 6 have been busy representing the school in both netball and hockey competitions at Birchwood.

