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,

Both schools have enjoyed two prayer space mornings on Tuesday 14th October (Great Massingham) and Wednesday 15th October (Harpley). A prayer space group from North Norfolk kindly delivered a whole morning of prayer and reflection activities on the theme of the 'I am...' sayings, e.g. 'I am the light of the world', 'I am the good shepherd.' Both sessions involved a wide variety of calming and reflective activities to engage the children in thinking about the world around them, their place in it, and how to be contemplative. It was a joy to see how much the children and staff enjoyed the sessions.











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

This week we have been continuing to learn about our local area and took a lovely walk through the village. We spotted and plotted on a map all the key features of the village and continued our fieldwork back in the classroom where we thought about the of the position of each place in relation to school. We now know our way around Harpley very well.

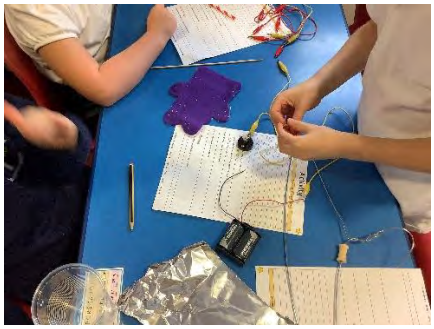
We loved our first prayer space session and enjoyed peaceful thought provoking activities. Everyone was really engaged and took home some lovely craft work.

We have been feeling very seasonal and have really enjoyed collecting Autumn leaves. We used magnifying glasses to look at them really closely and then drew the leaves we collected. It was really interesting to note the similarities and differences of the different types of leaves.

All of that and a bit of P.E. maths, phonics, reading and writing too! Wowzers - we are glad it's the weekend!

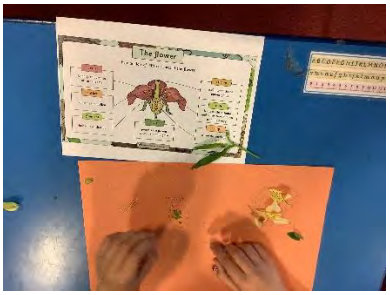
News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year6)





This week the Juniors have been busy! In history we have been learning about the hierarchy system that was present in Anglo Saxon Britain, we considered if you would be able to change your status, for example could a slave become king or could a king become a slave. This sparked some interesting debates, especially when we discussed that people would be sold into slavery to raise money for families, some children were not happy to discover that they would be sold over their siblings! In science year 3 and 4 have been testing conductors and insulators, they used lots of different products to see if they would conduct electricity or not. Year 5 and 6 were joined by year 3 and 4 this week for science and we had a go at identifying the different parts of a flower. They managed to find and label the different parts of this. This week we have also been visited by Prayer Spaces. The children enjoyed some wonderful activities and came back from this relaxed and ready for the rest of the day. The children have also been learning about Viking Longboats this week and even had a go at creating one.





SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Sid for getting his writing on the line!
Lucien for great reading this week

Juniors:

Hallie for hard work this week on her Viking boat and helpfulness to others
Matilda for her brilliant work on her Viking boat and helpfulness to others
Teddie for his persistence this week with his building of his Viking boat
Jacob for making good choices in PE

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 – 20th October 2025 (Week 3 on the NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each
Please let the office know if your child would like the Bonfire Lunch

MONDAY

Menu change – potato wedges are being changed to pasta
3.30 Active Education Gymnastics https://activeeducation.info/

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

W/C 3rd November parent consultation appointments
5th November Bonfire lunch – let us know if your child/ren would like this menu change.
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.
In collective worship the children have been thinking about a friend in need and considering the question, if you were in trouble or difficulty, what would you expect from your friends? "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17

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!

PFA News - "We are running an end of term raffle to raise more funds for the PFA!
What better way to start the school break, than with a sweet treat!
Prize up for grabs for the winning raffle ticket is a large Traditional Fudge Slab! Tickets can be purchased from Chloe, Ceri or Ashleigh and will also be on sale alongside the tuck shop this Friday!
Tickets are £1 per strip.
The winner will be drawn in the morning of Fri 24th Oct and announced prior to pick up that afternoon so that the Fudge slab can be taken home after school on Fri 24th Oct at 3:20pm. Winner is to collect fudge slab from the Tuck shop area."

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.





Please can all absences be emailed or texted (rather than telephoned) with a reason, because we have to evidence all absences.



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%.**

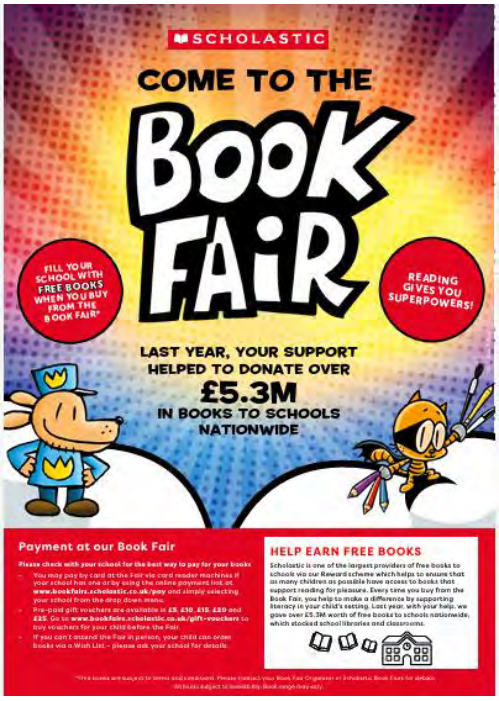
September attendance: Infants 97.07%
Juniors 92.5%

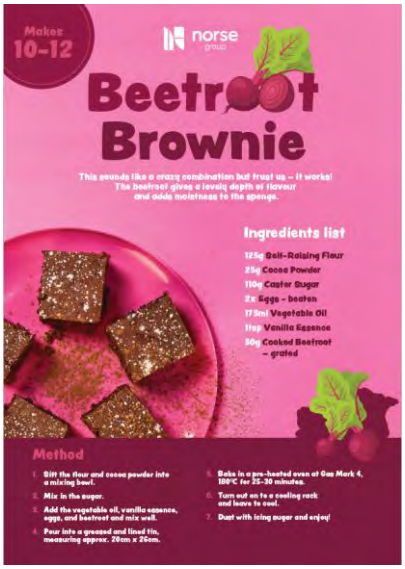
Mrs Myhill and the Harpley team

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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THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2025
MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2025
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2026
What to Expect:
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Maker 10-12
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Beetroot Brownie
This sounds like a crazy combination but trust us – it works! The beetroot gives a lovely depth of flavour and adds moistness to the sponge.
Ingredients list
125g Self-Raising Flour
25g Cocoa Powder
110g Caster Sugar
2x Eggs – beaten
175ml Vegetable Oil
1tsp Vanilla Essence
50g Cooked Beetroot – grated
Method
1. Sift the flour and cocoa powder into a mixing bowl.
2. Mix in the sugar.
3. Add the vegetable oil, vanilla essence, eggs, and beetroot and mix well.
4. Pour into a greased and lined tin, measuring approx. 20cm x 20cm.
5. Bake in a pre-heated oven at Gas Mark 4, 180°C for 25-30 minutes.
6. Turn out on to a cooling rack and leave to cool.
7. Dust with icing sugar and enjoy!


OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS
Sports Activities Include
MULTI SPORTS
DODGEBALL
NERF COMBAT
FOOTBALL
CRICKET
AND MUCH MORE!
Creativity Activities Include
FREE PLAY
LEGO
CRAFTS
DEN BUILDING
BOARD GAMES
CARDS
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Regular Time (9am -3pm) - £20
Early Drop Off (8:30am) - £2 extra
Late Collection (4pm) - £3 extra
Children will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink, suitable clothing/footwear and bundles of energy for the day!
Ages 5-12 Years Old
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ACTIVE EDUCATION HALLOWEEN CRAFTS
We are really excited to deliver Halloween Crafts at our Astley, Great Massingham and Stibbard Holiday Camps this October half term!
Children will be provided with all necessary resources to create their very own Halloween Crafts
HALLOWEEN CRAFTS INCLUDES THINGS LIKE PAPER PLATE PUMPKINS/MASKS, SPOOKY COLOURING/DRAWING, COTTON SWAB SKELETONS, LANTERNS AND MUCH MORE!


OCTOBER HALF TERM CALENDAR
Below are the dates, venues and activities we have planned for the upcoming holiday camps!
Please note, we will also be running Creativity activities alongside our sports activities, which include arts and crafts, board games, Lego and much more!
Monday 27th October
Roughton St. Mary's Endowed CofE Primary
Dodgeball and Nerf Combat
AND
Swanton Morley VC Primary School
Gymnastics
Tuesday 28th October
Astley Primary School
Dodgeball and Nerf Combat
Thursday 30th October
Harpley CE VC Primary School
Dodgeball and Nerf Combat
Wednesday 29th October
Great Massingham CE Primary School
Dodgeball and Nerf Combat
Friday 31st October
All Saints Stibbard Church of England Primary Academy
Gymnastics