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,

This week the children have been working hard on rehearsals for our upcoming nativity with carols services next week. It has been absolutely wonderful to hear snippets of singing permeating through the schools.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Frost at the end of this term. Mrs Frost has been unable to join us this term and has been much missed. I hope you will all join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Rebecca Lambert will be joining the federation in January as an HLTA. She will be replacing Mrs Frost and Mrs West and will work across both schools.

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

This week in science we have been learning about the words "migration" and "hibernation." Try saying these words at home and see what happens! We thought we should do something to help the animals who will be getting ready to migrate or hibernate and so came up with the idea to make some animal feeders. This involved lots of scooping, mixing, cutting, pushing, tying and fixing. This was great as we have been learning about verbs in English lessons and could see some in action!

We have also been working really hard on our handwriting and have all mastered the "one armed robot" action (letters r, m, n, p, k, h). Our handwriting is getting really good. Practice makes perfect.

Our Christmas performance rehearsals have been fantastic. The children are loving their moment in the limelight. We have some great singers too!







SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Reggie for brilliant phonics.
Kingsley for great focus this week.
Roman for a great job during rehearsal time.
Kayden for some super writing.

Juniors:

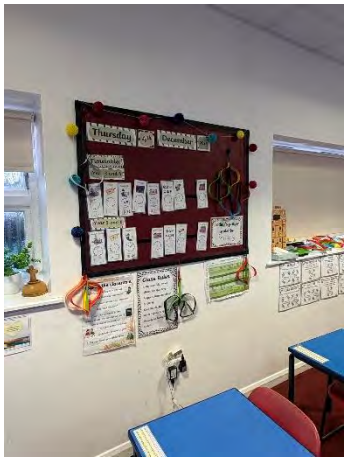
Jude for his excellent contributions to science this week on how to make a fair test.
Kolney for his excellent science contributions this week.
Tillie for her hard work in writing this week.

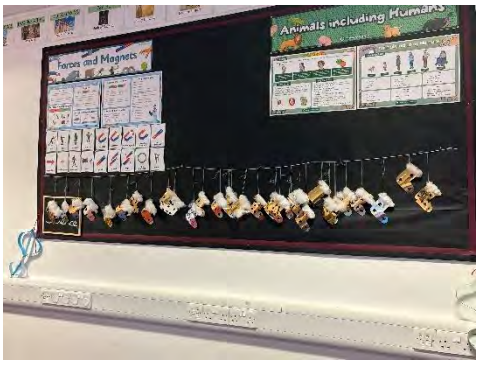
News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year6)

This week we have been busy getting ready for our Christmas performance. We have also been getting in the Christmas mood with decoration day this week. We had great fun all working together to produce decorations to decorate the school with. Year 6 have also had fun decorating trees for the different areas of the school.

This week year 3 and 4 had a go in science at testing different surfaces to see which created the most friction. They had fun testing this and enjoyed seeing how far they could make the protractors move.







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 – 8th December 2025 (Week 3 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
1.30-3.00pm Nativity & Carol Service in St Lawrence Church – children can leave with you at the end of the service.

TUESDAY
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

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 Christmas decoration workshop

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
Christmas Jumper day – usual school PE kit other than the Christmas jumper please. Please donate online savethechildren.org.uk/Christmas-jumper-day where there are several ways to donate.
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3.30 Active Education football club https://activeeducation.info/

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES

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.

Collective worship: This week the children have been learning about the 'Rhythm of life advent journey'. They will be exploring the themes around what advent means and 7 habits we can use to fulfil our advent journey: celebrating, reflecting, sharing, praying, encouraging, resting and creating. Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord".

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 – November 100 Club winners
1st Keith Blake
2nd Tracey Cator
3rd Lisa Pringle

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%

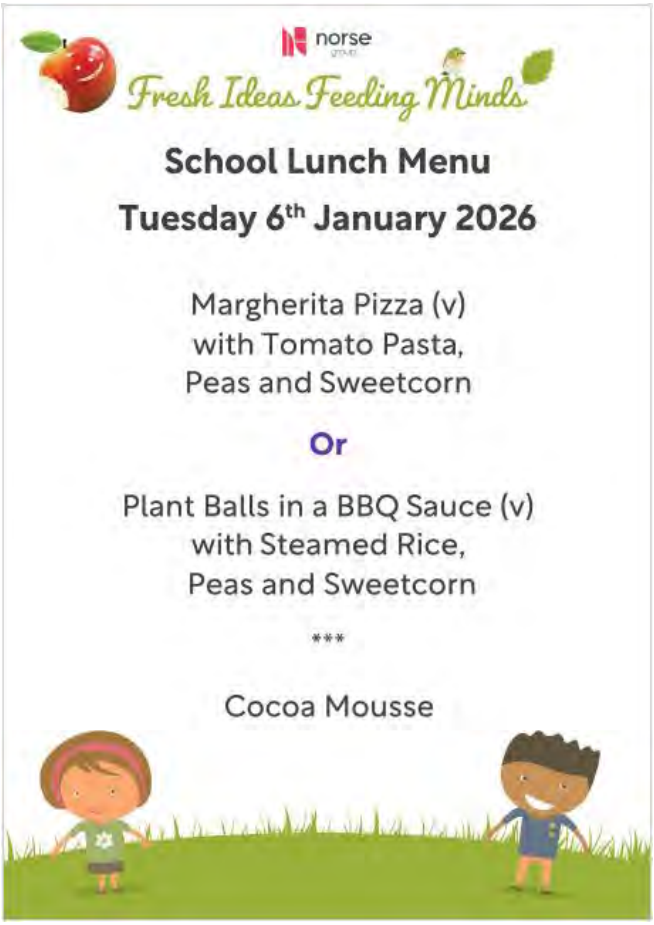
Mrs Myhill and the Harpley team

TERM DATES

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)







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 for your time.

With very best wishes

Kate Draycott

Family Voice Norfolk Membership Administrator

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

It is important to remember that Christmas, and the build up to Christmas, may have to be managed quite carefully for our neurodivergent children so they get the most out of the festive sea…

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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