Harpley CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents/Carers,



Thank you to the year 5 & 6 parents for taking the time to respond to the recent residential survey. An announcement will be made on this next week.

The federation staff team is receiving 'Trauma informed schools' training to help us better understand and support children's wellbeing and emotional needs in school.

I would like to welcome all the new PFA committee members to their new roles. Chair- Chloe Lyon, Vice Chair- Caitlin Simper, Treasurer- Emily Mason, Secretary- Ceri Beckett, Committee members (elected): Ashleigh Britton, Sandie Minett, Rachel Wade, Jessica Robb, Corynn Inward, Sarah Sparshott, Emma Clayton. Thank you for stepping forward and keeping this wonderful work going. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the committee members who have stepped down from official roles; Corynn Inward, Rachel Wade, Jessica Robb (committee officers) and Sandie Minett who has recently stepped down from tuck shop duty. All of the aforementioned have remained as committee members. Their tireless efforts have raised much

needed money for school which enables us to provide opportunities for the children. I'm sure you will join me in wishing the PFA well in their future efforts and I hope you will be able to support them wherever you can.

News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

This week the children have done a great job settling in to life in "Acorn Class." We have an exciting new area to work in "The Writing Shed" where we have all explored and had a go at different sorts of writing. Our classroom is also looking a little different with new spaces to work and play. Everyone has been learning to share, focus and get back in the swing of things and it has been a long and busy first full week back.

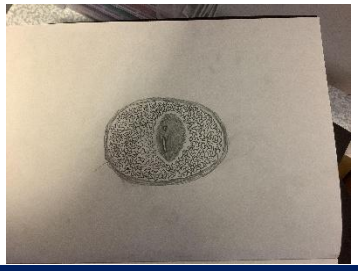
SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:
Teddy for great name writing & showing improvement
All of year 2 for being super mathematicians this week.

Juniors:
Enid for her enthusiasm in her writing this week.
Ruby R for her calm persistence in English this week.
Max for excellent enthusiasm in English and maths this week.

News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year6)

It's been a busy first full week back in the junior class. We have been working on our sentences this week breaking down what a sentence is and how we can make them better! We launched class dojo this week, the children have been excited to know that you are able to now see the work they are undertaking, we have lots of requests for work to be posted and we will be trying to keep up with these! In art we have been looking at the structure of eggs and using the shape to help with drawing eyes. Miss Harman gave a wonderful demonstration on how to sketch an eye thinking about the details that we can see and explaining that we can work with our mistakes in art especially when we work carefully and with small pencil strokes when sketching. As we go through the term the children will be designing and producing their own dragon eye from clay.



REGULAR DATES

School gates are open 8.40am - 8.50am (the gate closes at 8.50 and after this time your child will be marked in the register as late) Pick up is 3.20pm.

MONDAY – 15th September 2025 (Week 1 on the NORSE menu – please pay for school lunches on a Monday) Meals are £2.70 each

MONDAY

TUESDAY

All pupils to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. Please could children bring in spare socks and school shoes so that if they have been out on the field and their shoes and socks are wet, they have another pair to change in to.

WEDNESDAY

AM Tom Relihan, drum tutor
To sign up please contact Tom via email on tomrelihan@gmx.com

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES

1.30-3.00pm Thursday 25th September whole school open afternoon, for prospective new pupils & parents in all year groups, please tell people who you think might like to attend.
9th October 2.00-3.00pm Harvest Festival at St Lawrence Church
15th October AM Y6 ECMP. YR ECMP, vision & hearing (letters home w/c 1.9.2025)
W/C 3rd November parent consultation appointments
7th November AM school photographs
17th November AM Flu vaccinations
8th December 1.30-3.00pm Nativity & Carol Service in St Lawrence Church

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship

Collective worship: - Collective worship this half term is all about friendship. Our new value leaders for this term will be supporting me to promote and implement our school's climate action plan. They will be working on an informative display for their schools and division lunchtime activities to help teach others about caring for the planet. The senior value leaders (yr 6 leaders), will also be leading a collective worship for their school after half term.

> "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help."
> Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Our 5 Core Values:



Value Leaders: Our value leaders take responsibility for supporting the leadership of visions and values in the school. The year 5 & 6 value leaders at each school have been tasked with leading a collective worship after half term. All the value leaders at both schools (yrs3-6) will be updating our visions and values displays and supporting me to improve the school environment. They are beginning to chair their own meetings too!

FIRST ADMISSIONS

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26

Parents of children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 23rd September 2025 and 15th January 2026)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 15th January 2026 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

TERM DATES

2025 AUTUMN TERM 	2026 SPRING TERM 	2026 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 19th December (Half term – Monday 27th October – Friday 1st November)	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 27th March (Half term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February)	Tuesday 14th April – Friday 17th July (Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May)

Great Massingham & Harpley Federated Schools are seeking to appoint highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join the Governing Body.

It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people and give something back to your local community.

There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help

you learn about education. Schools needs and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board.

As a governor, you will be able to:

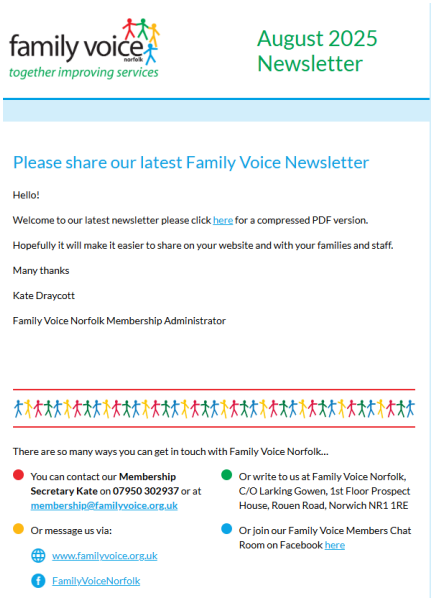
- Use your own experience of education and life beyond school to inform conversations
- Develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment
- Make a valuable contribution to education and your community
- Support and challenge the school so that it improves for pupils and staff
- Bring your unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision-making in the interests of the school community

What governors do? The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability in schools. It has three key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Great Massingham & Harpley Federated Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all. All Governors will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS clearance and will be required to complete training to support the role.

If you would like to find out more please contact Mrs Hilary Myhill, Headteacher 01485 520362 or 01485 520274.


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August 2025 Newsletter

Please share our latest Family Voice Newsletter

Hello!

Welcome to our latest newsletter please click here for a compressed PDF version.

Hopefully it will make it easier to share on your website and with your families and staff.

Many thanks

Kate Draycott

Family Voice Norfolk Membership Administrator

There are so many ways you can get in touch with Family Voice Norfolk...

- You can contact our **Membership Secretary Kate** on **07950 302937** or at membership@familyvoice.org.uk
- Or message us via:
  - www.familyvoice.org.uk
  - FamilyVoiceNorfolk
- Or write to us at Family Voice Norfolk, C/O Larking Gowen, 1st Floor Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE
- Or join our Family Voice Members Chat Room on Facebook here

[Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service]

It’s back to school time!!

Go to this Sway



Cake donations would be much appreciated on the Friday 12th or Saturday morning and bric a brac or tombola donations can be handed to Ceri. Thank you

Dear Ms Myhill,

I'm writing regarding the attached information about the Great Massingham Short Story Competition. We'll be launching the competition in the Mallard and on local websites at the **end of October**, and I'd be grateful if you could circulate the details to pupils and their families ahead of the half term holidays.

Key points for parents:

- **Who can enter:** children aged **5–11** who live in Great Massingham or attend a primary school here.
- **Story length:** up to **500 words**; original work only.
- **Deadline: Friday 19 December 2025**.
- **How to submit:** by email to themallardeditor@gmail.com or by post to **6 Abbeyfields, Abbey Road, Great Massingham, PE32 2JE**.
- **Parental consent:** a signed **Parental Consent Form** must accompany each entry (attached). Entries are handled in line with **UK GDPR**; only the child's first name, age and story may be published if they win, with parental consent.
- **Prize & timeline:** the winner receives a **£25 Amazon Gift Voucher**; the winner will be contacted by **28 February 2026** and may be published in a future issue of *The Mallard*.
- **Enquiries:** Sarah Harvey (Editor, *The Mallard*) – themallardeditor@gmail.com, **01328 823391**.

I've attached the **Parental Consent Form** and the **Terms & Conditions** for easy sharing with parents and carers.

Many thanks for your help in spreading the word.

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Kind regards,

Sarah

Sarah Harvey (Miss)
Clerk, Great Massingham Parish Council

Short Story Competition Terms &

Short Story Competition Parent