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Friday 8th May 2026

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Roman Fields Head's message



Hi all,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. We are now into final preparations for the exams which start on Friday 8th May; please do let us know if you or your child needs any extra support during the exam period - we know that it can be worrying for our pupils but we will do everything we can to support them to get the best possible outcomes for themselves and their next steps. We have set the date for the year 11 Roman Fields / Forest House Education Centre Prom - it will be on Friday 10th July at Roman Fields - more information and invitations to follow. Just a reminder that the last day of school for our year 11s will be Monday 15th June - they will then have two weeks off to recuperate before returning for the leavers' trips; I can't wait to see all of the photos!

Emma :-)



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James Marks Head's message

Welcome back. The first three weeks of this term have flown by, probably helped by the nice weather. We have purchased some more benches which means the majority of the staff and pupils can be found at the back of the school at break and lunch.

We have now started the external examinations; this week has seen the A-level pupils complete their art exam. The rest of these tests will continue from 18th May until 18th June. You have been contacted about the change to the school day for the GCSE English Language exams. We know how hard pupils have been working in preparation for these exams, and all the staff wish them the best of luck.

We have also finalised the GCSE subjects we will offer next September. Parents and carers of Y9 pupils will receive this information next week. Once we have had their responses, we will look at which subjects are viable for next year and will discuss this with pupils and families individually.

Finally, I have reminded the pupils to be mindful of our oldest pupils by moving around the school quietly so it causes minimal disruption to the exams. I know they understand the importance of this as they were excellent during the mock exams in February.

Let's hope the warm weather continues as we enjoy the rest of this half term





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 01/05/2026



GOLD - Freddie

SILVER - Dylan

BRONZE - Ash, Gabriel

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Dylan

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Alfie, Natan



Stars of the week - 08/05/2026

GOLD - Mason

SILVER - Jake

BRONZE - Rosemin, Timothy

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Alex

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Flo





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Stars of the week - 01/05/2026

GOLD - Dominic

SILVER - Phoebe

BRONZE - Harper

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Jakob. B

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Isabella. F



Stars of the week - 08/05/2026

GOLD - Kayden

SILVER - Evangeline

BRONZE - Mia

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Bella

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Finley. K





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Dates for the diary

Friday 8th May - first day of GCSE exams

Monday 25th May till Friday 29th May
- Half term

Monday 15th June - Roman Fields year 11s last day

Friday 10th July - Roman Fields/Forest House Education Centre Year 11 leavers prom

Thursday 23rd July - Last day before breaking for summer holidays



Become a Star Reader!



Here at Roman Fields, we understand and value the importance of reading. Reading - in whatever form you choose to engage in - fills you with knowledge. It improves your comprehension and analytical abilities. Furthermore, it stimulates the memory and broadens your imagination.

Therefore, each week, Roman Fields will be championing a *Star Reader*. You can be rewarded for your reading in any lesson, but you will also have the opportunity to demonstrate it in a specific session on your timetable. In these lessons, your teacher will be looking opportunities to award you points for your engagement in reading

Each week, the pupil with the most points awarded will receive a Star Reader certificate and a voucher.



Star reader of the week at Roman Fields Academy



08/05/2026

Katherine





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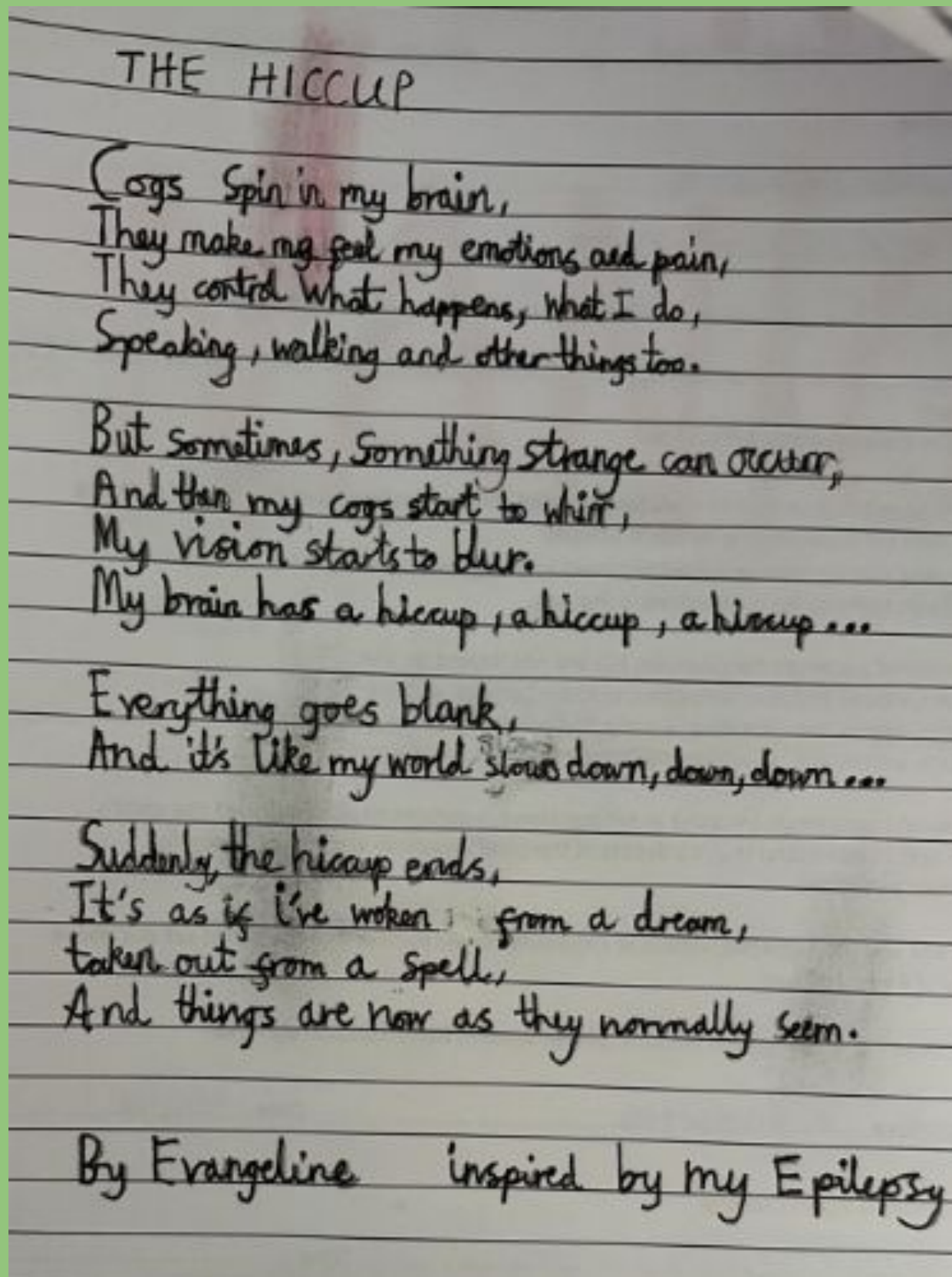
James Marks Academy - poetry competition run by Radio Lollipop at Great Ormond Street Hospital

We are proud to celebrate Evangeline's achievement, earning Joint First place in a poetry competition held by Radio Lollipop, which took place while she was an inpatient at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Radio Lollipop is a volunteer-run radio station for children in hospital. The volunteers DJ on the hospital radio station and visit children in the evenings, playing games with them to cheer them (and their families!) up.

Evangeline has won a VIP trip to Hamleys and will be reading her poem on stage at their Talent Show in London.

Well done, Evangeline!





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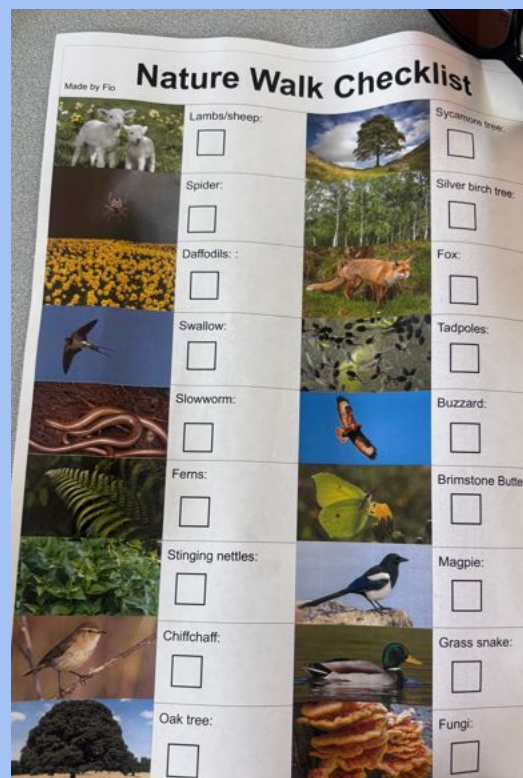
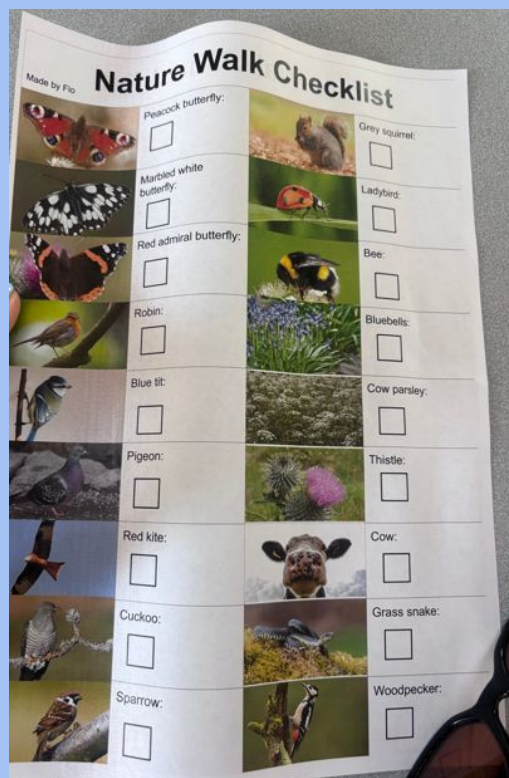
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Roman Fields - Friday afternoon nature walks

Pupils are enjoying the beautiful weather, taking part on our nature walks.

This is part of our Friday afternoon enrichment programme.





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James Marks Academy - Art

Year 8 art have been working on their Northwest Coast Native American card relief pieces, decorated with acrylic paint and Posca pens. Each pupil chose a different animal to create and used patterns taken from the art form to create symmetrical designs. A couple of pupils are still finishing off, so once this is done, we shall be placing them in our reception area on a cardboard totem pole structure.



One of our Year 10 pupils has created a fantastic personal card relief piece of Nyan cat.





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Careers and Transition

Work experience

Parents please take a look at the attached work experience opportunities and talk to your young people about them. If they would like to do one, please apply and also let Debra and Jan know for RFA pupils and Scott for JMA pupils. We encourage all pupils in Year 10 or 11 to undertake some sort of work experience either virtual or in person. We already have details of those pupils in Year 10 at JMA who would like to undertake offsite work experience in Year 11. We will shortly be approaching Year 10 pupils at RFA to ascertain if any of them would like to do work experience in Year 11.

<https://www.futuresforall.org/>

College open days

There are 4 FE colleges in Hertfordshire: Herts Regional College, North Herts College, Oaklands and West Herts College. Many of our pupils move onto courses with them and there are frequent open days and we encourage parents to visit with pupils. The open days tend to be busier in the Autumn term so if you can visit this term, that might work well - especially those pupils currently in Year 10. Information on Springboard has been forwarded separately (this is situated separately but is part of NHC).

Please click on the links below for more information:

https://hrc.ac.uk/events/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=15652397006&gbraid=0AAAAADusVY-QIzsQMtBXfneOsxAoiPf7h&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI98qj_MGVIAMV-IdQBh3ycTCwEAAYASAAEgILmPD_BwE

<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/openevents/>

<https://www.oaklands.ac.uk/news-events/open-events/>

<https://www.westherts.ac.uk/open-days>



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Evangeline appeared in her favourite comic, The Phoenix, this week with her submission for The Fanfare!





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Roman Fields - Egg challenge

The pupils have been enjoying their enrichment lessons on a Friday afternoon.

Last Friday they did an egg challenge session.

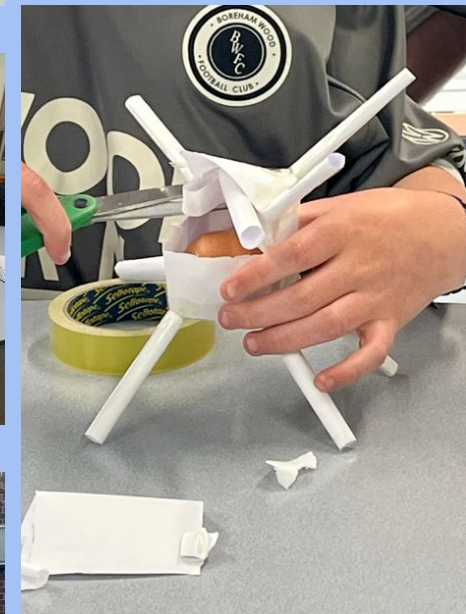
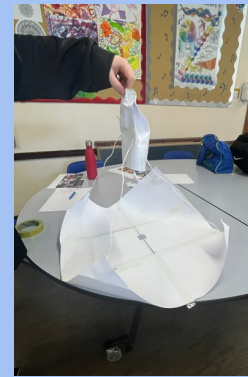
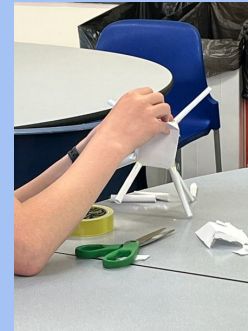
The pupils all got to design their own devices, the brief was how to protect a raw egg from breaking when dropping from a height.

The pupils were given paper, string, sellotape and scissors to work with to make their device.

They all came up with wonderful ideas.

Out of the 5 dropped, 4 survived!

Well done to all who took part and packaged them so carefully!





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Careers day - Food, Farming & Sustainability Careers Day - Herts Showground, Redbourn

HERTFORDSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

CAREERS DAY FOOD, FARMING & SUSTAINABILITY

The Showground
Dunstable Road
Redbourn
Herts
AL3 7PT

TUESDAY
30/06/26

TIME
3.30pm - 6.30pm

REGISTER **ENQUIRES**
equine@hertsshow.com

- Scan this QR code for your free ticket
- www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/food-farming-and-sustainability-careers-day-ticket

For 14-18 year olds interested in careers in food, farming and sustainable futures.
Parents, carers and teachers all welcome.
Meet Industry Experts, Employers and Training Providers.
Learn about the wide variety of careers available, discuss the qualifications required and identify your next steps.





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Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transport

The upcoming public engagement event for **HERT** – Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transport, a proposed new east to west public transport network designed to improve connectivity, reduce congestion, and support sustainable travel across Hertfordshire.

The event is aimed at residents, families, young people, and those who live, study or work in Hertfordshire, and offers an opportunity to:

- Learn more about the HERT proposals
- Understand how it could improve travel choices and air quality
- Ask questions and share feedback on future transport plans

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)





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Hertfordshire SEND Provision Plan

Have your say – Hertfordshire SEND Provision Plan

Join our online consultation event to share your views on the Hertfordshire [SEND Provision Plan 2026-29](#), which supports the [new SEND Strategy for 2026–2029](#) to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

As part of the SEND Provision Consultation (23 March–15 June 2026), we want to hear whether the plan reflects your priorities and how it could be strengthened.

Session details:

Date: 7 May 2026

Time: 16:00 – 17:30

Online webinar (90 minutes)

Short presentation followed by facilitated discussions

Limited to 25 places to support meaningful discussion

You register to join the event using the following link: [Schools and Settings Early Years to Post 16 SEND Provision Consultation Event 7 May 2026](#)



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Supporting links



Please see list of courses available with supporting links.

If you are interested in booking please phone **07512 709556** Or email

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Please include your phone number as they cannot book a place without speaking to you.

6-Weeks	Location	Spaces?	ID	Dates 2026	Day	Time
Talking Additional Needs	Online	Waiting List	831	14th Apr to 19th May	Tue	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Teens	Online	Waiting List	834	14th Apr to 19th May	Tue	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Families	Online	SPACES	832	6th May to 17th Jun	Wed	9.45-11.15am
Talking Dads	Online	Waiting List	836	6th May to 17th Jun	Wed	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Families	Online	SPACES	833	1st Jun to 6th Jul	Mon	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Teens	Online	SPACES	835	3rd Jun to 8th Jul	Wed	7.45-9.15pm



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Family Lives Parenting Groups & Workshops Summer Term

Family Lives have confirmed there online parenting groups and workshops (via MS Teams) for the summer term, funded by Herts County Council in the Autumn term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) for there online referral form or scan the QR code on the attached flyer.

Groups and workshops Summer 2026



Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group Thursday 14th May to 25th June, 7pm - 9pm

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 13th May to 24th June, 7pm - 9pm | Monday 1st June to 6th July 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 5th June to 10th July, 9.30am to 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information about our programmes, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.



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Potential kids - May activities

All of May's activities are online and ready to book .

They are looking for players for new Dungeons and dragons sessions.

These sessions will be at weekends or after school and suitable for beginners or more experienced players over 12 . Please contact us at info@potentialkids.org if you are interested in joining a group.

If you would like further details then please contact Emma Boulton -

Email: emma@potentialkids.org

Address: [Potential Kids, The Galleria Outlet Centre, Comet Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 0XR](#)

POTENTIAL
KIDS

For Neurodivergent Children, Young People
Their Siblings and Parents/Carers



MAY 2026 ACTIVITIES

Date		Sessions	Time	Venue
1st,8th 15th,22nd	Fri	Gardening for Wellbeing	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
1st,8th 15th,22nd	Fri	Parent /Carer Wellbeing	12.30 2.00	Potential to Grow Garden
2nd,16th 30th	Sat	Family Football	4.00 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre Astro Turf
18th	Mon	Dungeons & Dragons 12 + (contact for details)	12.30 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
5th	Tue	Connect Primary age	4.30 6.00	The Zone@The Galleria
7th,14th 21st,	Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed Age 4+	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
7th,21st 28th	Thur	Trampoline Age 5+	5.30 6.30	Gosling Sports Centre
7th	Thur	Teen Group 12 Plus	5.00 6.30	The Hub@The Galleria
8th	Fri	Youth Group 16 Plus	6.30 8.00	The Hub@The Galleria
9th	Sat	Basketball/Archery	4.00 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre
11th,25th	Mon	Dungeons & Dragons 18-25 (contact for details)	12.30 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
14th,	Thur	Fun Rings	5.00 6.00	The Snow Centre Gosling
16th	Sat	Family Canal Boat Trip	10.00 2.00	Waterways Hemel Hempstead
23rd - 30th		PLEASE SEE OUR FLYER FOR MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES		

To book visit : potentialkids.org.uk/events

For futher information email: info@potentialkids.org

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OUTLET SHOPPING



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