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

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week for our Easter services. It was great to see so many families joining us. After Easter we look forward to welcoming Miss Makins, our new assistant headteacher/cover teacher.
I hope everyone has a very happy Easter and exciting to welcoming everyone back after the break.

Today was the last wraparound service for our two schools. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the fabulous wraparound team who have worked hard to make this a fun part of the school day. We continue to keep up to date with the DFE to seek future, financially viable options if/when they arise.

The government has a new website to support children's online safety - please click the link to find out more.
https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/

The government has produced the RISE initiative (regional improvement for standards in education). This involves funding local authorities to support their schools to raise standards. As part of this Norfolk County Council are focussing tightly on a number of areas including attendance. Every school has a targeted attendance meeting with the County on a termly basis. Our target is to reduce persistent absence. Persistent absence is where attendance falls below 90%. Letters will routinely go out to any family where attendance has fallen below the 90% expected standard, following guidance from our County attendance team. These letters will detail the numbers of days, hours and minutes of learning that have been lost due to the drop in attendance. Absence is often unavoidable due to illness, or medical appointments but hopefully the letters will help parents and carers make informed decisions about all absences. Just a reminder that school starts at 8.40 and children must be in school for 8.50am for registration. Please help us make the most of the learning time by ensuring children are in on time. Many thanks for your help with this.

If children are more than 10 minutes late, 9.00am onwards, their attendance is recorded as absent for registration – arrived in school after registration closed, and the amount of minutes missed. This 'U' coding is then counted as one session when persistent absences are calculated.

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

This week we have been enjoying some Easter craft activities including bubble painting where we learned not to suck the paint up through the straw! We used the bubble prints to make an Easter egg shape. We also used our measuring skills to make our own crosses. We had to carefully use our rulers to measure lines of particular lengths to make 2 rectangles and then put them together to make a cross. Lots of maths skills involved and a great opportunity to apply them during a task.

We have thought about cold places and about the features we might see there and created some amazing "cold landscapes."

The infant team wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you in the summer term.





pictures by Aubrey & Robin

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Tia, Sidney and **Robin** for fabulous effort and singing in our Easter Service.

Kayden for super phonic work and sentence writing this week.

Juniors:

George for his wonderful singing in church.

Chloe for her brilliant part in the Easter Service.

Jacob for his fabulous effort in helping with gardening this week.

Nojus for his teamwork in PE this week.

Oliver for his consistent reading every night at home.

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

This week, the juniors have been writing diary entries in English as if they were Mary Anning finding a fossil for the first time. They have been thinking about what adventurous vocabulary they can use to describe the fossil and how she must have been feeling. The Juniors also made Hot Cross Scones this week. Thank you to Mrs. Roe for the recipe! They had great fun making these for you to all enjoy at the Easter service. The children did a wonderful job in the easter service and worked super hard. Well done to all the children for the part they played in this. Lots of the children have been involved this week in helping to sort the tyres out on the field. These were moved last weekend, and the children have been helping to rearrange and sort the soil and rubble in them. This has shown great teamwork and problem-solving skills.












In year 5/6 maths this week we have had a strong focus on improving our reasoning skills (the ability to use logical thinking to solve problems, explain methods, and justify answers, rather than just finding the answer). We didn't always get to the correct answer but the discussions helped

develop our mathematical understanding. Anna, Enid and Jaxson explained their reasoning to the class. Super effort all round.





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 – 13th April 2026 (Week 1 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

WEDNESDAY
All pupils to come to school in their PE kits and remain in the 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.

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

FUTURE DATES
23rd April Football Club, see below to enroll
27th April Y6 Crucial Crew at King's Lynn Fire Station
W/C 11th May SAT's week
3rd June Federation Junior visit to King's Lynn

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship

Collective worship: - The children have been practising for our Easter services and learning more about the important message that Easter brings of faith and forgiveness. The children's weekly mission this week was tTo show everyone in school the love, forgiveness, respect and understanding that Jesus showed to everyone.

Bible quote: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

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%.**

March attendance: Infants 94.7%
Juniors 93.7%

Mrs Myhill and the Harpley team

PFA News – March 100 Club winners

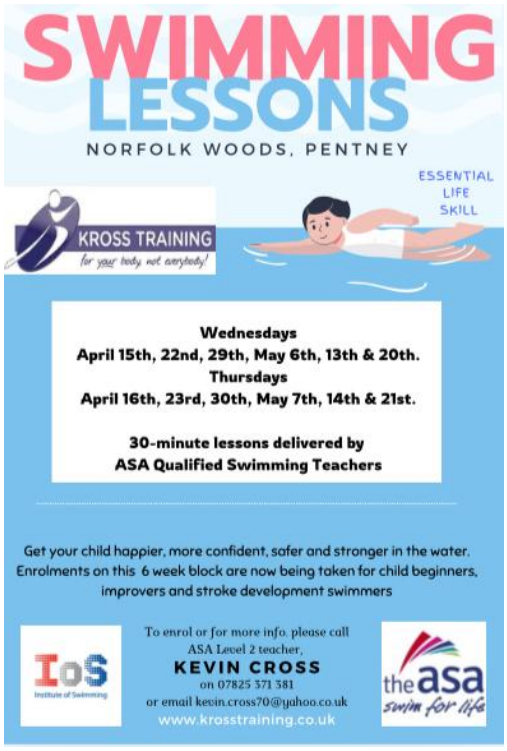
1st David Ruddle
2nd Kathy Beckham
3rd Lyn Richardson

TERM DATES

2026 AUTUMN TERM 	2027 SPRING TERM 	2026 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 18th December (Half term – Friday 23rd October – Friday 6th November)	Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 25th March (Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February)	Tuesday 14th April – Friday 17th July (Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May)









We would be most grateful if you could forward this to your parents:

There is a special offer for the King's Lynn Town match this Saturday 28th March against Spennymoor with Kids for a Quid back to kick off the Easter holidays. Entry for everyone 16 and under will only be £1!

Buy your tickets here with £2 savings for adults if purchased in advance:

https://kingslynntownfc.ktckts.com/event/klt2526h21/kings-lynn-town-fc-vs-spennymoor-town-fc



