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

We have two remaining weeks of swimming for our juniors at both schools. Pyjamas will be needed next week also as water safety and life saving continues. This is a really important part of water safety learning and I know some children feel very anxious about it but please reassure the children that when these more challenging school activities are on, staff are there to support them and help them to give things a try. If they manage a whole task, or need help to try a task (in any subject), we are here to help.

Staff recognition scheme:
We all like to feel we are noticed and valued for the things we do in life and the contributions we make. With this in mind on our school website we have a link to a staff recognition scheme. If you feel you've had good service from a staff member and want to celebrate it please complete the online form. I've attached it here as well - see below. The form is linked to our school visions and values. Staff receive a letter from our chair of governors and a special mention.
https://forms.gle/nzGEmrVk229TLD1JA

WiseUp to Switching Off – Free Digital Detox for Families
We're sharing this free, printable resource from WiseUp to support families in creating healthier, more balanced screen habits at home. *WiseUp to Switching Off* encourages positive conversations around screen use and wellbeing, helping children and parents find balance together.
Download here: https://team.wiseup-teambuilding.co.uk/landing-page-page

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

This week we have begun to learn about the Great fire of London. We have learned some key facts (date, place and a few names) and a few other important details. We are really excited to find out about how the events of September 1666 unfolded and changed the history of London forever. In all our challenge areas (role play, art studio, writing shed, construction...) we have been trying to show our learning through our play.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:
Teddy for great maths work this week.
Amos improvement in handwriting

Juniors:
Nojus for his excellent work on his deforestation leaflet this week.
Jaxson for excellent perseverance in his deforestation leaflet this week.
Enid for her brilliant work on producing a deforestation leaflet this week.

News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year6)
This week the Juniors have been learning about deforestation and learnt that Deforestation clears forests for farms, roads, or buildings, especially in tropical areas like the Amazon, Borneo, and Central Africa. Forests shelter animals like birds, monkeys, and insects that depend on trees for survival. When trees are removed, animals lose their homes and food. Many can't survive and may disappear — this is called loss of biodiversity.
They also learnt some interesting facts:
•More than half of the world's tropical forests have been destroyed since the 1960s.
•In 2019, the world lost an area of primary rainforest the size of a soccer field every six seconds.
•20% of the world's oxygen is produced in the Amazon forest.
•Almost half of the world's timber and up to 70% of paper are used by Europe, the United States, and Japan alone.
•Worldwide, more than 1.6 billion people rely on forest products for some or all of their income.
They have been really interested in this and produced some brilliant leaflets about deforestation and its impacts.



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 – 2nd February 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
3.20 Active Education Nerf Club https://activeeducation.info/

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

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.

FRIDAY
Junior swimming at the Oasis, Hunstanton. Juniors to be at school at 8.30am please.
NSPCC Number Day – please see letter attached to last week's bulletin

FUTURE DATES
13th 2.00 Infant Afternoon Tea

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship
Collective worship: - This week children have been learning about respecting the Earth and everything that is in it.
Genesis 2:15 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it".

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%.**

January attendance: Infants
Juniors

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)

PFA News – January 100 Club winners

1st Ruth Swithenbank
2nd Keith Blake
3rd Emma Piggott



