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

This week the EYFS/KS1 class have enjoyed a trip to Wells beach. Everyone had a great time, thanks to all the staff who made this a memorable experience.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the bank holiday weekend and have some time together to rest and relax. The summer term is always extremely busy with events so please do keep your eye on the dates coming up.

Thank you for your patience with school lunches. Our meals are cooked at Holly Meadows and they are experiencing significant maintenance issues. We will keep you posted and hopefully normal service will be resumed soon.

Please can we remind you that children must not wear nail varnish or makeup to school. Also no jewellery/sunglasses, other than sleepers or studs (to be taped to PE if they can't be removed)

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

Wow what a wonderful day we had at the beach yesterday. If you ever get the chance to go to "The lookout watchkeeper station" opposite the lifeboat station please do. They welcomed the children in small groups to have a look around their watch house and learn about some of the things they do there.

We had so much fun on the beach playing ball games and sketching beach huts. Our lunch by the café was lovely; we were so glad it stayed dry! And our time in the woods scavenger hunting, log walking and swinging was incredible fun.

The children all agreed that all school days should be like that! There was so much learning going on. My personal favourite was Teddy and Kayden making a branch sculpture and musical instruments from forest floor debris. All unprompted and very much enjoyed. Well done everyone!









SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Special mentions go to **all of class I** for brilliant behaviour and great focus on our trip on Thursday.

Juniors:

Jude, Jacob, Oliver, George, and **Ruby R** for their hard work and teamwork in the den building area this week.

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

This week we have finished reading our book in English called 'Our Tower.' The children have enjoyed this book, and the fact that it is actually a poem. The poem talks about how the things around us might seem dull and not full of life, but that if we look at it differently, we can find lots to be positive about and to look at and see. The poem uses lots of interesting vocabulary, and the children have had a lot of fun exploring this as well. They are building up to writing their own fantasy narrative based on the book. Year 3 and 4 have been looking at plants in science and thinking about the different parts of the plant and what function these have for the plant. Years 3, 4, and 5 have been looking at time in maths over the last few weeks. There has been lots of hard work over this, but they have done really well and tried their best when we have been exploring this. This week, some of the children have been working hard in the den building area.

We are having a re-vamp in here. They have been helping to clear out all the old sticks and logs. We have also been taking down some of the lower branches to act as new branches and sticks for building dens. The area has even been swept by some of the children. It is still a work in progress, but it is looking amazing!





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 – 11th May 2026 (Week 2 on the NEW NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each

There are no hot options again this week, only packed lunches.

MONDAY

SAT's week

8.30-9.00 Y6 breakfast

TUESDAY

8.30-9.00 Y6 breakfast

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.

8.30-9.00 Y6 breakfast

THURSDAY

Juniors 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.

8.30-9.00 Y6 breakfast

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES

19th May Y6's from both schools together at Harpley for transition day – NB date change
2nd Federation day focused on sport – EYFS/KS1 at Harpley, KS2 at Great Massingham
3rd June Federation Junior visit to King's Lynn
12th PM Parent Marketplace with School & Community Team
16th Y6's from both schools together at Harpley for transition day
18th 1pm Prayer Space picnic lunch with parents
25th 1.00pm Sports Day
2nd July 1.00pm Reserve Sports Day
9th 2.00pm Wizard Of Oz KS2 performance
17th July 9.00-10.00 Leavers Service in St Lawrence Church
11th September Level 1 cycle training (playground)
23rd -26th November Level 2 cycle training

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship

Collective worship: - The children have heard bible stories that demonstrate hope, hope in thought, deed and spirit. Each week they focus on one of our core values and this week it was koinonia. Koinonia means fellowship, partnership and sharing. It means following the word of God and being part of Christian community.

Key questions were: Do we follow the messages Jesus brought us? How do we do this? Where can we see this in action in school?

Bible quote: You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word. Psalm 119:114

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%.**

April attendance: Infants 96.63%
Juniors 94.06%

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 30th October)	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)






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Making Sense of
SEND
In person free, friendly information and support about SEND for families and professionals.
Thursday 21st May 2026
Dereham Memorial Hall, NR19 1AD
10am-12pm and 12.30pm-3pm
Are you looking for support for your child /young person with SEND and your family?
Find out more and book your place:
Listen to expert-led talks on SEND topics.
A chance to give feedback and be heard by the EHCP team or SEND advisor. Bookable on the day.
Speak directly with more than 20 services and get personalised, face-to-face advice all in one place.
Children's participation activities giving children and young people the chance to share experiences.
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