

Friday 26th June 2026

Summer term 2: issue 4

We are incredibly proud of the children for how brilliantly they have handled this week. They have been sensible, followed instructions, and did everything they needed to in order to stay well, safe and happy in the heat.

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for your understanding and support regarding the changes we implemented. It truly makes a difference.

I would also like to thank the brilliant Shenley staff who go above and beyond every day. As you are aware, Sports Day will now take place on 7th July, followed by the family picnic. After 1pm registration, you are welcome to take your child home with you on this day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Wheeler



ART THERAPY
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SHENLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Supporting children's emotional wellbeing through creativity

MEET RUTH BRADLEY

Ruth Bradley brings over 20 years of experience in primary education as a Teacher and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo).

She is a qualified Art Therapist, registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), and trained in Drawing and Talking.

Ruth is passionate about helping children feel understood, supported, and confident, enabling them to thrive both emotionally and academically.

WHAT IS ART THERAPY?

Art Therapy is a creative and therapeutic approach that helps children express thoughts and feelings through art when words can be difficult.

Using drawing, painting and other creative activities, children can explore emotions, build resilience, develop confidence, and learn positive coping strategies in a safe and supportive environment.

Art Therapy can be particularly beneficial for children experiencing:

- Anxiety or worries
- Friendship difficulties
- Low self-esteem
- Emotional regulation challenges
- Bereavement or loss
- Trauma or significant life changes
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs

INDIVIDUAL ART THERAPY SESSIONS

We are exploring the opportunity to offer individual Art Therapy sessions at Shenley Primary School from **AUTUMN TERM 2026**.

Sessions would take place during the school day in a confidential, nurturing environment designed to support children's emotional wellbeing and personal development.

INTERESTED?

If you feel your child may benefit from Art Therapy and would like further information, please contact the **SCHOOL OFFICE** to register your interest.

What children have said:

- "When you make art, it can take your mind off the bad stuff. This can help you feel safer."
- "In art therapy you get to make anything you want. It can help you change your behaviour and calm down."
- "Doing art can make you comfortable, then when you go back to class you're still comfortable."

Helping children feel understood, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Art Therapy is a state regulated profession. Art Therapists are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and work in line with the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT) professional standards.

Recognised by the British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT) as an effective way to support children's emotional and mental wellbeing.

CREATIVITY • EXPRESSION • HEALING • GROWTH • CONFIDENCE

Sun Safety

Please click on the link to access important information from the NHS regarding sun safety: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Year 5 Play Leaders

Last week, Year 5 took part in a workshop where they learnt all about being Play Leaders. This is in preparation for next year. We are excited to see them flourish in their new role in Year 6!

Skipathon

Last week, we were joined by Dan from Skipping Workshops who worked with each year group to develop their skipping skills. Each class developed new skills from being able to skip effectively to being able to do partner and group skipping activities.

The day ended with the children from each year group putting on a demonstration showing off their talents to the rest of the school.

Well done to everyone who took part. Dan was very impressed with how well you all skipped!



St Alban's Cathedral Trip

As part of the Saxons and Vikings topic, Otter class explored St Alban's Cathedral, and how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings lived and how they shaped Britain's history. The children learnt about Viking raids and invasions, Saxon settlements, kings and kingdoms, and the struggle between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings for control of England. They also discovered what daily life was like, including homes, food, clothing, beliefs and traditions. The children had a fantastic day and it was definitely the place to be on one of the hottest days of the year! Thank you to Dave at Mullanys Coaches and Rachel the education guide.





Last half term, Dormouse Class learnt about the Romans and the Celts and brought their learning to life with a visit to St Albans Cathedral.

They discovered that St Albans was once the Roman town of Verulamium and enjoyed a fascinating tour led by their guide, including a meeting with a Roman soldier!

During the visit, they learnt about Roman life, religion, and the impact of the Roman invasion of Britain. They found out that many people in Britain followed Celtic paganism and worshipped gods and goddesses connected to nature. They also learned about Alban, who was executed for protecting a Christian priest and became a martyr for his faith, helping Christianity spread through Roman Britain.

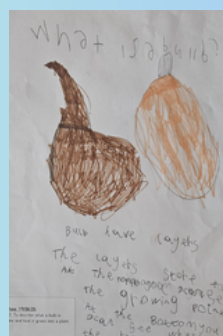
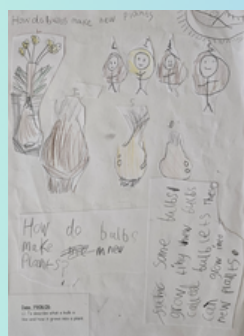
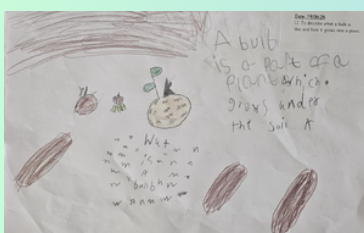
In the afternoon, they became Roman artists and created beautiful mosaics inspired by examples from Roman times.

It was a wonderful day of learning, creativity, and exploration. Dormouse Class enjoyed seeing the stained-glass window that tells the story of Saint Alban's courage.



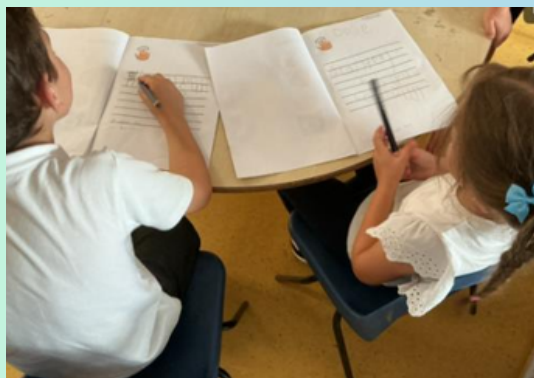
Fox Class has been very busy! In science, they have been finding out about plants. The children have grown seeds into beanstalks inside clear bags so they could see when the seed germinated, and where the roots and shoots came out of the seed. The children then studied bulbs. As a group they asked a question, researched the answer and presented it on a poster. They showed some amazing teamwork as all members had a job to do in order to complete the poster, and present it to the class.

Fox Class also made some sun safety posters which we have displayed around the school - thank you Fox Class!





Reception has started writing their own non-fiction books about nature this week. They learnt about content pages and added these to their books. Each page looks at what the children noticed in nature using their senses. Many children wrote about feeling hot in the sun and smelling flowers. Nursery has been exploring colour mixing and painting rainbows. They talked about the colours they have been making.



Celebrations!

Class	Star of the Week	Headteacher's certificate
	Hassan	Denis
	Aubree	Kende
	Samu	Charlotte
	Charlotte M	Michael
	Blake	Juniper
	Ruby	Jack



Whole school attendance this week was

84.8%

The class with the best attendance (**90.3%**) this week was **Stag Class** - well done for winning the attendance trophy!



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Dates for your Diary

Please keep checking this section as dates may be added or amended.

June:

Monday 29th: Year 6 residential to Runway's End

July:

Tuesday 7th: Sports Day

Friday 10th: Shen Fest

Tuesday 14th: Year 6 production (including Year 5) - 1.30pm

Wednesday 15th: Year 6 production (including Year 5) - 6pm

Thursday 16th: school reports sent home

Friday 17th: Year 6 fun day

Hedgehog Class visit to the RAF museum

Fox Class and Stag Class visit to Tring

Tuesday 21st: Year 6 trip to Sky Studios

Summer holiday - last day of the school year is Wednesday 22nd July 2026

INSET day: Thursday 23rd July 2026 (children do not attend school)



Noticeboard



FAMILIES DAY

Saturday 4th July 2026
12pm – 4pm
Meadow Park, Borehamwood



DOG SHOW

The Beauty Barks Dog Show

1:00pm Waggiest Tail	12:15pm
1:30pm Looks Like Their Owner	1:30pm
2:00pm Junior Handler 6 To 16 Years	2:45pm
2:30pm Best Rescue	4:00pm
3:00pm Most Handsome Boy (Mr Borehamwood)	
3:30pm Prettiest Girl (Miss Borehamwood)	
4:00pm Best in Show	

Entertainment

12:05pm Borehamwood Rock Choir	
12:30pm Borehamwood Brass (at the Band Stand)	

Free Kids Rides

JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS



THE BOREHAMWOOD BITES BACK FOOD FESTIVAL

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL



Sunday 5th July 2026
11am – 4pm
Meadow Park, Borehamwood

- International Food Stalls
- Free Big Top Circus
- Free Kids Rides
- Farmers & Craft Market

JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS

12:15pm
1:30pm
2:45pm
4:00pm

FREE ENTRY

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JUNE - OCTOBER
10AM - 2PM
CIVIC OFFICE CAR PARK

FARMERS AND CRAFT MARKET

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Sunday 28th June

Sunday 5th July
(Special Market as part of the Food Festival in Meadow Park)

Sunday 26th July

Sunday 23rd August

Sunday 27th September

Sunday 25th October



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8:30AM, 9:00AM, 9:30AM, 10:00AM, 10:30AM

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