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 we close a successful autumn term I wanted to thank you all for your continued support. Schools cannot do what they do without this important collaboration. Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that have been shared with staff. This is not expected but very kind and deeply appreciated. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year on behalf of all the staff. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th January.

Please let us know if you would like your child to join our wraparound care provision.

Wraparound costs - did you know that you may be able to receive cheaper wraparound if you register for tax free childcare.

How Tax-Free Childcare Works for Wraparound Care:

- **Government Top-Up:** For every £8 you deposit in your TFC account, the government adds £2, effectively giving you 20% off.
- **Payment:** You pay your childcare provider (e.g., breakfast club, after-school club) directly from your TFC account.
- **Eligibility:** You and your partner (if applicable) must be working, earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week but less than £100,000 adjusted net income.
- **Provider Requirement:** The wraparound care provider must be registered with Ofsted (or an equivalent) and accept Tax-Free Childcare payments.

How to Use It:

1. **Check Eligibility & Apply:** Visit GOV.UK to see if you qualify and open an account.
2. **Find a Provider:** Confirm your chosen wraparound club accepts TFC. **We do.**
3. **Deposit Funds:** Pay money into your TFC account.
4. **Pay Provider:** Use the funds in your account to pay your childcare provider.

https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

A very big thank you to Mr & Mrs Dunbabbin for their very generous Christmas donation.

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

This week has been full of Christmas Joy, from the panto on Tuesday, where all the children were brilliant and had so much fun, to Christmas dinner on Thursday and a fun packed Christmas cooking afternoon today. All the infant staff would like to wish you a very happy, healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all, well rested raring to go in January.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Maisie for being kind and caring and using our visions and values

Juniors:

Edward for his hard work in English this week with his poem writing.
Jaxson for his great English contributions this week
Thomas for being a great friend this week to people
Oliver P for his great work on his poem writing this week

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

It's been a busy last week. But we have been working hard. In English, the children have been writing some beautiful poems all around the theme of peace. We have been blown away by how amazing the poems have been and how they have crafted them. We look forward to sharing these with you.

From all the Staff in Oak Class, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a fabulous break and enjoy all the festivities. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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 – 5th January 2026 (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
Holiday

TUESDAY
Infant pupils to come to school in their school uniform, but bring their PE kit with them to change into. 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 Menu change – see below

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/ Continuing from next week, 12th January

FRIDAY
Junior swimming at the Oasis, Hunstanton. Juniors must be at school by 8.45am.

FUTURE DATES
Thursday 15th menu change – see below.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship
Collective worship: - Collective worship this half term is all about friendship.
This week the children have been continuing their rhythm of life advent journey discussing the role of prayer in advent. **"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10-11**

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%.**

November attendance: Infants 97.81%
Juniors 97.35%

Mrs Myhill and the Harpley team

TERM DATES

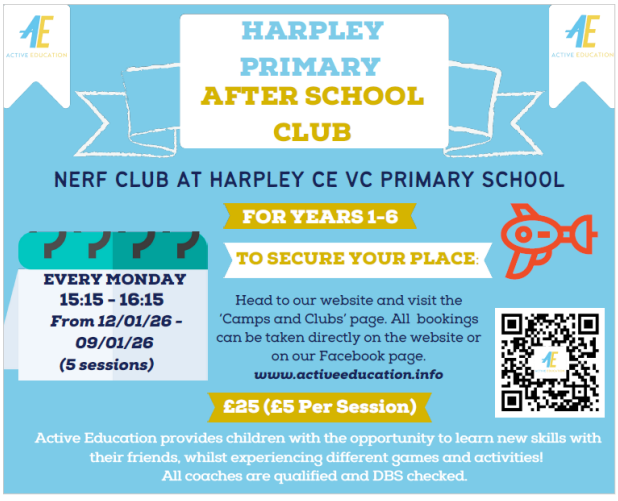
2026 AUTUMN TERM 	2026 SPRING TERM 	2026 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 18th December (Half term – Friday 23rd October – Friday 6th November)	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 27th March (Half term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February)	Tuesday 14th April – Friday 17th July (Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May)



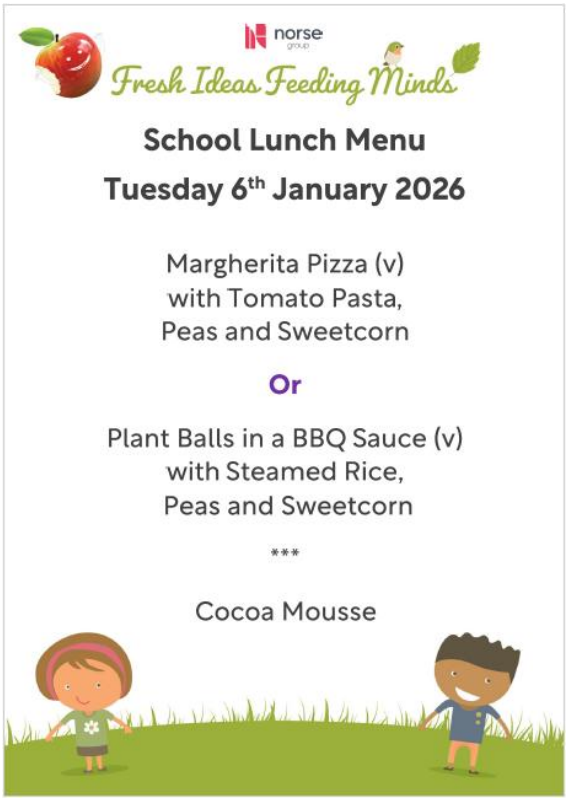
CLOTHES & TEXTILE RECYCLING

Planning a 'clear out'? Don't forget the school textile bank for unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains etc, in fact any material. The more we put in there the more we'll get, please support it – every little helps! From August 2024-November 2024 we raised £35.10.






ALIVE
LYNNSPORT
Christmas
Extravaganza
Monday 22 December 10am-2pm
Face Painting Now Included!
festive
inflataFun
Alive Lynnsport
Glitter Tattoos!
Make your own Reindeer Food!
Festive Arts & Crafts!
Festive yummy treats!
Xmas Movies & Music
Under 11's
S £17.50
AC £15
ACC £12.50
01553 818001 to book. Pre-booking essential
Arrival Time 9.30am
Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times
Under 12 months go FREE but cannot participate in Inflatafun or receive a gift from Santa
Inflatable sessions are 45 minutes


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Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds
School Lunch Menu
Tuesday 6th January 2026
Margherita Pizza (v)
with Tomato Pasta,
Peas and Sweetcorn
Or
Plant Balls in a BBQ Sauce (v)
with Steamed Rice,
Peas and Sweetcorn
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Cocoa Mousse


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Pantomime Lunch
Thursday 15th January 2026
The Giant's Grub
Large Sausage Roll
or
Plant Based Sausage Roll (v)
Magic Beans
Baked Beans
Bag of Golden Coins
Sliced Fried Potatoes
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Queen of Hearts
Jammie Dodger Biscuit

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Festive Gingerbread Biscuits

A classic recipe for gingerbread biscuits that can be cut into people, stars or trees and decorated with your choice of icing, currants, or sweets ready for the festive season!



Ingredients list

- 350g Plain Flour
- 1 Tsp. Bicarbonate of Soda
- 1 Tsp. Ground Ginger
- 175g Light Brown Sugar
- 100g Margarine
- 60g Golden Syrup
- 1x Egg – beaten
- Your choice of currants, cherries, sweets, chocolate, white or colourful icing to decorate!

Method

1. Mix the flour, bicarbonate of soda and ginger together in a bowl.
2. Rub the margarine in to the flour mix until it resembles fine breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in the sugar to the mixture.
4. In a separate bowl, beat the syrup in to the egg and then add to the flour mix.
5. Combine until you make a dough. Knead until smooth.
6. Roll the dough out on to a floured surface until ¼" thick.
7. Cut out using a gingerbread people cutter (or shape of your choice).
8. Place your biscuits on to a greased and lined baking tray and bake at 190°C for 12-15 minutes until golden brown.
9. Cool slightly before transferring to cooling racks.
10. Have fun and decorate your gingerbread biscuits!

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Cocoa Krispie 'Christmas Pudding'

A classic school lunch favourite that transforms into a festive showstopper when decorated like a Christmas pudding!



Ingredients list

- 150g Golden Syrup
- 150g Margarine
- 150g Granulated Sugar
- 50g Cocoa Powder
- 280g Rice Krispies
- Your choice of glace cherries with white icing or colourful icing to decorate as holly and berries!

Method

1. In a large saucepan, slowly melt the margarine, sugar and syrup.
2. Sieve the cocoa and add to the pan.
3. Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Krispies to make sure they are all coated.
4. Portion the mixture into paper cases and shape into balls.
5. Top with icing and a glace cherry half or decorate with colourful icing.