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 everyone. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year with your families and friends. It probably feels like a long time ago now. Thanks to everyone for making sure the children are in on time and ready for the day, especially with the weather we have had this week. The children have returned to school full of positivity and ready to learn, long may it continue.

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

This week we have been getting back into the swing of things after the holiday. We have been super impressed how the children have come back full of beans and raring to go!

We have welcomed Mrs Lambert to the team and she has already got to know the children really well and is looking forward to working with them on a Wednesday, Thursday morning and Friday afternoon.

In computing we have begun to learn about robots and how useful they can be. We have loved playing with our friendly class robot Bee-Bot and have learned how to make him follow our commands. Already lots of us can programme him to follow a set of directions to get from one place to another.

We were super excited to find out that we will be learning all about London this half term. We already knew quite a lot but still have lots of questions to find the answer to. We are looking forward to finding out about a very significant, historical event that happened a long time ago. I wonder what it could be?...





SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Roman for an excellent week being super engaged
Reggie for super writing
Yr 2's for being really helpful and mature this week

Juniors:

Thomas for perseverance in maths.
Anna for detailed instruction writing.
Jacob for excellent effort in maths this week.
Jude for his excellent effort in maths this week.

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

It's been wonderful to welcome back the Juniors this week and hear all about their Christmas breaks, it sounds like they have been super busy!

This week we started with the juniors following some instructions in English to make Lego sets. We investigated how to use different types of instructions. We discussed how having just pictures instead of lots of words was helpful when it comes to building Lego. They have also written instructions for Miss Harrold on how to make a jam sandwich. Miss Harrold then followed these instructions the next day, and the Juniors learnt a valuable lesson on writing specific instructions. Miss Harrold made a jam sandwich by just putting the jar between two slices of bread, as she was told to put down bread, put on jam, and then put on bread. The instruction to spread the jam caused great hilarity as Miss Harrold spread the jam all over the table with her hand. We look forward to them writing improved instructions for making a jam sandwich.







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 – 12th January 2026 (Week 3 on the 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

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.

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.
12.00 Menu change
3.20 Active Education football club https://activeeducation.info/

FRIDAY

Junior swimming at the Oasis, Hunstanton. Juniors to be at school at 8.30am please.

FUTURE DATES

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship
Collective worship: - The children have been learning about new starts and new chances this week and how a new year can bring us a chance to reset. They have talked about their new year resolutions. Joshua 1:9 – 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

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%.**

December attendance: Infants 98.75%
Juniors 93.04%

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)



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

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year in which we are thinking about neurodivergence and girls.

Go to this Sway

To share with families

Reminder: Making Sense of SEND Information Fair at Sheringham on 21 January

Do you have SEND children and families needing extra support? Would they benefit from speaking in person to over 20 SEND services? If so, please encourage them to attend this event.

Audience : Parents and carers, SEND staff



