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 all so much for your support over what has been an unusually long half term. It was great to see a good turn out at our recent Harvest festivals and I am very aware of all the arrangements parents and carers have to make to be able to attend.

All the children have settled well into the new academic year and it was a delight to get lovely feedback from the prayer space team last week, who told me the children were highly knowledgeable about R.E. and had been a pleasure to work with.

The results from our recent parent survey are with this newsletter. Thank you to those who took the time to give feedback.

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Poppies will be sold at breaktime from Monday 3rd. Suggested donation is £1 which will buy an item and a paper poppy.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

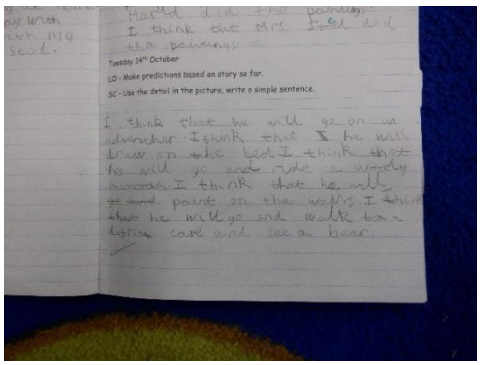
Everybody for working so hard this half term!

Juniors:

Clara for her brilliant writing this week.
Max for his hard work in his writing this week.
George for his fabulous story writing.

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

This week we have been learning about the changing seasons and in particular how trees change each season. We observe "Oakley" our very own magnificent oak tree, regularly at different times of the year and note the changes. At the moment we are enjoying the fruits of Oakley (leaves, acorns and twigs) and have used them in many different learning tasks. Some of the things we said we like about Autumn are:
"leaves falling off the trees" - Elliott
"conkers falling" - Robin
"piles of leaves to jump in" - Kaden
"Autumn colours" - Maisie
We all agreed that there are lots of Autumn celebrations we enjoy too!
We have now finished reading the story "Cave Baby" by Julia Donaldson and it has inspired us to do some lovely story writing of our own.
Have a look at some great writing:



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

This week, the juniors have been busy finishing their eye artwork. They really focused on these, and the results have been great. They used colour blending and small brush strokes to create texture and patterns within their paintings. In English, we have been writing stories in a similar style to our class book, 'Midnight Panther'. The children have created some wonderful retellings with their own characters. In PE this week, we worked with the infants to take part in some circuit training. Running, skipping, dribbling and shooting, there was lots to do and they all worked really hard. The Juniors have had a great half-term and enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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 – 3rd November 2025 (Week 1 on the NEW NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each

MONDAY

3.30 Active Education Gymnastics https://activeeducation.info/
3.30-5.30 parent consultation appointments

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.
3.30-5.30 parent consultation appointments

WEDNESDAY

12.00 Bonfire lunch

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

8.30 School photos for pupils with younger siblings. Photos will then be taken of all pupils as usual.

FUTURE DATES

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 this week the children have reflected on all the friends that have touched our lives and all the people whose lives we hope we have touched.
Luke 6:31 "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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 -
The winner of the fudge slab was a Green ticket, number 758 (Suzanne/Violet). Please collect from the tuckshop area at school pick up this afternoon.

Thank you to everyone else for taking part. The raffle raised £29 for the PFA!

100 club letters should be in bookbags today

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)

3) Parents / Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

Please note there are two parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently. Each session will be repeated 8 times until December 2025. Both are 1 hour sessions and are suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This is an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world.

Parents Event – Part 1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

This session will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme and will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also receive an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

The event is **free,** and tickets can be book directly via:

Tuesday 25th November	10:00 – 11:00	Link

Parents Event – Part 2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family

This session will:

- Provide advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Help you to identify and protect your (and your children's) key accounts.
- Identify threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Highlight the benefits of family accounts.
- Identify parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's Stop! Think Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centres CyberAware campaign.

The event is **free,** and tickets can be book directly via:

Thursday 23rd October	16:00 – 17:00	Link
Tuesday 2nd December	10:00 – 11:00	Link

We’re reaching to schools and children's centres as the Norfolk FA to share a helpful tool designed to make it easier for families to find local football clubs for their children.

The **Find Football** feature lets parents and carers quickly search for football clubs, sessions, and opportunities nearby, whether their child is new to the game or looking to join a team.

You can share this with your school community via newsletters, noticeboards, or parent emails to help more young people get involved in the game.

📱 **Scan the QR code on the graphic attached,** or click the link below to explore:

👉 https://www.norfolkfa.com/players/ways-to-play/find-football

Thank you for helping us connect more children with local football opportunities. Together, we can make sure everyone has a place to play!

