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. This is a shorter half term but there is lots going on. We have Easter services booked on...

- Harpley Easter service - Thursday 26th March 2-3pm @ St Lawrence church Harpley
- Great Massingham Easter service - Friday 27th March 2-3pm @ St Mary's church GM

Please join us if you can.

Our residential is coming up for years 5 & 6. The children will be meeting with staff to talk more about this next week.

Polite reminder:
Toys from home are not allowed in school unless this has been specifically arranged as part of a child's support with the SENDCO. Thank you for your help with this.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:
Kayden for fantastic behaviour and learning this week
Reggie for some great independent writing
Mia for gorgeous handwriting

Juniors:
Jaxson for his brilliant application of his maths this week.
Ruby S for her hard work and attitude in Maths this week
Teddie for his fabulous writing this week in speeches.

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

This week we have begun our new topic "Pack my bags and off we go" and are looking forward to travelling all over the world. We have been talking about holidays and where we would most like to go. We were amazed that there is so much choice! Over the next few weeks we will be visiting the

beach, the Alps, the desert, and a busy city to compare the different physical and human features.
We have also begun to learn the poem "The Owl and the Pussycat" by Edward Lear. We plan to learn the whole poem off by heart and even write our own version. Why not check out the animated version we have been watching and see if you can learn it too.
The Owl and the Pussycat
Finally, a special thank you for coming to our "tea party" before half term. We had a great time sharing our work with you. The "Great fire of London" bucket chain was a particular highlight!





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

This week, we have been busy in the Junior classroom. Year 3 and 4 have been investigating fossils and have even had a go at making their own fossil casts. Year 5 and 6 have been working hard in computing to make fairground rides and code them correctly to work. They have been learning that this can be frustrating, but have been persevering. In PE the children have been developing their tennis skills and also strategy skills with a large game of Battleships. In English, we have been writing our speeches about protecting the planet. This has been great to see as they have really gotten into this. We look forward to sharing these with 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 – 2nd March 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
Parent consultations this afternoon
Active Education Nerf Club - use this link to sign up. https://activeeducation.info/

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

WEDNESDAY
Junior pupils to come to school in their PE kits and remain in the all day.

THURSDAY
World Book Day – information sent home on Tuesday. All pupils bring PE kit to change into.
12.00 World Book Day lunch

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES
6.00-6.30 20th March, proposed change of status meeting from VC (Voluntary Controlled) to VA (Voluntary Aided).
26th 2.00pm – 3.00pm Easter Service in St Lawrence Church

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship
Collective worship: - This half term the children are learning about the importance of truthfulness and later this half term they will be learning about the Easter story.
Bible quote: 'Tell the truth to each other.' Zechariah 8.16

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 92.76%
Juniors 91.31%

Mrs Myhill and the Harpley team

PFA News – February 100 Club winners

1st Tracey Cator
2nd Lisa Pringle
3rd Lesley Steward

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)









Good morning everyone,

ICS Coaching and Positive Life Experiences are teaming up and very excited to be running a **Year 2–3 Dodgeball Festival next Thursday, 5th March in Swaffham**, and we'd love for your child to be part of it.

It's designed to be a really fun festival-style event where children can play lots of dodgeball, meet other children, and build a real love for the sport. It's already proving to be **hugely popular**, and we're hoping to make it a fantastic event with as many children involved as possible.

If your child would like to take part, you can sign up using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0O6sz3R9tQkP5g7SCRB3oE2sKPcdu7CbSDWAHy_xFyjZHQQ/viewform

Please feel free to share this with other parents who may also be interested.

Thanks so much, and we hope to see lots of children there!

Kind regards

Matt