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 to all our families. I hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed some sunshine. The children have had a tremendous return to school this week. This is a very busy term so please do keep your eye on dates for the diary.
We welcome Miss Makins, our new assistant headteacher and cover teacher, to our federation. She brings a wealth of experience and skills to our team and I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to our federation family.

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

This week we have begun lots of new learning and have started to explore our new topic "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!"
We have thought about our best seaside experiences and the places we have been. We may even be planning a little trip soon. Watch this space.
We had great fun yesterday as we began our new computing unit of work all about digital photography. We used the I-pads and played a game of photography bingo. The winner (Oliver) was able to take six good quality photos of different items/styles in record time. We all enjoyed posing for a selfie or 3!

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:
Kayden for some great focus and attention this week.
Roman for a great start back after the holiday.
Tia beautiful alphabet song singing.
Elliott for great phonics.

Juniors:
Hallie for her great effort and attitude in maths this week.
Thomas for his great effort and attitude in maths this week.
Martha for her enthusiasm for maths this week.
Ruby S for her effort and enthusiasm in maths this week

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

It's been a great first week back in the juniors. In English, we have been thinking about sound and went for a lovely walk around Harpley to be sound collectors. We heard lots of interesting things and are now working on putting these into a soundscape poem. While on the walk, we also used the Merlin app to record birds that we heard, and in total, we heard 12 different species. In science, year 5 and 6 looked at how we can be healthy heroes and the right ways to look after and fuel our bodies. Years 3 and 4 have started looking at recording audio in computing. In History, we have started to look at our new topic, The History of King's Lynn. We looked at how King's Lynn started and the fact that it had a different name originally. We thought about why people picked the area they did to settle and what life might have been like at the time as well.

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 – 20th April 2026 (Week 2 on the NEW NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each

MONDAY

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.
3.30 Active Education football club – see below for details of how to enrol

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES

27th April Y6 Crucial Crew at King's Lynn Fire Station – please can Y6's wear trousers
7th May Federation Infant visit to Wells beach – letter emailed 17.4.2026 & added to SchoolMoney – please remember to tick the consent box.
W/C 11th May SAT's week
3rd June Federation Junior visit to King's Lynn
17th July 9.00-10.00 Leavers Service in St Lawrence Church

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship

Collective worship: - Collective worship this half term is focused on the theme of hope. The great Massingham value leaders have also cleaned the church at St Mary's this week. Well done to all of them for their community contribution. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

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

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)



Interested in becoming a childminder?

Norfolk County Council, Early Years Learning and Childcare, is encouraging local residents to consider becoming a childminder and supporting children and families in our community.

If you are thinking about registering with Ofsted as a childminder in Norfolk, there are two types of registration to choose from:

Childminder

A childminder is someone who is paid to care for at least one child for more than two hours per day. Childminders usually work from their own home but may also work some of the time from approved non-domestic premises.

Childminder Without Domestic Premises (CWDP)

A CWDP is paid to care for at least one child for more than two hours per day but cannot work from their home at any time. Care takes place in approved non-domestic settings such as church halls or community centres.

Becoming a childminder is a rewarding career, but there are several things to consider and steps to take before and during the registration process. To support you, Norfolk County Council offers a free, comprehensive pre-registration support package, which includes:

Access to a 40-minute pre-recorded video "Thinking of Becoming a Childminder?", covering:

Ofsted registers

Adult-to-child ratios

Training requirements

DBS and other checks

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements

And much more

A step-by-step guide to registration, including supporting documents and helpful links

A phone call or online meeting with an Advisor, where you can ask questions (please note you must watch the video and review the supporting information before this meeting)

If you would like to request access to the recording, the guide, and book your follow-up call, please email: earlyyearschildcare@norfolk.gov.uk

Please share our latest Family Voice Norfolk Newsletter

Hello,

Welcome to our latest newsletter please click here for a compressed PDF version.

Hopefully it will make it easier to share on your website and with your families and staff.

We hope you all have a restful Easter break!

Many thanks

Kate Draycott

Family Voice Norfolk Membership Administrator





SEND SPOTLIGHT:
Please click the link to read the March 2026 edition of the SENDIASS newsletter:
https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/news/newsletters/sendiass-spotlight-mar26



E-Scooter Safety: What Schools and Families Need to Know

Many young people and families are curious about where E-Scooters can be used, what's legal and what's safe.

To support safe, informed choices, E-Scooter information on Just One Norfolk has been updated by Norfolk County Councils Road Safety team and offers clear, consistent, and legal guidance for young people and families. This is the link Road Safety - Older Children

Key points to share with pupils and parents:

- Privately owned escooters are currently illegal to use on roads, pavements and in public spaces. They may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.
- Rental e-scooters can only be used as part of approved trials (such as Beryl in Norwich).
- Riders must be 16 or over and hold at least a provisional driving licence.
- Rental e-scooters must not be used on pavements, helping to protect pedestrians.
- Wearing a helmet is strongly advised to offer protection.

E-Scooter Safety Video:

This escooter safety video for young people and families and explains:

- Where e-scooters can and cannot be used
- The difference between private and rental e-scooters
- How to reduce risk and avoid injuries, and fines or penalty points.
- Everyday riding behaviours that help keep people safe, such as riding at appropriate speeds, staying alert, avoiding distractions and being clearly visible to others

Watch and share the E-Scooter video here:

- ScootSmarter UK

This resource is ideal to:

- Share in newsletters and parent/carer communications.
- Use in assemblies or PSHE lessons.
- Support conversations about independence, risk, and road safety.

Thank you for helping to keep children and young people safe as they travel around Norfolk.


Disney
FROZEN
THE WEST END MUSICAL
Tues 12th - Sat 16th May 2026
7:30pm @ Fakenham Community Centre
Saturday Matinee 2:30
Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Book by
Jennifer Lee
Originally directed on Broadway by Michael Grandage
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Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Group
The GROVE
NODA
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