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,

As she moves to pastures new Mrs West has asked us to thank everyone for their cards and gifts, she was overwhelmed and touched. Thank you.

On Monday we enjoyed a visit from local MP James Wild. Mr Wild conducted a question and answer session with the children who gave him a challenging set of questions which included...
What do you do to help the country?
Was it scary joining the houses of parliament?
If you were not an MP what would you do?
He also toured the school and we expect to see a press release in the coming days in the Lynn News.

Breakfast Club
If you would like your child/ren to join our popular breakfast club please book by a Friday (because we have to purchase provisions in advance) for the following week. Please book via the office and we will add the payment to SchoolMoney for you – otherwise we may not know you've made a booking.

Parent/carer survey - Thank you to those who have replied to our parent/carer survey. These will be open for another week and will close next Friday. Please take the time to complete it if you can.
https://forms.gle/b9y8M1wcirZvaeQu8

Active Education will be running half term sports clubs. Wednesday at Great Massingham and Thursday at Harpley. Please book through them if you are interested. Link below.
https://activeeducation.info/



SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Tia for great joining in during PE
Kaden for great story writing
Finn for super neat handwriting

Juniors:

Molly G for her helpfulness and PE.
Everett for his helpfulness in PE and across the board this week.
Felicity for her brilliant contributions in maths this week.

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

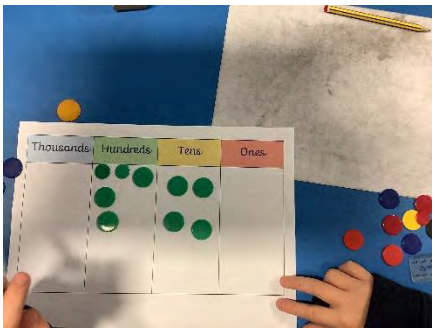
This week we have been doing lots of "wondering"
"I wonder why they sky is blue." - Sidney
"I wonder why the mountains are big." - Lucien
"I wonder if space goes on forever." - Mrs C
We watched David Attenborough's wonderful world video. It's well worth a watch! It made us wonder how the world came to be the way it is.
"It's evolution," said Oliver. While others said "God made the world." It certainly was an interesting discussion.
Wonderful world






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

This week the Juniors have been looking in History at How the Saxons were ruled. We learnt that Britain was separated into 7 areas and each of these had a King. We also learnt that even in modern day some Saxon words have survived and are still used today, in East Anglia, West Mercia, even Essex. In RE the children have been looking at the 10 commandments and thinking about how these lay the basis for Christianity and how a Christian should live their lives. In PE the juniors have been developing their tag rugby skills with Active Education. Year 3 and 4 have been working on adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s to different numbers.







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 – 6th October 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.

3.30 PFA meeting

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.
12.00 lunchtime – today's dessert will be crumble instead of fruit jelly
2.00-3.00pm Harvest Festival at St Lawrence Church – donations welcome from Monday
3.30 Active Education football club https://activeeducation.info/

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES
15th October AM Y6 ECMP. YR ECMP, vision & hearing (letters home w/c 1.9.2025)
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.

As the children continue to practise for the forthcoming harvest festivals, they have been thinking about the changing of the seasons, reflecting on how this makes us feel and why seasons are so important.
"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1.

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.





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

October is ADHD Awareness Month ✨

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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%.**

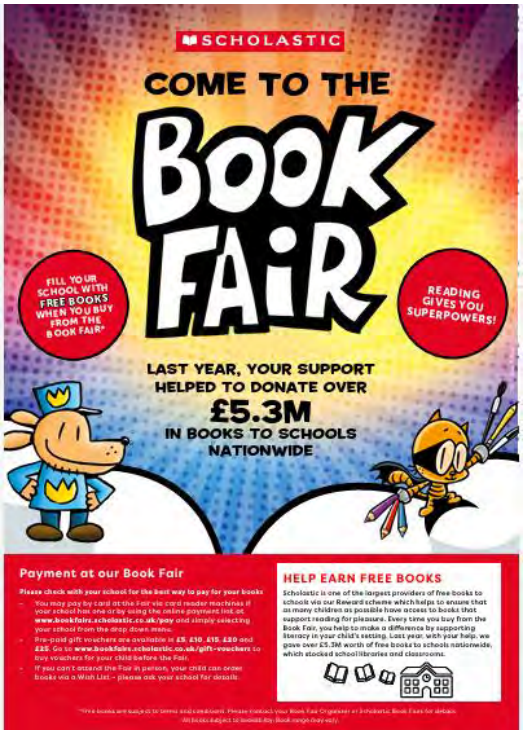
September attendance: Infants 97.07%
Juniors 92.5%

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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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).
For more information visit
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