



June 2026 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Hot weather

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your understanding last week when we needed to implement the optional early finish due to the extreme heat. With fewer pupils on site after 1.50pm, classrooms felt slightly cooler.

As I was driving out to attend a Headteacher meeting last Tuesday, I saw so many parents already arriving at the gates for the 1.50pm collection. I was genuinely impressed by the calm, patient atmosphere — it was a real reflection of the strength of our school community.

Thank you for your flexibility and support; it helped us keep everyone safe and comfortable during the challenging weather. We remain grateful, as always, for the strong partnership we share with our families.

Year 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight

Many of our Year 6 children took part in the Isle of Wight residential trip. The children had a wonderful week on the island – taking in part in so many activities. The hotel staff and coach driver were very complimentary about the children's conduct throughout the week. A written tribute was received from the coach driver who was with the group all week. Below are his comments:

'It was a pleasure driving for you on the Isle of Wight trip last week. You were all wonderful to work with and I truly enjoyed the experience. It was lovely to be part of such a friendly and respectful group'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Martin, John, Fatim, Nikki, Kevin, Megan, Bella and Pauline for their dedication and hard work throughout the week away and to their families for releasing them for five days.

The children who did not take part in this trip took part in an enrichment week and received many compliments from staff about how helpful and happy they were. Well done Year 6 !

September 2026 classes.

Below is the list of staffing for September 2026:

Nursery	- Hannah Mitchell (Early Years Lead)
Reception Lillies	- Laura Sugrue and Roz Pengelly
Reception Poppies	- Orla Reilly
Year 1 Lisbon	- Bella Fuller
Year 1 Padua	- Elisha Kambo
Year 2 Lisbon	- Frankie Brookes (Key Stage One Lead)
Year 2 Padua	- Megan Brogan
Year 3 Lisbon	- Olivia Colgan
Year 3 Padua	- Shannon Kelly
Year 4 Lisbon	- Emma Holder

Year 4 Padua	- Catherine Elliott (Lower Key Stage Two Lead)
Year 5 Lisbon	- Abbie Clark
Year 5 Padua	- John McGinn (Upper Key Stage Two Lead) and Fatim Dossa
Year 6 Lisbon	- Sarah McCabe
Year 6 Padua	- Kevin Conoboy

Cover for teachers' part time days, PPA time, continuing professional development and co-ordinators' release time will be provided by Rachel Smith and Eva Thomas.

Martin McDermott, our Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Safeguarding Lead and RE Lead, will continue to support Year 6 and also help raise standards by working closely with all classes across the school.

Melanie Brimicombe, our Assistant Headteacher, will continue in her role as Safeguarding Lead, Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCo) and Special Education Needs Co-ordinator.

In the July newsletter I will be able to share which classes our teaching assistants will be working with.

Maternity Leave

Aimie White (Year 1 Lisbon) and Amy Utting (Year 5 Padua) will be starting their maternity leave over the summer holidays. I know you will join staff in wishing them all the very best as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. We will share baby news as soon as we hear.

Fatim Dossa

We are also pleased to share that Fatim will be starting a Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship in September. This is a fantastic opportunity for her professional development, and we are delighted to support her as she takes this step on a teaching journey. She will be working closely alongside John McGinn, one of our most experienced teachers, ensuring she receives excellent guidance while continuing to contribute to high-quality support for our pupils. We know our school community will join us in wishing her every success as she begins this exciting new chapter.

Breakfast Club News

From September, **Challenge Sport and Education** will be taking over as our new Breakfast Club provider. They've shared a letter with all the details about how the club will run and how you can apply for a place. The letter is attached to this newsletter.

End of Year Reports

In July all families will receive their end of year report for their child. There will be a reply slip attached to the report where there will be an opportunity for parents and children to make a comment and return to school. It is very helpful for these slips to be returned as soon as possible.

Attendance Update

As we approach the end of term, I'd like to remind families how important good attendance remains throughout July. We're unable to authorise any absences for holidays or trips during this period, as every day in school really does make a difference to your child's learning and readiness for the new academic year.

Please also be aware that, due to the high number of requests we typically receive at this time of year, we will be asking for medical evidence before we can authorise any illness related absences in the final weeks of term. This helps us ensure our records are accurate and that children are in school whenever they are well enough to attend.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us maintain strong attendance right up to the summer break.

The whole school attendance has been **95%** from **1st September 2025** until **29th June 2026**.

The attendance of all classes is as follows:

Nursery	89%	
	Lily class	Poppy class
Reception	92%	94%
	Lisbon	Padua
Year 1	95%	96%
Year 2	94%	95%
Year 3	96%	96%
Year 4	95%	95%
Year 5	97%	97%
Year 6	96%	95%

Well done to our **Year 5 Lisbon and Year 5 Padua classes** who achieved the highest attendance during this time.

Year 5 and Year 6 Production – A Hint of Snow White

Year 5 and 6 will be performing A Hint of Snow White for their parents on **Wednesday 9th July**.

There will be an afternoon performance (**2pm**) and an evening performance (**7pm**). Numbers for the evening will need to be restricted so we have sent home a ticket which admits 2 people per family.

The afternoon performance will not be ticketed. All primary school age children will have seen the play so **please do not** bring them to the evening performance. Children below school age should be brought to the afternoon performance and **not** the evening performance.

Please organise babysitters in advance as all children who attend our school as well as pre-school children will **not** be able to come into the evening performance. It is very upsetting for parents to miss their child's performance because they have not made appropriate arrangements. And it is also very difficult for staff who have to turn them away.

Filming – Upper Key Stage Two Production

Please refrain from filming this production, as we have arranged for the play to be professionally recorded. A link to the final video will be shared with all parents in Year 5 and Year 6 at the end of term. The cost of the filming has been fully covered by the school, ensuring every family can enjoy the performance.

End of Year Book Amnesty

As we get closer to the end of term, please could everyone take a moment to look at home for any class reading books or library books that belong to school. We would be really grateful if all books could be returned as soon as possible so we can update our stock ready for September.

This is especially important for our Year 6 pupils, who will need to return all schoolbooks before they move on.

Thank you for your help in keeping our library and reading resources complete.

Mufti Day

On **Friday 3rd July** we will be holding a **Mufti Day**, which means children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes for the day. In exchange, we kindly ask for a donation to the school fund, which can be made via **The Gateway**. Your contributions directly support enrichment activities and resources that benefit all our pupils, and we are always grateful for your generosity.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 2 nd July	Year 1 Sports morning 9.30-10.30am Year 2 Sports afternoon 2-3pm
Weds 8 th July	Year 5 and 6 - A Hint of Snow White Production 2pm and 7pm -see details above.
Thurs 9 th July	Year 6 Transition Day at their new schools Key Stage One and Two children to meet their next teacher in their new classroom. Nursery visit to Langleybury Farm
Mon 13 th July	New to Year 3 meeting for parents – 9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Disco 5pm – 7pm
Weds 15 th July	Year 6 attend mass at Holy Rood Church 12pm
Tues 21 st July	Leavers' service – Year 6 parents/carers invited – 9.15am. School finishes at 1.30pm. INSET for teachers in the afternoon.
Weds 22 nd July and Thurs 23 rd July	INSET Days – school closed
Tues 1 st Sept	INSET Day
Weds 2 nd Sept	Term begins

Congratulations

It is always lovely to see the children with their medals and certificates.

Our congratulations go to the following talented children:

Nursery

Evie L received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Rec Poppies

Sienna I received a certificate for Learn to Swim Stage 1.

Janice A, Jake M-W and Eliana P all received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Year 1 Lisbon

Diego C received a Player of the Day certificate and 2 trophies for being an Tournament winner and Penalty King from Titans FC.

Ajees M received a Sports medal and certificate from the Watford Tamil Kalvikkoodam.

Isabella H received a certificate and badge for Learn to Swim Stage 3.

Kaiden G received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Andrei M received a medal for a tournament with Croxley Green FC.

Year 1 Padua

Iwan M received a certificate from Whipsnade Zoo for taking part in the World Record attempt of painting by numbers. Along with a Trophy from Evergreen FC for being part of the squad and a medal for taking part in a tournament.

Aisling C was awarded a certificate for completing the Bike Fun Skills Course at Watford Cycle Hub she also received a certificate from Whipsnade Zoo for taking part in the World Record attempt of painting by numbers.

Aoife K was awarded a winners medal for Under 7's Gaelic Football Tournament.

Ayva J, Camille R and Millie R all received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Year 1 Padua Teacher - Elisha K

Elisha took part in the Cheerleading World Championships in Barcelona where she won two gold and one silver medals, a trophy and two team medals along with an individual gold trophy for being the most promising performer. Well done Elisha !

Year 2 Lisbon

Anna M received a certificate for being a member of Ultra Marathon Club and completing 50 Junior Park Runs.

Divyen S received a certificate and badge for Learn to Swim Stage 1 and received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Serah J, Jack L and Denise L all received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Year 2 Padua

Ella H received 2 certificates from Whipsnade Zoo for taking part in the World Record attempt of painting by numbers and for completing the Bike Fun Skills course at Watford Cycle Hub.

Arthur A was awarded a medal and trophy for 1st place in an Under 8's Tournament with Falcons Nascot Wood Rangers FC.

Year 3 Lisbon

Cillian M was Player of the Week with GetSet4Tennis.

Millie K received a medal for a Gaelic Football Tournament with Glen Rovers.

Amelia F got a 1st place trophy for a Slip Jig and a 3rd place trophy for Reel-Irish Dance Feis. Along with a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Bianca C received a medal and certificate for Level 7 floor from Watford Gym Club.

Belle R received a medal for a Gaelic Football Tournament with Glen Rovers.

Katie O was awarded a certificate from Cheerleading for being Star of the Day.

Year 3 Padua

Keela L-R received a medal for a jig from an Irish Dancing Feis.

Khalessi D, Nicholas G and Kevin M all received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Arvin V was the 8-10 years Boys Champion in Tamil School Sports Day.

Year 4 Lisbon

Rebecca P was given a medal and certificate for an incredible performance at a dance show from Kennedy Jane Dance School.

Year 4 Padua

Mollie H received a medal and certificate for Level 5 vault from Watford Gym Club.

Eliana S received a medal and certificate for Level 7 beam from Watford Gym Club.

Davine F-P was awarded certificates of Merit for completing Part One and Two of a Piano course with John Thompson's.

Nathan B received a certificate from Swim England for learning the Water Safety Code.

Year 5 Padua

Demi C received a medal from Acrotrix Gym Club for taking part in a competition.

Year 6 Lisbon

Abbey K was awarded a Under 14's medal for winning Gaelic Football Cup she also got a Under 12's participation medal. Along with a Tournament medal for taking part in Gaelic football.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold