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

Next week is the year 5&6 residential to Eaton Vale. I know the children are very excited about the activities ahead.

Polite reminder: I wrote to you all recently about small changes to our communications with parents and carers. The staff at the federation work extremely hard and care deeply about the welfare and progress of your children. With this in mind, please treat every member of our school community with the respect they deserve. I understand that emotions can run high at times and we are here to listen, support, and try to resolve any concerns. If anyone needs another copy of the letter please ask at the office. Many thanks for your support with this, it is much appreciated.

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

This week the Infants have been busy celebrating science week. We wanted to find out how birds build nests and so we made ourselves into birds with pegs as beaks. Collecting materials and building a nest was really tricky when using a peg rather than hands. Still, we managed (with a little help from our hands), to make some rather fancy nests. We talked about how different animals adapt for different purposes.





SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Kayden for super phonics on Thursday
Robin for great reading at home
Elliott for great reading at home

Juniors:

Thomas for his brilliant work with the younger members of the class.
Jude for his understanding and kindness this week with members of the class.
Martha for her great work in maths this week.

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

This week, the Juniors have been busy sitting End of Term assessments. They have all worked very hard and should be proud of what they have been doing. Year 5 and 6 have been investigating the circulatory system and how this and the heart work to pump blood, nutrients, and water around the body to help us function and keep us moving. Years 3 and 4 have been looking at muscles and thinking about how these help us to move as well. We talked about how our bones and muscles work to support us in day-to-day life. In maths, Year 3 and 4 have been investigating mass this week, thinking about grams and kilograms. They have also been thinking about equivalent masses. In Geography, we have been thinking about the human and physical features of East Anglia.

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 – 16th March 2026 (Week 2 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
Y5/Y6 Eaton Vale Residential
Active Education Nerf Club - use this link to sign up. https://activeeducation.info/

TUESDAY
Infant pupils to come to school in their school uniform, but bring their PE kit with them to change into.
Y5/Y6 Eaton Vale Residential

WEDNESDAY
Y3 & Y4 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.
Y5/Y6 Eaton Vale Residential

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
PFA Dress Down Day
6.00-6.30pm proposed change of status meeting from VC (Voluntary Controlled) to VA (Voluntary Aided).

FUTURE DATES
26th 2.00pm – 3.00pm Easter Service in St Lawrence Church
27th PFA Spring Fayre 3.00-4.15pm

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship
Collective worship: - This week in collective worship, the children have been learning about our responsibility to tell the truth and how trust can be forged when we do this.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Psalm 25:5

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%.**

February attendance: Infants 85.21%
Juniors 86.87%

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)



DRESS DOWN DAY *WITH A TWIST*

The PFA invite the children to dress down in clothing of their choice on Friday 20th March.
Here's the twist - instead of paying £1 to dress down, we are asking for children to 'pay' by making a donation of something that can be used as a tombola or raffle prize at the Spring Fayre on 27th March!

HARPLEY PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

FOOTBALL CLUB AT HARPLEY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR YEARS 1-6

EVERY THURSDAY
15:15 - 16:15
From 23/04/26 - 23/03/26
(5 sessions)

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Head to our website and visit the 'Camps and Clubs' page. All bookings can be taken directly on the website or on our Facebook page.
www.activeeducation.info

ONLY £3.50 + VAT Per Session

Active Education provides children with the opportunity to learn new skills with their friends, whilst experiencing different games and activities!
All coaches are qualified and DBS checked.

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Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds

School Lunch Menu
Tuesday 14th April 2026

Margherita Pizza (v)
with Potato Wedges,
Peas and Sweetcorn

Or

Chinese-Style Plant Balls (v)
with Steamed Rice,
Peas and Sweetcorn

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Vanilla Ice Cream



Mothering Sunday

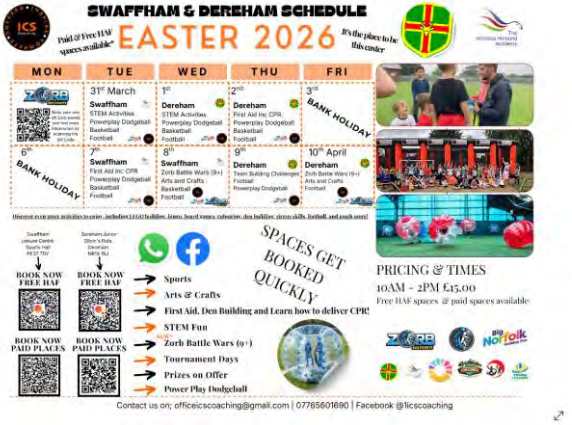
15.03.26 at 10:30am

Craft & Service

Come along and decorate cakes and make posies for your mum

St Lawrence Church





King's Lynn Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Newsletter

Spring 2026

15 years supporting local people

2026 marks 15 years since the food bank opened in King's Lynn and we've got a busy year ahead to mark this milestone. So far we have launched the Trolley Dash for businesses and organisations who want a different way to support the food bank - it's a fun challenge where teams race to collect essential items for donation. March sees the beginning of Spud Buddies - a hands-on growing project to teach participants how to grow potatoes at home, empowering them to improve their food security.



After Easter, we will finally move our main distribution centre to a new location on County Court Road with more space, allowing us to offer a truly warm welcome to people who need us. This will mean that we can have more in-depth conversations, so that we can signpost and support people more effectively to resolve the root cause of their problems. This approach has already proven effective in our satellite centres in Gaywood and South Lynn.

Later in the year we will hold our first ever Summer Ball. We're hoping to raise both funds and awareness of poverty locally. Join us for an unforgettable evening - let's celebrate our achievements together while making a real difference in King's Lynn. (see the end of the newsletter for more info!)



Christmas thanks!

An incredible 3178.65kg of donations was received in December which included treats of mince pies, chocolates and Christmas puddings. We were again fortunate to receive toys from Radio West Norfolk and Ward Gethin Archer, and Terrington Co-op along with smashing art and craft packs from the King's Lynn Arts Society. The local community was also so generous with donations of both essential items and money. We really can't do it without you!

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Shopping list
Tinned meat/fish
Tinned veg/fruit
Cooking sauces
Coffee
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Cereals
Fruit juice (long life)
Tinned pudding
Spreads
Toiletries

Don't stop donating

In 2025, a total of 5,463 food parcels were distributed by King's Lynn Foodbank, representing a decrease of 16.3% compared to 2024.

We are encouraged by this downward trend, however, it is still a 26% increase from before the cost of living crisis so **please don't stop donating** as this represents 49,167 meals!

We are so grateful for every item that is donated and if you could consider buying saver or value items rather than branded items, these are nearly always cheaper but still great quality, it will help your donation go further.

Support from local supermarkets

Our local supermarkets continue to support us year-long by having donation points in their stores. This helps us to collect on a weekly basis and customers can either buy in store or bring in items from home for us to pick up. In 2025, a staggering 16,683.4kg of food and essentials items were donated! We want to shout out our thanks to Sainsbury's Hardwick and town centre, Tesco Gaywood, Harwick and South Wootton, Asda, Morrison's, and Terrington and Dersingham Co-ops.

It's that time of the year when we begin to receive Easter eggs and treats. We are grateful for your donations which can be left at our supermarket donation points or brought to our main distribution centre on the quay in King's Lynn (Monday to Friday 12 - 2pm). Donations can also be taken to our Warehouse Monday to Thursday 9am-1pm - you will need to arrange a drop off by calling Jemma on 07930 512284.

At Christmas we said goodbye to our driver and volunteer - Benedict - a most valued member of the team as they go off to pastures new. We have welcomed David to the team as our new driver in January and he's settling in well.


Gt Massingham Village Hall
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
7PM TILL LATE
EASTER
Disco
Karaoke
Kids Easter Egg Hunt £2
Raffle & Tombola
Prize for best
Karaoke Performance
£5 per Ticket
Children under 16 free
Tickets can be purchased at
Gt Massingham Social club
Fundraising for
The Wanderers Football club


Little Tots
Mindful Mini Adventures
TLSMA
Little Feelings, Big Adventures
Supported by Norfolk County Council
Jump into our Feelings Adventure Club!
where yoga turns into play, stories spark imagination, and calm feels exciting!
Designed for children aged 3–7 and their families, this group blends wiggly movement, mini-massage moments, and heartwarming stories to help little ones understand emotions in a fun, friendly way.
Think: storytelling yoga quests, feel-good stretches, confidence-building games and peaceful snuggle-downs.
A perfect mix of connection, confidence and calm.
Book here:
https://bookwhen.com/littletots
BE KIND TO YOUR MIND
family hubs Start for Life
Mondays 10-11 from 23rd Feb,
Toftwood Scout Hut, Dereham.


Easter Craft
Come along for some free
Easter Holiday Crafts
Fakenham Library
Thursday 9th April 11am
Suitable for ages 4+, but younger siblings welcome
All children must be accompanied with an adult
Drop in. Contact the library on 01328 862715
Materials kindly funded by the Holt Library Friends
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Coding Club
For those new to coding or taking the next steps!
code club
COME TO CODE CLUB!
Each session will include either Scratch, Microbits or other coding tools.
3rd Saturday of the month 2 - 4pm on following dates:
Saturdays 21st March, 18th April, 16th May
Suitable for children aged 7+. Booking essential.
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
For further information and to book please contact Fakenham Library on 01328 862715
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