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,

Year 5 & 6 parents should have received the residential information today both electronically and in hard copy (check your child's bag please). Many thanks to those who braved the poor weather for the parents and carers meeting about this last Friday.
PLEASE NOTE: the daily timetable on the slides is an example. They will send the confirmed timings to us nearer the time. The activities slide notes the school chooses the activities. There is a slide after showing which activities we are booked for. There is also an activity guide that has been sent out to give more details of each one.

While we are talking about the weather, the cold has finally arrived. We've all been a bit spoilt with the mild weather of late and I just wanted to remind everyone that a warm coat is now needed.

School lunches:
It has come to my attention that a number of children eat very little of their school hot lunch. The pudding is usually well received as I'm sure you can imagine. I have reminded the children that they need to be eating as much of their 'firsts' as they can, so they have the fuel they need for the day and maintain a healthy balance. There is often a lot of food waste with several dinners almost untouched as they go in the bin. We need your help here to make sure we are reducing waste and reducing the hunger pangs in the afternoon. If your child has a hot lunch, please go through the menu with them and help them identify which meals they like. A big thank you in advance.

For those parents who are yet to order Tempest photographs **online**, they have until **Wednesday 26th November 2025** to take advantage of free delivery back to school.

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

This week has been joyous as we have been singing every day, practicing for the Christmas performance. Hopefully the children have been giving you some blasts of songs at home too. They really do sing beautifully and you are in for a real treat!
In maths this week we have been finishing off our unit of learning on place value to 100. All the children have really improved their knowledge of 2 digit numbers and can read, write, recognise, build, compare and order them. I have been really impressed!
The children have also really been enjoying learning about different celebrations and talking about when they have celebrated different occasions. This has led to some fantastic discussions about why we celebrate.

SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Teddy for super handwriting

Sid and **Amos** - brilliant mathematicians

Juniors:

Felicity for great timetables work this week.

Maud for excellent ideas in reading this week.

Roman for brilliant engagement with his work this week.

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

This week the Juniors have been working together on creating campaigns to Promote peace. They have been working really well in teams to produce these. We have seen great collaboration between the year groups. The children have all produced brilliant peace campaigns with catchy and expressive slogans as well. They have really enjoyed the new themes of our book looking at peace and are now excited to build towards some poem writing. In PE this week the Juniors have had their dancing shoes on. They have started to learn a dance ready for the Christmas service. We will be practicing over the next few weeks ready to show you!

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 – 24th November 2025 (Week 1 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

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

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 senior value leaders have led their own worship on the values of kindness and compassion. This is a big responsibility and both schools rose to the challenge. Well done to our year 6 value leaders on both sites for a great job!
The children will be visited by GENR8 next week at both sites. They are a collective worship group that delivers special worships at key times and this one will be focused on the birth of Jesus.

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)






Harpley Community Choir
Welcomes everyone to an afternoon of music
Sunday 30th November 2025 at 3.30pm
at
St Lawrence Church, Harpley
Entry is FREE -donations welcome
Raising funds for a new keyboard for the choir
Refreshments available


St Mary's Church
Gt. Massingham
CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Saturday
6th December
10am-12.30
RAFFLE, CARDS,
DECORATIONS, GIFTS.
Coffee with a wonderful selection of cakes to try!
CRAFT TABLE TO KEEP THE CHILDREN BUSY& AMUSED.
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