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,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great half term and managed to enjoy the unusually mild weather. This half term is fun packed with a forthcoming federation day and Christmas activities on the horizon. Please keep an eye on the dates for your diaries section.

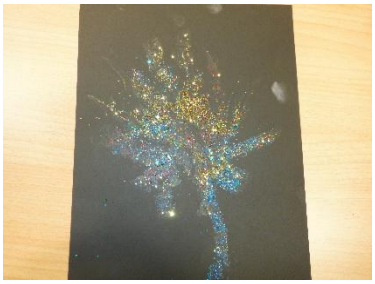
Thank you to all the parents/carers who have attended parents' consultations this week. These meetings help us support your children and we very much appreciate you taking the time to come in.

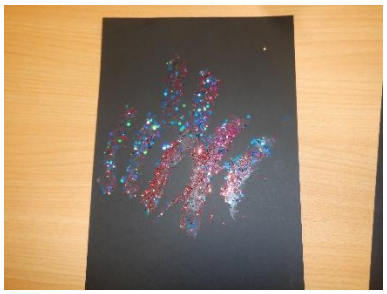
The meeting for the Y5/6 Eaton Vale Residential is next week, Friday 14th November, 5-6pm at the Harpley site. I appreciate this means a short travel up to Harpley for our Massingham parents but please do come if you can. Just a reminder, no children please. They will get their own briefing, this one is for the adults.

Please can we remind everyone not to bring/wear any jewellery to school, other than a stud earrings (which need to be taped or removed on PE days) Thank you.

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

This week has gone with a POP, WHIZZ, BANG as we have been exploring Bonfire Night. We have learned all about the naughty Mr Guy Fawkes's plot to kill King James I and have retold the story through role play and in writing. We have created firework pictures using loads of glitter (sorry Mr Gibson) and other different effective methods. We have all really enjoyed learning why we still celebrate Bonfire Night today.
The children have loved P.E. this week and have worked really hard. It is clear to see focus, attention and determination improving.







SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Robin for an outstanding week of focus and attention
Mia for improvement in handwriting
Elliott for great retelling of the Gunpowder plot story

Juniors:

Jacob for excellent and thoughtful contributions in class discussions this week.
Daylin for thoughtful contributions about peace this week.
Oriel for her excellent ideas and answers this week.

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

It's been lovely to welcome back the children this week and to get to talk to parents at parents' evenings this week. As a class in English, we have been thinking about our new book. The children don't yet know what the new book is, but they do know that its theme is peace, though. We have been looking at peace, what this is and how different people might achieve this. We have talked about the fact that it could mean something different to everyone as well. We explored moments of peace throughout history and how these are important and have shaped what we know now. We looked at the Christmas Day Truce in WW1, we looked at the signing of the Treaty of Versailles and how we celebrate peace with the Nobel Peace Prize.

It was a big moment for Year 6 this week with the arrival of Year 6 hoodies! This always causes a stir of excitement to ripple through Year 6. It has been a long time coming for this group, after picking the colour last year! They are so pleased with their hoodies and would like to say a massive thank you to the PFA for gifting these to them. It is a great thing for the PFA to do, as this is not something afforded to all schools.

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 – 10th November 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.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Federation Day – all Juniors at Harpley & all Infants (in their PE kits) at Great Massingham

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
5.00-6.00 Y5/Y6 parents meeting for Eaton Vale here at Harpley

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 the children are learning about the importance of remembrance and this reflective time of year. Themes of peace, thankfulness and hope will all be incorporated as we lead up to next Tuesday which is Armistice day.

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 – Please remember to join 100 club. Fill your request in with and put in an envelope, along with payment, and address it to PFA 100 club. You can give this to a member of the PFA Committee or the office. Hurry! This first drawer is 28th November – you've got it be in it to win it!

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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October 2025 Newsletter

Please share our latest Family Voice Newsletter

Hello!

Welcome to our latest newsletter please click here for a compressed PDF version.

Hopefully it will make it easier to share on your website and with your families and staff.

Many thanks

Kate Draycott

Family Voice Norfolk Membership Administrator



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

In this month’s newsletter, we feature an interview with a grandparent who recently attended both our Plan Bee and Puffins courses alongside his wife, daughter and daughter’s partner.

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