



## Windermere Primary School Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### A word from the Headteacher

As we move through the half term we have an update to our leadership team. Our Deputy Head and SENCo, Ms Garfen, has now departed and Miss Mayes has now fully taken over the SENCo role, working Mondays and Tuesdays. I am pleased to share that we have 2 Assistant Heads from within the school to support our pupils and our improvement journey. Miss Clark will lead on Foundational Learning and Mrs Baker will lead on Foundation Subjects. Both bring a wealth of experience to their roles.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

**Sarah Gilliver**

### Assembly Theme and Value

We continue on our exploration of **Wisdom** and in particular learning from our own and others' mistakes. We have celebrated children who describe learning from their mistakes and those who describe learning from the mistakes of others.

### Additional celebration!

We have celebrated our netball team becoming Division 3 champions for this season. They have worked incredibly well as a team and developed their skills to secure this title. A fabulous achievement that we are really proud of. Well done!

### Nourish Programme Survey

We are lucky enough to be a part of the Nourish School Food Programme with Herts County Council. They will be offering school support to improve our food environment, children's understanding of healthy balanced eating and will also offer workshops for parents. To enable their work to be focused and the most helpful, we would be grateful if you could take a



few moments to complete the linked [survey](#).

### Breaktime snacks

Children in Reception and Year 1/2 are provided with fruit or vegetable snacks from the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Children in Year 3-6 are welcome to bring in a snack for breaktime. This should be fruit or vegetables such as bananas, apples, raisins, carrots or cucumber. Children can also bring in seeds such as sunflower seeds. Crisps, cereal bars and other items like Peperami are NOT permitted at breaktime as these often have high sugar and high fat content which can lead to a slump later which impacts focus and attention.

### Dates for your Diary:

11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs tests
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mini Police Y5
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Kew visit Y1/2 & Reception
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Cake Sale
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Walk to School Week
25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term- school closed
1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET day for staff
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	First day of second half of term
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day (weather permitting)
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair

### Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers but can encourage them to share what they have been learning about.

R- Can you name any flowers?

1/2- What does a referee do?

3- Can you name 5 places in St Albans?

4- Can you explain what a rhetorical question is?

5- Can you explain when to use formal and informal language and give an example of each?

6- What does forgiveness mean?

## The Future of Transport in Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire County Council is introducing HERT (Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transit) – a new, electric public transport system designed to make travel across the county quicker, easier and more sustainable. Families can see a HERT vehicle up close and learn about greener travel at events across Hertfordshire this May.

### HERT Vehicle Visit Dates:

- Watford – 9 May (High Street, 9am–4pm)
- Hertford – 10 May (Hartham Common Ecofest, 12–4pm)
- Hatfield – 12 May (University of Hertfordshire, 10am–4pm)
- Hemel Hempstead – 14 May (The Marlowes, 9am–4pm)
- St Albans – 17 May (Victoria Street Spring Festival, 12–6pm)



A new form of transport that will make travelling across Hertfordshire from east to west easier for all.



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### It aims to create:

- Frequent services – just turn up and go
- Bigger vehicles with multi-door access and more space
- A high-quality public transport experience

HERT will work alongside existing buses and help make travelling across the county quicker and easier for everyone.



## Why we need HERT



Hertfordshire has great north–south transport, especially into London, but travelling east–west is slow and difficult

### Severe congestion leads to:

- Long, delayed bus journeys
- Rat-running on residential and rural roads
- Unreliable journey times
- Poor air quality
- Safety issues for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians

### By 2040s...



Hertfordshire population will have increased by 300,000



Over 50,000 new homes will have been built on A414 corridor

### If nothing changes now...



- Constant traffic, with delays to all journeys
- Poor health, environmental and sustainability outcomes
- Lack of investment, with business choosing to invest in other parts of the country
- Reduced economic growth, with less access to jobs, education and training

## Making Hertfordshire Sustainable

### What's Next?

Following the event, we will publish a prospectus where you can explore HERT in more detail and learn more about our vision for the future.



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For further information please visit

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/HERT](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/HERT)

