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,

We have opened up our two schools for open afternoons this week. It was lovely to meet and welcome families to come and see our fabulous staff in action and the children doing their stuff and working hard. Special thanks to Mr Enefer from Active Education who had visitors watching his P.E. lesson at Harpley.

Below is the link for our parent questionnaire. If you could spare a couple of minutes to complete it that would be appreciated. Thank you.
https://forms.gle/b9y8M1wcirZvaeQu8

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:
Roman for super joining in during P.E.
Kingsley for great throwing/catching skills
Elliott for great progress in drawing

Juniors:
Violet for her support of the younger children in Spanish this week, showing how kind and caring she is.
Sam for challenging himself in Maths this week.

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

This week we have been busy sprucing up the outside area. The leaves and acorns have fallen and made it look really autumny outside. We have loved sweeping, collecting leaves for art projects and looking out for all the signs of autumn.
Kingsley, Kaden, Teddy and friends invented a great game where conkers were thrown into a pot to score 10 points. This really helped our counting in 10's when we had to total up our scores!
In maths we have been comparing numbers using the "greater than," "less than" and "equal to" signs. We used autumn twigs to create our own representations.
Don't forget that Monday is the weekly deadline for phonics homework to be completed. The Yr 2's have been commenting on how well they have been getting on in phonics and have said:
"I can't do it yet but I will do." - Reg
"I'm nearly there I will know it by Friday." - Maisie
What a great attitude. Practice at home really helps with confidence too.









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

We have had another great week in the juniors. At the start of the week we learnt about the Anglo Saxons and how they travelled here to Britain. We talked about how the journey would have been long and hard on the boats and that it would have required a lot of effort to make it here. We also discussed the reasons as to why people would want to move here over staying in their home country. In English we have been thinking about panthers and have been writing poems to describe their appearance. The children had a lovely time on the open afternoon and enjoyed having a go at the different activities that had been set up.







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 – 29th September 2025 (Week 3 on the NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each

MONDAY

11.00 James Wilde, MP, visiting school

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

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.

3.30 Active Education football club https://activeeducation.info/

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES

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.

The children have been starting to practise for their Harvest festivals. They have been hearing the parable of the sower.

Galatians 6:7-10 "A man reaps what he sows… whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

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

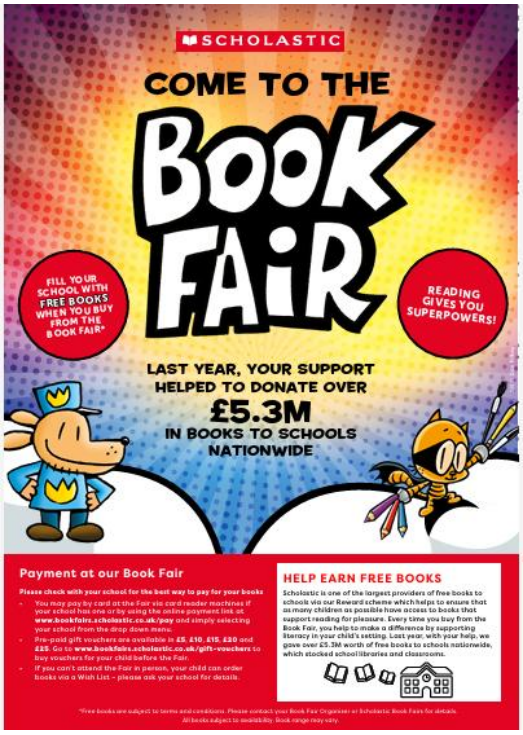
Parents of children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 23rd September 2025 and 15th January 2026)

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)


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NHS
flu: 5 reasons
to vaccinate your child
1. Protect your child
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. Protect you, your family and friends
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. No injection needed
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
4. It's better than having flu
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
5. Avoid costs
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare
Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).
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