

6th February 2026 Issue 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the highlights of this week in school:

- It has been a really difficult week in school this week with 7 staff members unable to attend school owing to serious illness and 5 staff members affected by serious family issues. It's been so hard to keep things running smoothly in such difficult times but we only had to resort to calling in a supply teacher for one day so I think we got things covered pretty well! Thank you for your support when things like this happen and we need to rally round and step up to ensure that children still receive the best education they deserve.
- Last week, we held a coffee morning for anyone who wanted to raise concerns about their child or children and the school's new HEST team were there to answer questions. For your information, HEST is the Havering Emotional Support Team which is an NHS service that works with schools to support children and young people with their emotional wellbeing. You can follow them on Instagram for updates on @nelft_hest. HEST provides support directly to parents whose children may be experiencing difficulties with behaviour and/or worries through 1:1 support or group workshops. They can also provide psychoeducation workshops to children (in classrooms or as assemblies) and staff to help raise awareness of wellbeing and they can work with small groups to work on particular issues to build emotional skills or to prevent problems developing further. We'll be working with the team and suggesting to them the kind of work we'd like them to carry out so we're very excited about that.
- We had a really great turn out to the Year 1 phonic screening workshop on Tuesday. This workshop explained the DfE phonic screening test process that the children sit at the end of the year and shared how parents can help their children at home. Our parents were a wonderful class, listening well and practicing their sounds in earnest! If you were unable to make the workshop, we have posted the powerpoint and links on SeeSaw but please feel free to speak to Ms Clarke, Miss Goodwin or Mrs Harding if you have any questions.
- A big thank you to Isaiah's (R2) mum who has donated some very strong solar lights for our Barton Road gates - now we can see you as we wave you goodbye after Wraparound Club!

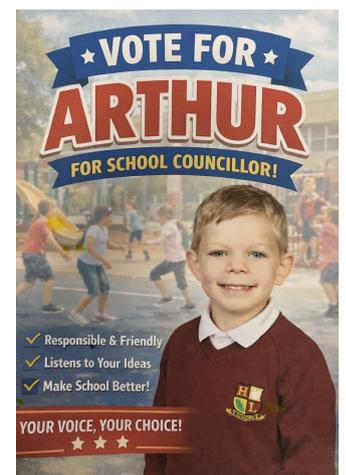


- Mr Charlee took our Y4 girls out on Wednesday for a Football Tournament against 4 other schools. We played a 'blinder' as they say in the football world and came second overall. We only let in 1 goal through the whole Tournament and that was to Branfil who went on to win overall. Well done to all the Y4 girls and a big thank you to Mr Charlee and all the parents who helped with transport.
- As you know, we had the student Council elections this week - it's been a really exciting week with some great campaigns - I think Arthur (1A) has nailed the campaign trail with his wonderful speech and great posters! Of course a great campaign doesn't always lead to election because politics always comes into play but 10 out of 10 for effort - I would have voted for you Arthur!! Have a look at his poster below! And a list of newly appointed councillors can also be found below.
- Of course, welcoming new councillors means saying goodbye to the outgoing councillors who have done a sterling job for us this year and made a real difference in school. Yesterday they carried out their final duty as school councillors with a visit to the Mayor's Parlour in Romford where they were a credit to our school, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and confidence. They got the chance to meet the Mayor in her chamber to ask her a variety of questions about her role as Mayor and about her personal life. Some brilliant questions were asked that ranged greatly from 'What is your favourite letter in the alphabet?' (Joshua, Year 1), in which the Mayor replied 'S' as her name is 'Sue,' to 'What inspired you to become a Mayor?' (Ashlyn, Year 5), in which the Mayor replied that the opportunity arose so she took it and discussed about jumping at chances in life if they ever come your way. The children were treated to cakes, biscuits and drinks before being given the opportunity to hold the Mayor's delicate Mace with special gloves whilst having pictures taken with her. They were given 'Mayor Bear' badges as a gift when they left.
- In 1A this week, the children were recapping the Christian story of Noah and the Ark. While working with their talk partners, Soumia and Tafeef were keen to share their version. With great excitement, they announced, "Miss! There was a BIG leak – water was EVERYWHERE!" Safe to say, their dramatic retelling had everyone laughing!
- And that's it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“Build your ark before the rain starts – kindness, friendship and a little preparation go a long way.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle



Our Newly Elected School Councillors for 2026



- R1 - Kai and Mariam
- R2 - Danyil and Haniya
- 1A - Ava and Max
- 1B - Dawud and Arthur
- 2A - Parker and Camilla
- 2B - Dexter and Amelia G
- 3A - Kai and Albie
- 3B - Layla and Kevin
- 4A - Arlo and Laura
- 4B - James and Lorin
- 5A - Kara and Seth
- 5B - Azaan and Sonia
- 5C - Harper and Khaleelah
- 6A - Louie and Ali
- 6B - Taha and Daria

Congratulations to you all!

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Ashton in 2B

Alice in 4B



Well done!



Stars of the Week



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| R1 Aadanan | 4A Elizabeth |
| R2 Max | 4B Nala |
| 1A Alfie | 5A Dominic |
| 1B Mylo | 5B Shriyah |
| 2A Harper | 5C Joshua |
| 2B Amelia G | 6A Logan |
| 3A Shayne | 6B Amber |
| 3B Assad | |

Kindness Award

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| R1 Kai | 4A Diyan |
| R2 Eleora | 4B Kal-El |
| 1A Harrison | 5A Adam |
| 1B Dawud | 5B Gabriel |
| 2A Levi | 5C Harper |
| 2B Matei | 6A Olivia |
| 3A Affan | 6B Albert |
| 3B Darcy | |



Congratulations to

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| Kai R1 | Regi 5A |
| Oonagh R1 | Eadie 5A |
| Mia 3B | Roger 5A |
| Aadam 5A | Harry 5A |
| Dima 5A | Ahmad 5C |

on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!



Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

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| Bonnie R1 | Jessica 3A |
| Daisy R1 | Ella 3A |
| Oren R2 | Murtajiz 4A |
| Stanley R2 | Mia 4A |
| Paige R2 | Ali 4A |
| Siraat 2B | Irhaa 5B |
| Ameer 2B | Joshua 5C |
| Danielius 2B | Judah 5C |
| Karley 3A | Nadiia 5C |
| Alice 3A | |



for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!

Reaching gold this week

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| Bonnie R1 | Nimi 1B | Mussab 3A | Jake 5A |
| Daisy R1 | Niyanshi 1B | Aaron 3A | Ismail 5A |
| Dev R1 | Rocko 2A | Isobel 3B | Marco 5B |
| Dior R1 | Parker 2A | Yaqab 3B | Aiza 5B |
| Edva R1 | Camilla 2A | Diyan 4A | Zirwah 5B |
| Greyd R1 | Mannat 2A | Murtajiz 4A | Oscar 5B |
| Idris R1 | Ariana 2A | Dalia 4A | Irhaa 5B |
| Mikaeel R1 | Wilayate 2A | Liza 4A | Vera 5B |
| Oscar R1 | Sienna 2A | Ifraah 4A | Sofia 5B |
| Zaina R1 | Vadim 2A | Lenny 4A | Shriyah 5B |
| Oren R2 | Darius 2A | Aisha 4A | Manaal 5B |
| Tallulah R2 | Ada 2B | Mia 4A | Jenson 5C |
| Stanley R2 | Aarish B 2B | Elliot 4A | Joel 5C |
| Paige R2 | Fletcher 2B | Evie 4A | Zoey 5C |
| Ollie R2 | Siraat 2B | Elizabeth 4A | Mujtaba 5C |
| Noah R2 | Hudson 2B | Ali 4A | Joshua 5C |
| Soumia 1A | Denzal 2B | Shannon 4A | Mason 5C |
| Madalin 1A | Ameer 2B | Arlo 4A | Judah 5C |
| Tommy 1B | Danielius 2B | Nate 4A | Nadiia 5C |
| Lucas 1B | Karley 3A | Aarshy 4A | Shemuel 5C |
| Rukah Ya 1B | Alice 3A | Mason 5A | Reggie 5C |
| Zac 1B | Paula 3A | Emily 5A | Daniel CJ 6A |
| Haleema 1B | Jessica 3A | Naylaa 5A | Omari 6A |
| Arthur 1B | Ella 3A | Eshaal 5A | Logan 6A |
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Presentation Award

So, this is what happened, I was very nervous in the playground during the L Awards (my new best friend!) she was doing a ball, after showing looking good, thank my friend. When she introduced herself, we found out that her name was Elizabeth and she was 10 years old! I was double my age! She was rather funny and messy if you ask me, she was even getting some parts out of her mouth, but, to be fair, she was a SENIOR girl so we were lucky when we were right to see and it also came with a warning about the Trampoline.

She went on to tell us about a cartoon in Miss Trumble's private office called the sticky notes she LOCKS people up. I'm still getting around your bag, then she also told us that she got put in the 'Crazy House' (Oren's house) she got yellow groups on Miss Trumble's chair and got going & again because she put sticky powder in the Trampoline for her. To us it is like we were actually in front of a legend but it was really struggling to believe it.

Aisha in 4A



Spring Term Dates

- Monday 9th February - Parent's Evening
- Wednesday 11th February - Parent's Evening
- Friday 13th February - Break up for half term
- Monday 23rd February - Return back to school
- Monday 23rd February - Choir singing at the O2
- Tuesday 24th February - EYFS Travelling Arts workshops
- Thursday 26th February - Year 6 Harry Potter World Trip
- Monday 2nd March - Year 5 trip to the British Museum
- Wednesday 4th March - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle
- Thursday 5th March - World Book day
- Wednesday 11th March - Year 1 Victorian trip to Braintree Museum
- Friday 13th March - PTA Mother's Day stalls
- Monday 16th March - Stay and Learn week - (not year 3)
- Monday 23rd March - EYFS Cycle Awareness day
- Tuesday 24th March - Year 1 Victorian Assemblies to parents
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 4 Easter Play to parents
- Thursday 26th March - Year 2 trip to Ingrebourne Country Park
- Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade and break up at 1:30 for Easter

