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,

With Christmas on the horizon we were wondering if anyone would be kind enough to donate a Christmas tree for our hall. Nothing too large, as we need room for lunch tables. If you feel you are able to help with this and put a little sparkle into our Christmas arrangements, that would be most welcome and much appreciated.

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

This week we have been really excited about our learning. We have been reading the book "The Comet" and really want to know what happens to the main character Nyla. Will she ever be happy in her new home? Sharing the story has led to some great discussions and story writing about times when we may have done something naughty like Nyla. The children have written some great stories about themselves!

In maths we have been adding and subtracting using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us. Keep practicing those bonds at home, they are so important to know. This game is great for all sorts of number skills practice:

Hit the button

In P.E. we have loved learning how to play hockey. The children are really getting to grips with controlling the ball and improving their hand/eye co-ordination.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Oliver, Maisie, Aubrey and **Reggie** - for their great contribution to our Christmas play

Juniors:

Chloe for her brilliant timetables and intervention work this week

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

It's been a busy week in the Juniors this week. We took some time in class to read this week and it was nice to listen to the children read and see them enjoying books. We have been thinking about Christmas this week with practicing underway for the Christmas service. We also had a visit from Norfolk County Council Sensory Support Unit. They came in as part of our Life Skills Curriculum thinking about diversity and understanding disabilities. The ladies who came to visit spoke to us about sight loss and how this could affect someone, why sight loss may occur and adaptations that people can make to support this. They also spoke about what it is like to be hard of hearing. They talked about what can cause this and how they might communicate. They also did some sign language with the children and an activity around lip reading. The children engaged well with this and asked some brilliant questions.







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 December 2025 (Week 2 on the NEW NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each
Jacket potatoes – your child can opt for cheese and/or beans on any day, just let the office know.

There is a permanent menu change for Tuesday on week 3 – chilli pork is being replaced with pork Bolognese with pasta. Please let us know if you child would now like this change. Thank you

MONDAY
11.00 Flu vaccination 'mop up' session – for pupils who didn't have it last week.

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

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
8th December 1.30-3.00pm Nativity & Carol Service in St Lawrence Church
11th Christmas Jumper day – usual school uniform other than the Christmas jumper please.

Our Christmas lunch in is Thursday 18th December, this is the only available menu on this day. Wednesday 17th lunch will be pork & carrot meatballs (rather than have two roast lunches together kitchen have just swapped days). We need to know whether your child/ren would like Christmas lunch by the end of next week please.



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship
Collective worship: - Collective worship this half term is all about friendship.
In collective worship this week the children have been learning more about compassion and kindness and how we all play our part in making the world we want to live in. "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed". Proverbs
The children also enjoyed a visit from church group GENR8 who delivered a fun and informative take on the Christmas story.

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!

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%.**

October attendance: Infants 94%
Juniors 93%

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)

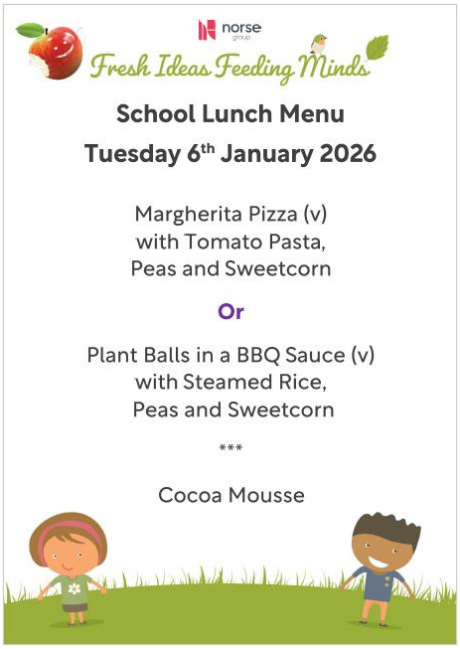

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There are 10 stages of swimming lessons following the Swim England learn to swim programme.
Lessons are for all abilities and ages, ranging from 6 months old up to and including adults
Water skills are included in the lessons from stage five, which are highly important and give life-saving skills such as treading water, floating to survive and swimming in clothing.
Lessons must be paid for on booking at reception
All teachers are qualified to ASA or STA standard
Provision of lessons is limited to availability
Alive Swim Academy Programme is delivered at our Pools at Downham Leisure, Oasis in Hunstanton and St James Pool in King's Lynn.
Swimmers progression will vary depending upon the individual
121 lessons are available at all pools. Please enquire at reception for more information.
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ACTIVE EDUCATION
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS
Sports Activities Include
MULTI SPORTS
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CRICKET
AND MUCH MORE!
Creativity Activities Include
FREE PLAY
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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!
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Ages 5-12 Years Old


CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CALENDAR
ACTIVE EDUCATION
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 22nd December
Astley Primary School Gymnastics
AND
Harpley Primary School Dodgeball and Nerf Combat
Tuesday 23rd December
All Saints Stibbard Primary Academy Dodgeball and Nerf Combat
AND
Roughton St. Mary's Endowed Primary Dodgeball and Nerf Combat

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King's Lynn Foodbank
Together with Trussell

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

ST.MARGARET'S LANE CENTRE

23rd Dec	Tuesday	12-2pm
24th Dec	Christmas Eve	**Closed**
25th Dec	Christmas Day	**Closed**
26th Dec	Boxing Day	**Closed**
29th Dec	Monday	**Closed**
30th Dec	Tuesday	12-2pm
31st Dec	New Years Eve	**Closed**
1st Jan	New Years Day	**Closed**
2nd Jan	Friday	12-2pm

St. Faiths and KLBC satellite distribution centres will be closed from 23rd Dec and re-open 5th Jan 2026. Please use main centre on 30th Dec and 2nd Jan.