



July 2026 newsletter

We share some news of activities that have taken place this half term, share more information about next half term and some important reminders.

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Message from Mrs Peden, Headteacher

What's coming up next year?

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful children, families and staff for making the summer term such a memorable one. The final few weeks have been filled with exciting learning opportunities, celebrations and special moments that truly capture the spirit of Pear Tree Mead. From educational visits and sporting achievements to transition events, performances and fundraising fun, our children have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience and kindness in everything they do.

Our oldest pupils have celebrated the end of their primary journey with memorable Year 6 events, including their Southend trip, transition visits to their secondary schools, shirt signing, pizza and water fight, and their emotional Leavers' Assembly. Across the school, children have enjoyed an incredible range of experiences, from exploring the Science Museum, stepping back in time on the Anglo-Saxon trip to West Stow, visiting Passmores and Harlow College, taking part in Bikeability, Sports Days, class assemblies and special themed days. Reception children have been out and about in the local community, while our youngest learners have enjoyed their own Sports Days and exciting end-of-year activities.

It has also been wonderful to see our school community come together for events such as the Summer Fair, Book Looks, Meet the Teacher sessions, Transition Week, our Father's Day celebrations, class parties, the World Cup football competition, fundraising events and our Summer Safety Assembly. These experiences help to create lasting memories for our children while strengthening the partnerships between home and school that are so important to us. Thank you so much for all the wonderful fundraising efforts that you have made this term, without these we would not be able to support the children with all the wonderful resources and experiences that they have. One of these events was the crazy hair day last half term. The school council helped me spend the money sponsoring some animals at Pets Corner in Harlow. We raised £195 and so were able to sponsor the following animals.

Alpacas – Chloe and Pablo

Tamworth Pig – Poppy

Giant Gourami – Graham B

Axolotls

Amazon Parrots – Charlie and Squawker

Barn Owl – Pixie

The school council will meet again in September to decide on the charities that they want to sponsor and the special days that we take part in.

We have set the children some challenges over the summer.

1. To complete the library summer read.
2. To complete the culture passports.
3. To find the PTM Lion on the loose and visit as many others as they can.
4. Visit the newly painted underpasses across Harlow.
5. Visit our sponsored animals at Pets Corner

Please see below for some more information about some of these events.

As you read through this final newsletter of the academic year, I hope you enjoy looking back at just some of the many highlights from this half. I am incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved and would like to thank our dedicated staff, supportive governors, volunteers, FOPTM team and families for their continued commitment to making Pear Tree Mead such a special place to learn. I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday, good luck to those staff and children who are moving onto their next adventure and we look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September for another exciting year together.

Mrs Peden

Headteacher



Key Dates will be issued in September for the Year. Please see below a few key events already booked in.

1st September - Non-Pupil Day – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

2nd September - School starts for Year 1 to 6.

2nd - 4th September - EYFS staggered starts, home visits and transition visits

15th September - School Photos – individual photos during the school day Year R to Year 6 (all day)

21st September - PGL Trip for Year 6 children

21st September - Non PGL children in Year 6 will have a week of off timetable activities.

22nd October - Inset Day

HALF TERM WEEK - 23rd OCTOBER to the 30th October

Parent Information

Thank you to all the parents who attended the book look & meet the new teacher sessions. If you missed this session and would like to see the PowerPoint presentation for your child's new class teacher you can find these on our website. We really enjoyed seeing you enjoy time with your child looking at their books.

School Term Dates 2026/2027

Pre School & Nursery Term Dates - [Pre-School-and-Nursery-PTM-term-Dates-2026-to-2027.382185614.pdf](#)

School Term Dates - [PCLC-PTM-term-Dates-2026-to-2027-1.382185614.pdf](#)

ISS School Meals Booklet - Please take time to look at this - [Parent Comms 2026.pdf](#)

Summer Workshops Available

[Harlow MIM club.jpg](#)

[Harlow timetable.jpg](#)

Primary School Teacher Training - Are you interested? - [FIPC ITT teacher training advert 2026 2027.pdf](#)

Harlow Tennis Club - [Pear Tree Mead Follow on Offer-April 2026.docx](#)

Summer timetable of free activities for children and families in Harlow. This year the activities are **all children** for children aged 4-11 years and their families. **All activities will be free to attend, please scan the QR code in the link** - [y8nw6m49-gr.png](#)

Nature walks around Essex - [Saplings brochure.pdf](#)

Library summer reading Challenge [Read to the Beat A6 advert \(1\).jpg](#) [Read to the Beat digital poster \(2\).jpg](#)

Morrisons Free Breakfast for families - [Morrisons Cafe and Kelloggs Free Breakfast Clubs.pdf](#)

Cultural Champions

We had an assembly about some free activities going on in Harlow this summer holidays.

Children have taken home a cultural passport home with them which they can complete over the summer. All the activities are free. Below there is a video to give you more information about the cultural champions challenge.

<https://youtu.be/yiFAADQNtZ4>.

Lions on the Loose

We are delighted to share an exciting update about our participation in **Lions on the Loose**. I can now confirm the location of your little lion, which will make its public debut from **Friday 10th July**, ahead of the main trail launch on **24th July**.

Location: Harvey Centre, outside the Discovery Hub

Please note that official **trail maps, merchandise and the Lions on the Loose app** will be available from **24th July**, when the full trail launches. Merchandise will be available online and in our hospice retail shops. Information about downloading the app can be found [here](#). The app is a fantastic way for families to engage with the trail, unlock rewards and learn more about the lions and the important work their support makes possible.

As you may have seen recently, St Clare Hospice has begun a staff consultation process which may unfortunately lead to reductions in some of their services. Over the past two years they have worked hard to reduce expenditure, but NHS funding has not kept pace with rising costs. Despite making savings of more than **£300,000**, they are still facing a projected **£1.3 million funding gap** this year. Because of this, the support of schools, families and local communities through projects such as **Lions on the Loose** has never been more important. Every fundraising effort, no matter how large or small, helps them continue providing vital care and support to local people and their families at the most difficult times of their lives. They are hugely grateful for our involvement and everything we are doing to support the hospice.







Reminders

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that children should attend school every day in the correct uniform.

- Grey bottoms - trousers, skirts or shorts.
- Black shoes
- Green jumpers or cardigans
- Ties for Year 3,4,5 and 6

- White shirts
- Black, white or grey socks or tights.
- **Green** hairbands or bows - not too big.
- Gingham dresses in the warmer months. These should not be worn with tights, but with white short or long socks.

CHILDREN WILL NEED WELLIES for the OPAL project for lunch times.

For more information please see :-

[Pear Tree Mead Academy - Uniform](#)

Please name all items of uniform. All named items will be sent back to classes. Any unnamed will be kept on display for half a term outside the front office. After that it will be donated to FOPTM.

We have second hand uniform for sale if you need any more uniform. Please ask via the FOPTM Facebook page. There is a preloved sale in the small hall at the end of every half term.

Children must be suitably dressed for the weather and have their coat in school every day. Otherwise they may not be able to play outside when it is cold. In the summer months children should have suitable shoes for school and sun hats when it is warm. Due to our opal project we go outside in all weathers. Children can play on the field all year round which means they may get muddy. Waterproof trousers or a puddle suit can help children stay clean if they are worried.

In September children will wear their PE kit to school on PE days. Children will need a plain black tracksuit for colder PE days.

Please can you talk to your children about how to behave on the school site before and after school.

- Children should not arrive on school site until 8.35 - 8.40 and should leave promptly at the end of the day.
- Children should not be on any school equipment - eg the hill, climbing wall, outdoor gym or the climbing equipment.
- Gates and doors will be closed at 8.45. Children arriving after this time will need to sign in at the office. Parents will need to give a reason for lateness to the office staff.
- Children should not be playing football or other ball games.
- Children should not be on bikes or scooters

- Children should be careful around each other, smaller children and our parents / visitors on site.
- Children should use kind and polite language to each other and other adults.

Gates after school will be closed promptly as our after school club could be outside completing their activities. Please leave the school grounds as quickly as you can.

If children who walk to and from school without an adult are seen continuously not following these guidelines or are late to school we will have to ask parents to attend school for drop off and pick up and not leave their children unoccupied. For those children that walk and cycle to school could we please remind them of safety on the roads and around the streets.

If you have any general enquiries please email these to info@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk

Many thanks for your understanding.

Online Safety Information

<https://sway.office.com/TAHiBj16IJgTC7ZM?ref=Link>

PARKING

A reminder that parents need to be considerate when driving around the school and parking. Please do not park on the curb, the zig zag lines or the double yellow lines. This includes at breakfast club and after school club please. We have had a couple of near misses outside recently. Please be careful.

What's been going on this half term?

Year 6 Southend trip, leavers assembly & all yr 6 other events

Year 6 Adventure Island Trip

On Wednesday 10th June, Year 6 pupils took part in a **Brain Smart** mental health workshop, designed to support emotional wellbeing and equip children with practical strategies for looking after their mental health. Throughout the session, pupils explored topics such as resilience, positive thinking, managing worries, and recognising the importance of talking about feelings. The workshop encouraged thoughtful discussion and provided valuable tools to help pupils feel confident and supported as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.



















Pro Strike

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in raising money for ProStrike! Thanks to your fantastic efforts and generosity, we raised valuable funds while having lots of fun along the way.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking on the challenge of seeing if they could beat their class teacher's record for shooting the ball into the goal. There was plenty of excitement, determination, and cheering as everyone gave it their best shot!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and helped make it such a fun and successful fundraiser.









Winners of the PCLC Geography World Cup

Well done to Archie in Year 2 and Erina in year 6, they

Congratulations to our two Geography World Cup champions Archie in Year 2 and Erina in Year 6, who impressed everyone with their fantastic geographical knowledge. They answered all the questions correctly and in the fastest time across the PCLC trust.

As a reward for their brilliant achievement, each pupil received a trophy and an England shirt. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm.

Well done to both of our champions!





First Aid teaching

We are really pleased to have added a new lesson theme to our PSHE curriculum. First aid will now be taught across the year groups from Year 1 to Year 5, ending with the Crucial Crew for Year 6. Each year group has received two first aid lessons this term. This has included.

- Helping in emergencies
- Calling 999
- Small Cuts and Grazes
- Spotting Dangers
- Keeping Safe
- Head injuries
- Bumps and Bruises
- Nose Bleeds
- Asthma
- Allergies
- Choking

- Burns
- DR ABC
- Recovery Position
- CPR using dummies
- Using a Defib machine.

Learning first aid skills is an important life skill and will help children to know when and how they can help in an emergency. There has been some amazing stories told of children saving a life once they have learnt these skills.





Rockband

What an incredible performance from our talented Rock Band! We are so proud of each and every one of our young musicians, who performed with confidence. Their hard work and practice shone through, and they entertained us all with an unforgettable performance.

A big thank you to our supportive families for encouraging the children every step of the way, and to everyone in our school community who came along to cheer them on.

Well done to our amazing Rock Bands—you were absolute stars, and we can't wait to see (and hear!) what you achieve next!

Saplings Sports day & Graduation

Sports Day

Saplings enjoyed their sports morning with their grown ups. They moved around the different activities then took part in an egg and spoon race. The children were presented with a certificate and medal before enjoying an ice pop. Fun was had by all.

Graduation Day

On Tuesday 14th July Saplings class had their Graduation to say goodbye to the six children that are moving up to Nursery in September. We wish them all the best in the next part of their journey, We will miss them!















Nursery Teach the parents, Sports Day & Leavers Graduation

The children had lots of fun during our stay and play session. They took part in different interactive activities to support Phonics in Nursery. It was a great turn out, it was so lovely seeing how engaged the parents and children were.



















Reception Sports Day

Reception had a fantastic time taking part in our Sports Day. The children showed great enthusiasm as they joined in with a range of fun activities and races, all while cheering each other on and giving it their very best. It was lovely to see their confidence, teamwork and excitement throughout the morning.



















Beech Class Gingerbread & Walk

Beech class had a lovely time out in the local community, walking to Bush Fair and visiting Tye Green Library. The children enjoyed listening to a story and then shown how to use the library, which was a great way to help them learn more about books and how libraries work. Then then finished the trip with a visit to Greggs to buy a gingerbread man. The children had a lovely afternoon.





Year 1 Walton on the Naze Trip

The children loved their school trip to Walton on the Naze. They enjoyed paddling in the sea, making sandcastles and eating an ice cream !





Year 1 & 2 Fathers Day Afternoon

To celebrate Father's Day, we were delighted to welcome fathers, grandads, and other special male figures.

The children thoroughly enjoyed spending quality time with their special guests, taking part in a range of engaging activities, sharing smiles, laughter, and creating wonderful memories together. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the opportunity to celebrate these important relationships.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon such a special and memorable event.

Year 3 Colchester Trip and School Roman day

Colchester Castle Trip

On Wednesday 6th May 2026, Year 3 enjoyed a fabulous school trip to Colchester Castle and Museum, where they took on the role of archeologists finding out about all things Roman. The children took part in an exciting trail, looking for clues along the way to tell

them more about what life was like during the Roman times, including the battle with the fearsome Queen of the Iceni tribe, Boudicca. The children learnt about the history of Colchester and why that was an important place within the Roman era and even had an opportunity to construct their own Roman villa, before visiting the castle vaults! Staff and children had a wonderful time and would like to thank all of those involved in making the trip such a success!

Roman Day

On Tuesday 30th June year 3 travelled back in time to Roman Britain! The children had a go at creating their own Roman coins and votive offerings, made their own mosaics and took part in Roman sports. Some children got to use their shields and practise real Roman army formations. It was amazing to see all the different Roman costumes. It was also a fabulous ending to a great learning experience.

Roman Assembly

Year 3 worked hard during the summer term to practise their Roman assembly. Learning lines, singing songs and writing and performing poetry! The children made us all proud and it was amazing to see how well they did! I know that many of the adults that came to watch learnt lots about the Romans!











Year 4 West Stow Trip, Sleepover & Passmores show

West Stow Trip

This month, Oak and Pine Class stepped back in time on their exciting school trip to West Stow, where they explored the fascinating Anglo-Saxon village and museum. The visit was a huge success, with pupils discovering incredible facts about Anglo-Saxon life and bringing their classroom learning to life through hands-on experiences. A fantastic day was had by all — well done and a big thank you to everyone who helped make the trip so memorable!

Sleep Over

This month, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed an their annual Year 4 sleepover! The evening was filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of exciting activities, including frisbee, football, dodgeball, ping pong, badminton, and much more. After an action-packed evening, the children settled down to enjoy some tasty snacks and a film together before getting cosy and spending the night sleeping in the large hall. It was a fantastic experience full of teamwork, friendships, and memories that the children will treasure!

Watch Passmores Performance

On Tuesday, our Year 4 pupils were lucky enough to watch Passmores' fantastic production of *Matilda*. The show was incredible, and the children loved seeing the amazing talent, dedication, and hard work that the Passmores pupils had put into their performance. They were especially excited to spot some familiar faces, with friends and family members taking to the stage and bringing the production to life!







Year 5 Science Museum Trip, STEAM Event and more

Science Museum Trip

Year 5 had an exciting trip into London, experiencing the Underground and learning how to navigate the Tube network before visiting the Science Museum. The children explored a range of fascinating exhibits, took part in hands-on activities, and discovered more about topics including space, technology and engineering. It was a fantastic day of learning and adventure!

STEAM Day at Harlow College

Our Year 5 pupils took part in a fantastic STEAM Day at Harlow College. They were introduced to a range of future career pathways, including engineering and public services, and enjoyed taking part in engaging activities.

Passmores Taster Day

Year 5 had a brilliant day at Passmores experiencing life at secondary school. They moved between classrooms, met different teachers, took part in exciting lessons, and even enjoyed a huge game of dodgeball!

Maths Competition Success

A team of talented Year 5 mathematicians represented our school in a Maths Problem Solving Competition and came away as champions! We are incredibly proud of their teamwork and determination, and they proudly brought the winning trophy back to school.























Maths Bee

During the week beginning 29th June, 10 finalist pupils from each year group from Reception to Year 5 took part in our exciting Maths Bee competition. The children demonstrated excellent mathematical knowledge, quick thinking, and problem-solving skills as they tackled a range of challenging questions. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence, and determination throughout the event. Congratulations to all of our finalists for their fantastic achievements and for representing their classes so well! Miss Burke













Book Look & Meet the Teachers

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us for our **Pupil Book Look and Meet the New Teacher** sessions.

It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school to meet their child's teacher for the next academic year and hear about the exciting opportunities and expectations ahead through the class presentations.

Parents and carers also had the chance to look through their children's work from this year, celebrating the fantastic progress, creativity, and dedication they have shown across the curriculum.

It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the hard work and effort that every child has put into their learning throughout the year.

If you were unable to attend the session, you can still view your child's new class presentation on our school website. We hope this provides you with all the key information about the year ahead.











Class Parties

The children had a lovely time at their class parties this week. They enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform, spending time with their friends, playing games, listening to music and sharing some party food together.

It was a nice way to celebrate the end of the term and recognise all of the hard work the children have put in throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the parties.

Keeping Cool in the Heat!

During the recent heatwave, the children's wellbeing was our top priority. We took a number of steps to help keep everyone as cool and comfortable as possible throughout the day. Children spent time in shaded areas wherever possible, and outdoor physical activities, including sports and running games, were paused to avoid overheating. We also encouraged regular drinks throughout the day to ensure everyone stayed well hydrated. Children were encouraged to bring fans and flannels to help them keep cool. Many classes had ice lollies and we opened up the forest school area at lunchtime to find more cool spaces. Staff closely monitored the children at all times, helping them stay cool and comfortable while continuing to enjoy their day safely. Well done to our children were for showing great resilience and coped well in the heat. The decision to stay open was a trust decision. Thanks to FOPTM for buying some new outdoor toys for opal, the children really enjoyed playing these in the shade.





















PCLC Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our talented Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who took part in the Stewards PCLC Maths Challenges this year and achieved an outstanding result, winning both parts of the competition! The challenges required pupils to work collaboratively, applying their mathematical knowledge, problem-solving skills and teamwork to tackle a range of demanding tasks. Throughout the event, they demonstrated excellent determination, resilience and a competitive spirit, supporting one another while striving for success. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they represented our school.





Well Done

Some of our Year 6 pupils recently took part in Levels 1 and 2 of the Bikeability course. Over two days, they learned essential cycling skills and road safety awareness. They showed great determination and worked incredibly hard throughout. Well done to everyone who took part!

New Year 6 jobs for September

Special Jobs 2026/27

Pupil Leadership Team - Bronte, Diamond, Haidar, Isabel

House Point Collector - Elion, Sare, Jacob G

Library Monitors - Amber, Saina, Ceryn, Harleen

Sports Rep - Freddie, Mollie, Kofi, Alex

House Captains - who will also be help with sports events.

Dragon - Edward, Miraj

Unicorn - Harley, Riley

Lion - Kit, Aiden

Griffin - Albi, Cooper

Bench Monitors - Spencer, Arthur, Marnie, Mollie

Assembly Monitors

Group 1 - Max T, Evie, Nikodem, Grace

Group 2 - Ghazel, Archie, Henry H, Lucia

Group 3 - Sophia, Charlotte, Ava, Mia

FOPTM Reps - Grace, Henry

Congratulations to everyone who wrote a letter of application and attended an interview to achievement a special position for next year.

Thank you!

We would like to congratulate our fantastic Year 6 Playleader Mentors for the outstanding contribution they have made to school life this year.

Throughout the year, our mentors have supported younger pupils at lunchtimes, helping them to join in games, develop friendships and make positive choices. They have been excellent role models, demonstrating kindness, patience and respect while encouraging younger children to follow our school expectations.

The Playleader Mentors have helped to create a happy, inclusive playground where all children feel valued and supported. They have shown maturity and responsibility in their role and have been a credit to both themselves and Pear Tree Mead.

A huge thank you to all of our Playleader Mentors for their dedication and commitment. We are incredibly proud of the positive difference they have made to our school community. We wish you all the best next year in your new schools, continue being the stars you are!

Thank you and well done!

Mrs Davies and Mrs Thorne



Important information

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - Treehouse & Night Owls Club's

Dear parents

After School Provision will be carrying on in September.

The Treehouse Club will run in two sessions. Firstly from 3.15pm till 4.10pm for a themed activity session and then NIGHT OWLS will run from 4.10pm till 6pm.

The price of these sessions will be £6.50 for Treehouse and £9.50 for Night Owls. All of the staff running The Treehouse Club are very experienced current staff members. We are looking at seeing how we can accept child care vouchers as soon as possible.

If you are interested in your child attending either of these sessions you will be asked to complete a registration form. Once this is completed you will be added to our bookings group on Arbor and you will be able to book any of the sessions. Bookings and cancellations must be completed 48 hours before the session. Our Treehouse Club policy can be found on the school website. Bookings will open up each half term and themes will change at the same time. All bookings must be paid for at the time of booking. Registration forms will need to be recompleted every year.

September Treehouse Club Themes

Monday - Ball Games

Tuesday - OPAL

Wednesday - Bike/Scooter

Thursday - Knitting & Lego

Friday - Arts/Crafts

During Night Owls (4.10pm – 6pm) children will have a choice of activities including

- Art and craft activities.
- Completion of homework tasks
- Practicing reading, spelling etc
- Sports activities and team games.
- Lego and construction.
- Board games.
- Imaginative toys

Children will be given a snack during night owls such as a wrap, crackers, sandwich etc.

The Treehouse Club



Pear Tree Mead Academy

Treehouse – 3.15pm – 4.10

0pm



Night Owls – 4.10pm – 6pm



Miss Cousins

Mrs Williams

Mrs Webb

Treehouse Leader

Treehouse Assistant

Treehouse Assistant

Spring 2 Themes (3.15pm- 4.10pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Ball Games	 OPAL Play	 Bike/Scooter Club	 Knitting & Lego 	 Arts & Crafts

Staff Information

We have three teachers leaving at the end of term. Miss Garip, Mrs McCombie and Miss Bevans. A huge thank you for everything that they have done for the school over the last few years. Between them they have put in 25 years of service. We have recruited three new teachers – Miss Fletcher Rox, Miss Eracli and Miss Kwabiah. I'm sure you will join me in wishing our current teachers well as they move to their next adventure and warmly welcome our 3 new teachers.

We have four LSAs leaving at the end of term – Mrs Mead, Mrs Newland , Mrs Dodson and Mrs Waterman. I would like to thank these LSAs for their many wonderful years at the school. Particularly Mrs Newland who has worked at PTM for 30 years and Mrs Mead who has worked at school for over 20 years. We have appointed Mrs Wagstaff and Miss Thurgood to take their place.

We currently have a vacancy for an LSA that will be advertised soon. Check out the My new term for our adverts soon.

We had a vacancy for an extra admin member of staff as Mrs Townsend is going to be working more with the central team in September. We have appointed Miss Currie, she will be taking over the attendance officer role and some financial aspects of the admin role.

Rebecca Harvey, Doreen Smith and Yvonne Turner who are 3 of our governors are all finishing their time with us as members of the governing body. We would like to thank them for their time and dedication to the school. We have three new governors joining the school

David Rix who is linked to a child in Year 1

Naz Saddiqui who is linked to children in Year 3 and Nursery

Laura Fitten who is a community governor and will be our new Chair of Governors.

FOPTM Update

What an amazing term has it been full of fun!!! This year we were able to hold our summer fair thanks to the amount of volunteers that stepped forward to help! And what a day it was! Even though it was a very hot one! It's didn't stop many of you to come along and have some fun.. A big thank you to Jukes for sponsoring our Summer Fair! we're excited to let you know our total shortly.

Sadly our Summer Splash was not able to go ahead due to issues with the pool! It was heartbreaking to have to cancel as it's a real favourite for the children to do. We will be rescheduling for when the children return to school.

It's also that time of year when we say good bye to our year 6's. The FOPTM would like to say a massive thank you to our two FOPTM reps! They have been such a massive help over the year. Every year for the year 6's FOPTM supply pizzas for their end of year party, we hope they all enjoyed it!

Lastly we had our Be yourself day. A great way to end the year!

Reflecting on the year FOPTM has definitely been through some highs and lows but what a year it's been! A massive thank you to the FOPTM team, PTM staff for all their hard work and to all of you for your support but giving donations, buying tickets and attending our events.

We sadly say goodbye to a number of our key members this year. One of them being our secretary. This is a massive loss for us as they help at every single event we do and between them they have raised thousands for the pupils of PTM. We want to say a massive thank you to them and hoped they enjoyed their time at PTM.

We hold our AGM In September to vote in our new committee. Please keep an eye out for information in September. But it would be lovely so see more people wanting to get involved. Due to so many key members leaving we're in need of new volunteers more than ever.

We hope your children have had the best year! We hope you have the best summer and look forward to another year full of fun for your children when they return.

The FOPTM team







PTM Governors



Governors Statement 2025/2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am pleased to provide you with the Annual Statement on behalf of the Governing body at Pear Tree Mead. Once again, we've had a fantastic year, with much to celebrate.

Firstly, congratulations to Year 4 students for their fantastic results with the Multiplication test. The KS1 students for their brilliant SATS results and for their Phonics results and the Early Year students for their GLD scores. Mrs Peden was thrilled to share these results in our recent meeting and such amazing improvements on the previous year's results, we know how hard the students and staff have worked together to achieve this. We look forward to hearing about the Year 6 SATs results as soon as they are announced.

Well done to all the students from Pear Tree Mead for competing in all the Trust events that have taken place throughout the last academic year, including the Maths Challenge, Spelling Bee and most recently World Cup Geography Challenge. Congratulations to members of Unicorn house for being top of the league this term! The house system really adds a fantastic link to Passmores.

Students from Pear Tree Mead have also benefited from many other Trust events and opportunities such as a visit to Stewards and Passmores to watch performances of their productions, sporting events, a recent visit from the Samba band from Passmores and using the swimming pool at Stewards. Year 6 pupils particularly enjoyed the water safety swimming lesson at Stewards and even more they loved their final session there, where they

got to visit McDonald's afterwards. All these things have helped strengthen our PCLC community within Harlow, and I'm sure there will be plenty more opportunities and Trust events next year to look forward to.

We've been very pleased to be able to visit and spend time in the school with staff and students. This year our governors have volunteered with reading and phonics with early years, supported on various trips, been present during assemblies and Rock Steady concerts, volunteered with the Friends of Pear Tree Mead, been invited to be part of Inset days with staff and training events organised by PCLC, and have been able to meet with staff and students when monitoring areas of the school. We've been delighted once again to help on stalls at the school Fairs, organised by our brilliant Friends of Pear Tree Mead. The Fairs have been a tremendous success this year, particular highlights have been the go karts at Summer Fair. The Friends of PTM are always looking for volunteers to help with events, I would urge more to lend a hand in whatever way you can. The team is so welcoming and friendly and grateful for any support you can give and with some big ambitions about the next big project they are raising money for they need all hands on deck.

As a local governing body we meet 4 times a year, some of which are face to face and others via teams. During these meetings, we discuss important things which have been happening at school, school policies, the school development plan and upcoming events. One of our main responsibilities as governors is to monitor various areas of the school including different curriculum areas, safeguarding, health and safety and SEND. The aim for our monitoring is to ensure the strategic development of the school and high standards are upheld. To complete our monitoring we get to visit the school and talk to the staff responsible for these areas. Speaking for myself and on behalf of the rest of the governing team, we are extremely impressed with how dedicated and hard-working all the staff are at Pear Tree Mead.

There will be some changes to the governing body from September 2026. Yvonne Turner is leaving the team after serving several years, and I would like to thank her for all the time and help she has given to the role. Sadly, I will also be leaving the team. Having joined in 2021, I've really enjoyed my time on the team and have gained a wealth of experience with doing the role of Chair for the last 4 years. Lastly, one of our longest serving governors, Doreen Smith, will be also leaving the team. Doreen has been a community governor for the past 7 years, 4 of which she has been my vice chair. She has provided so much kindness and support to the team as well as the staff and students of Pear Tree Mead. I know her presence will be sorely missed. We wish the team and members of the school the very best for the future.

There are still vacancies for parent and community governors, and if you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor, please contact Mrs Townsend.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the Year 6 students on all their hard work for their SATS this year. It was a pleasure to watch your Leavers assembly, to hear your teachers speak of so many of you with such praise and pride in not only your academic achievements, but your teamwork, resilience and caring nature towards others at school. It was heart warming to see your photos from your first year of starting school and the ones taken this year. Thank you to the students from the student leadership team, who have spoken at some of our Governor's meetings, giving us a pupils' insight into what is happening at school. We got to hear all about the Year 6 residential trip, SATS exams boosters, maths and spelling challenges, Numbers (our school dog) and the wonderful things happening with Opal. Pear Tree Mead has provided you with a range of experiences and knowledge that you will not only take through with you into your new secondary schools, but I'm sure will carry with you well into your futures.

Good luck for the future and remember that you are always **Pupils That Matter**.

New Governor - Lauren Fitten

My name is Laura Fitten and I will be the new Chair of Governors at Pear Tree Mead from September. I have had a career in education for 20 years and I have my own private tutoring business as well as working in local schools. I have also been part of a governing body since 2019 so I will be bringing lots of experience to the role. I am looking forward to working alongside the Headteacher and staff, providing both challenge and support to the school.

Pear Tree Mead Governors

Who we are:

Our volunteers are a friendly team consisting of a mix of parents, community governors and staff, all with an interest in education and in particular what goes on at Pear Tree Mead. To find out more about each of us please visit the Governors page on the school website.

What makes a good Governor:

School governors can be anyone, whether you are employed part time or full time, self-employed, a stay-at-home parent or retired. No formal qualifications are necessary, all you need is the ability to work as part of a team, be interested in and enquire into how the school runs. Training is provided, and the team is friendly and supportive of new members.

What we do:

We have 4 meetings a year either via Teams or face to face at the school.

Our main role as governors is to monitor various school priorities to ensure that the right decisions and actions are being made to give our students the educational experience they deserve. We are given the opportunity to do training in specific areas regarding governance and education. These are online training courses through the National College and each year we complete training in Safeguarding.

Monitoring areas of the school can be done in a variety of ways. Our Governors have completed monitoring by visiting the school, speaking with staff and students, volunteering at events, watching assemblies and attending termly meetings, where we discuss what's been going on and what the upcoming plans are for the school.

At least once a term we try to do something nice for the staff. This term we left some treats in the staffroom to say thank you for their hard work this very busy term.

We also try to meet informally as a team over coffee and cake.

Vacancies:

We are always looking for people interested in joining the team as Parent or Community Governors. If you are interested in becoming a Governor or would like some more information on the role, please contact kate.townsend@peartreemead.com

Please see [Pear Tree Mead Academy - Governors](#) for our annual governors statement.

Final Note

If you have any questions or need any more information please contact us.

Please use our communication flow chart to find out who you need to speak to.

More information can be found about staff on our website.

<https://www.peartreemead.essex.sch.uk/about-us/meet-the-team/>

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For complaints, concerns, admissions enquires please email kate.townsend@peartreemead.com

for support with school payments and breakfast club please contact the school office and they will pass you over to the right person.

If you wish to email anyone else, please email Mrs Hayton on info@peartreemead.com and she will pass your email on to them.

Please join our FOPTM Facebook group by searching Friends of Pear Tree Mead for more information about FOPTM events.

Visit us on the web for an Events Calendar and more school information at www.peartreemead.com

On behalf of myself and all of the staff at Pear Tree Mead we would like to wish you all a very happy 6 week summer break and look forward to seeing you on the 2nd September 2026.