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

You may have seen the sad news this week about cases of invasive meningococcal disease confirmed in Kent. With this in mind, and with students travelling to and from Norfolk in the run up to Easter, it's important to understand the signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia. You can find out more information on the NHS website.

A huge thank you to all the staff and parents for making this week's residential trip for year 5 & 6 so successful. The children had a fabulous time and the weather was kind to us, if a little chilly. These kinds of trips are so important for children's personal development. It has been a joy to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about the challenges they conquered. Thank you all for making this possible.

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.

Polite reminder:
Toys are not allowed in school unless otherwise arranged between parent and teacher for SEND support or other pastoral reasons. Please help us by checking that your child is toy free before arriving at school.

More photos to follow….

























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

This week we have begun to think about Easter and the things that we like to do at this time of year. It is great to hear about the different traditions that happen in different households even including an Easter vulture rather than bunny. We have learned about the meaning of Easter for Christians and why we celebrate with eggs and hot cross buns.
In maths we have begun to learn about measuring and can confidently use cm and m to measure different objects. How about trying some measuring at home? Why not send a picture of the things you measure.

SPECIAL MENTIONS 

Infants:
Kingsley for fantastic focus this week.
Finn for super science knowledge
Reggie for progress in maths

Juniors:
Clara for her brilliant tactics in an evening activity and the most delicate way we have ever seen a cream cracker be eaten! (but it worked!)
Edward for giving everything a go, being kind and helpful and working super hard!
Jaxson for his extraordinary care, kindness and helpfulness to other students while on residential.
Roman for his care and kindness towards other students who struggled this week.
To **all of year 3 and 4** for their hard work this week.

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

It's been a fun filled week all around in the juniors! Year 3 and 4 have had great fun at school with Mr Heazel and Miss Cator continuing with their lessons and having a lot of fun doing it! From science experiments to researching countries they embraced this week and went for it! They particularly enjoyed researching and creating PowerPoints to show to year 5 and 6.
Year 5 and 6 were EXCEPTIONAL this week. It's was fabulous to see them all taking part and giving things a go even when they weren't sure. They should all be very proud of themselves for al that they have achieved this week! They worked hard, had a lot of giggles on the way (even sleep deprived after the first night!), they encouraged and boosted each other when needed and made some new friendships as well. It was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves and having an amazing time. Well done year 5 and 6. A huge thank you also goes out the staff members who went with the children to allow the trip to happen, without them we couldn't have gone and made such wonderful memories!

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 – 23rd 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

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.

WEDNESDAY

Juniors 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.

2.00pm – 3.00pm Easter Service in St Lawrence Church

FRIDAY

3.00pm – 4.15pm PFA Spring Fayre

FUTURE DATES

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship

Collective worship: - The children are practising for the Easter services next week. They have started to learn more about the Easter story. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

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%.**

February attendance: Infants 85.21%
Juniors 86.87%

Mrs Myhill and the Harpley team

TERM DATES

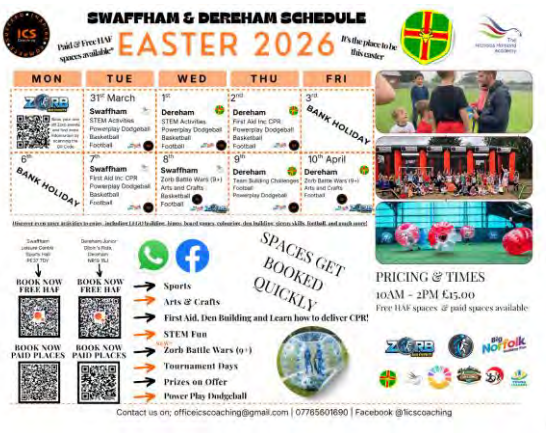
2026 AUTUMN TERM 	2026 SPRING TERM 	2026 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 18th December (Half term – Friday 23rd October – Friday 6th November)	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 27th March (Half term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February)	Tuesday 14th April – Friday 17th July (Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May)


Spring
FAYRE
At Harpley School
FRIDAY
MARCH
27
2026
3PM-
4:15PM
Raffle
Tombola
Bric a brac
Games
Refreshments
Open to the local community
all proceeds will be going to
harpley pfa .
Charity : 1036357
If anyone is interested in having a stall, please email
harpleypfa@gmail.com for info


HARPLEY
PRIMARY
AFTER SCHOOL
CLUB
FOOTBALL CLUB AT HARPLEY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR YEARS 1-6
TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:
EVERY THURSDAY
15:15 - 16:15
From 23/04/26 -
23/03/26
(5 sessions)
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.
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their friends, whilst experiencing different games and activities!
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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


EASTER
HOLIDAY
CAMPS
Sports Activities
Include
Creativity Activities
Include
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MULTI SPORTS
DODGEBALL
NERF COMBAT
FOOTBALL
CRICKET
AND MUCH MORE!
FREE PLAY
LEGO
CRAFTS
DEN BUILDING
BOARD GAMES
CARDS
Regular Time (9am -3pm) - £20
Early Drop Off (8:30am) - £2 extra
Late Collection (4pm) - £3 extra
Children will need a packed lunch, plenty
to drink, suitable clothing/footwear and
bundles of energy for the day!
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Ages 5-12 Years Old


SWAFFHAM & DEREHAM SCHEDULE
EASTER 2026
MON
TUE
WED
THU
FRI
BANK HOLIDAY
BANK HOLIDAY
10th April
BOOK NOW
FREE HAF
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BOOK NOW
PAID PLACES
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Sports
Arts & Crafts
First Aid, Den Building and Learn how to deliver CPR!
STEM Fun
Zorb Battle Wars (9+)
Tournament Days
Prizes on Offer
Power Play Dodgeball
SPACES GET
BOOKED
QUICKLY
PRICING & TIMES
10AM - 2PM £15.00
Free HAF spaces & paid spaces available
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EASTER HOLIDAYS
CALENDAR
Below are the dates, venues and activities we have planned for the upcoming holiday
camps
Please note, we will also be running Creativity activities alongside our sports
activities, which include arts and crafts, board games, Lego and much more!
Monday
30th March
Stibbard All
Saints Primary
Gymnastics
Tuesday
31st March
St. Mary's Primary
Roughton
Dodgeball and
Nerf Combat
AND
Harpley Primary
Football
Wednesday
1st April
Swanton Morley
Primary
Dodgeball and
Nerf Combat
AND
Happisburgh Primary
Gymnastics
Thursday
2nd April
Astley Primary
School
Gymnastics
Tuesday
7th April
Swanton Morley
Primary
Gymnastics
AND
St. Mary's Primary
Roughton
Football
Wednesday
8th April
Happisburgh Primary
Dodgeball and
Nerf Combat
AND
Astley Primary
School
Gymnastics
Thursday
9th April
Astley Primary
School
Dodgeball and
Nerf Combat
Friday
10th April
Harpley Primary
Dodgeball and
Nerf Combat

Please find attached the Alive Holiday Activity brochure for the Easter holidays. I would be most grateful if you could distribute this to your children and parents.

I have included below a link to our online brochure in case the attachment is too large to send out.

Holiday Activities - Alive West Norfolk

Please note that children receiving benefits-related pupil premium free school meals should book their FREE places on the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Club using the QR code below or on page 3 of the brochure.