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,

A warm welcome back to all our families! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and had the chance to appreciate the good weather. I'd like to say thank you on behalf of both staff teams for the kind and thoughtful messages, cards and gifts that the staff and I received at the end of last term. It's not expected, but always appreciated to receive a kind word so thank you for your thoughtful gestures.

The children have settled well into their classes and it has been a joy to see them so excited to be back. Thank you for your efforts with the school uniform. Great to see so many children looking smart and wearing the appropriate items. I am very aware of the cost of uniforms and have provided the uniform list with this newsletter for reference. If anyone is having difficulties with this, please speak to the office and they will organise a mutually convenient time for you to come and chat with me about it. We are here to help and advise.

School meals:
Our meals are provided by Norse catering. Please read 'Why choose a school meal?' leaflet provided with this week's newsletter.
Please complete the special diet registration form if your child has any food allergies. This ensures the kitchen can meet their responsibilities to provide a safe, allergen free meal for your child.
Information about school meals can be found on the Norse website https://www.norsecatering.co.uk/

Are you eligible for free school meals? You can apply here https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
If your child receives universal free school meals (years reception, one and two), you can still apply and if you are eligible, school receives extra money.
If you need help with your application you can contact the office and they will be happy to help you.

Residential:
We have a provisional booking for a residential trip for both schools. This would take place in March 2026. Please use the link below to access a brief survey in order for us to gain interest and the financial viability of the trip. In order to secure our booking/cancel, this survey will close Wednesday 10th September so please respond promptly!

https://forms.gle/9Q7jdrRmUxqbFS3f7

This is a long term but with lots of exciting things ahead. Check your newsletters weekly to keep up to date.

Medical information – all inhalers need to be in their original box, with the child's prescription pharmacy sticker. If you are only sending the actual inhaler into school the tube must have the child prescription pharmacy sticker on it.

Other than calpol and anthisan (which parents have consented/not consented to when their child started at Harpley) ALL other medicine, cough medicine, throat sweets, travel sickness tablets & antihistamine need a medical form completing and signed by parents.

CLOTHING AND DRESS

The Governing Body request that all children attending Harpley School support its positive image in the community by wearing school uniform and having appropriately coloured/styled hair. Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.
Harpley uniform consists of a navy sweatshirt with a white polo shirt, and black, grey or dark blue trousers/skirts or shorts. In the summer girls may wear a blue and white checked dress. Pupils may also wear blue baseball hats. School shoes (not trainers) should be black, brown or dark blue and for safety reasons strappy or high-heeled sandals/shoes must not be worn.
In the winter pupils who come to school wearing boots should change into indoor shoes or plimsolls in school.

Jewellery should not be worn although small stud earrings are acceptable. Wristwatches may also be worn, but all jewellery is worn at the wearer's own risk. Children will be required to remove both watches and earrings for PE.

Uniform items and book bags with the school logo, are available via SchoolMoney.

Please ensure that all clothing, especially for infants, is easy to remove for PE. All clothing and belongings should be clearly named so that lost property can be identified and returned.

P.E. CLOTHING

Infants:	Boys and Girls	White 'T' shirt and plain dark shorts Trainers, preferably with Velcro fastenings. Warm tracksuit OR old jumper & jogging trousers Trainers (winter only)
Juniors:	Boys and Girls	White 'T' shirt and plain dark shorts Warm tracksuit OR old jumper & jogging trousers Trainers
Swimming	Boys Girls	Trunks (not Bermuda shorts) swimming hat. One-piece costume and swimming hat.

It is a requirement that all children change for PE and that long hair is tied back. Watches and stud earrings must be removed. If children have studs which cannot be removed, they will be taped at school.

SCHOOL MEALS

During lunch children are supervised by Mr Heazel and Mrs Piggott. Grace is said before a meal and we teach table manners, for the benefit of all.

Children only have water during their school day, in clear school bottles. They can bring alternative drinks (non fizzy) to accompany their lunches only.

HOT MEALS

Hot school meals are available daily in containers from Holly Meadows School. They are tasty, well-balanced and represent good value for money at £2.70 per day.

All Class I pupils are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. (UIFSM)

Free school meals are available for families receiving various forms benefits including Universal Credit, Income Support or Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance. If you require details on qualification requirements and application for free meals, please contact the school office.

PACKED LUNCHES

Children may bring a packed lunch to school. We are a nut free school. Packed lunches should be in a secure box. Please make sure drinks (which should not be fizzy) are in a secure plastic container. Please check food is nut free and 'may contain nuts' free. The children are encouraged to eat healthily in school so sweets should not be part of the meal although a chocolate covered biscuit is acceptable.

SNACKS

Infant children receive free fruit daily from the school fruit and vegetable scheme. Junior children may bring fresh, dried fruit or cheese to eat at playtime.

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 – 1st September 2025 (Week 2 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.

2.00pm PFA AGM

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.

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

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.



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