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

Attendance:

Just a reminder that Norfolk County Council has increased the focus on attendance. There is also a greater focus as part of the government's regional improvement for standards and excellence initiative (RISE), under universal service and national priorities. Every school receives a targeted attendance support meeting from the local authority and actions for schools are issued. As a result, attendance letters will be routinely sent to families where a child/children's attendance has fallen below the local authority's target (96%), detailing missed learning data. Children who arrive late after the register has closed count towards absence figures as well as unauthorised absence.

Staff recognition scheme:

We all like to feel we are noticed and valued for the things we do in life and the contributions we make. With this in mind on our school website we have a link to a staff recognition scheme. If you feel you've had good service from a staff member and want to celebrate it please complete the online form. I've attached it here as well - see below. The form is linked to our school visions and values. Staff receive a letter from our chair of governors and a special mention.
https://forms.gle/nzGEmrVk229TLD1JA

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

This week we have been continuing with our topic of "Eco-Warriors and have been busy in our "recycling centre" identifying and sorting rubbish in order to recycle it correctly. We have learned a great song all about recycling and how important it is.

In writing we have been practicing writing grammatically correct sentences focusing on identifying t the "subject" "verb" and "noun." Our sentence construction has really improved. Yr R have been writing short captions using their knowledge of phonics to help them and have been making great progress.

We got rained off on Wednesday and so instead of ten step the Yr 6's came and lead a P.E. session for us. Thank you Yr 6 it was great fun.





SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Mia for excellent focus and attention

Finn for wonderful handwriting - joined up and everything!

Juniors:

Rose for excellent reading this week.

Oriel for super effort and confidence in maths this week.

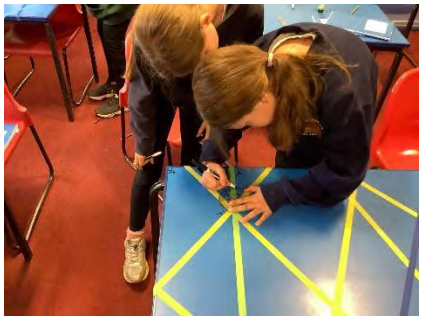
News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

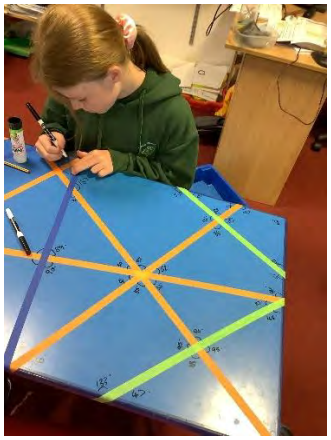
This week, the juniors have been thinking about Costa Rica, linked to their learning in English and their book Turtle Moon. They thought about what it would be like when you stepped off the plane and what they would see when flying over. The children used vocabulary from the book, such as 'a tapestry of trees', to add to the postcards that they wrote to explain what the character Silver would have seen and how it would have felt to be there. In maths, Year 5 and 6 have been thinking about how to measure angles and have been practicing this on the tables, with masking tape being used to create lines and angles. The children worked well to find lots of different angles and label all of these.

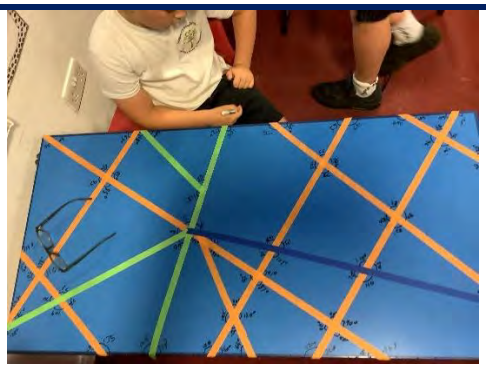












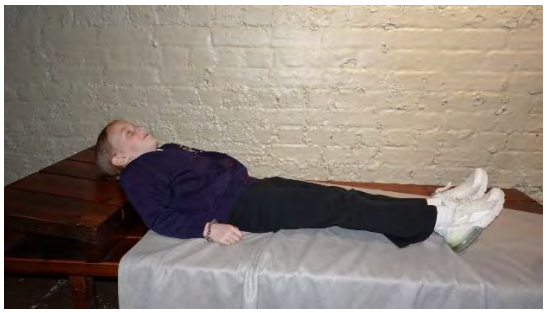


More pictures from last week's visit

















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 – 15th June 2026 (Week 3 on the NEW NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each

MONDAY

Y6's from both schools together at Harpley for transition day

TUESDAY

2.00 – 3.00 New YR taster session

WEDNESDAY

PFA Dress down day (see flyer below for details), please remember they will still be doing PE today.
P C Lynch visiting school

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.
9.00-1.00 Prayer Spaces – 1.00 picnic lunch with parents
Y5 & Y6 RSE parent information meeting for parents at Harpley
3.30 Active Education Kwik Cricket – please see below to register.

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES

25th 1.00pm Sports Day
2nd July 1.00pm Reserve Sports Day
9th 2.00pm Wizard of Oz KS2 performance
15th Lunchtime – Leavers treat
15th 3.30 Y6 Videographies
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: This week children have been hearing stories about thankfulness involving miracles, those giving what they can and those helped in their hour of need. Their weekly mission has been to show your gratitude in school this week for everything that the staff, your friends and your families do to support your learning. 'Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!' 2 Corinthians 9:15

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%.**

May attendance: Infants 95%
Juniors 92.73%

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)

PFA News

22nd June - PFA AGM, 3:20pm
29th June - PFA Meeting, 3:20pm
17th July - Summer Bash, 3:20-5pm







Harpley Open Gardens

Sunday 14th June 2026
10am – 4.30pm

- Open gardens, plant stands, croquet lawn
- Village History Trail (organised by Harpley History Group)
- Raffle and refreshments all day in church
- Children's competition
- Treasure hunt
- Summer Concert performed by Harpley Community Choir 5.30pm in St Lawrence Church, all welcome



BrightBites Advice for Parents

Dentaid The Dental Charity

Denplan

You can help your child build healthy habits early by:

- Brushing their teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, for 2 minutes each time.
- Supervising brushing to make sure every tooth is cleaned
- Choosing a healthy diet rich in fruit and vegetables
- Limiting sugary snacks and drinks, which can cause tooth decay
- Encouraging them to drink water and milk rather than sweet drinks like squash, juice and milkshakes
- Visiting the dentist every 6 months for check-ups to monitor their oral health

For children aged 0–2 years:

Start brushing your child's teeth as soon as first tooth appears. Use a smear of toothpaste that has a fluoride content of 1000 ppm twice per day.

For children aged 3–5 years:

Supervise your child's brushing. Use a pea-size amount of 1000ppm fluoride toothpaste and brush twice daily. Make sure to brush all of the teeth, brushing in small circular motions making sure to include the gums. Encourage your child to spit out the toothpaste rather than rinsing as this helps retain fluoride on their teeth for added protection.

What is BrightBites / who is Dentaid The Dental Charity

Dentaid The Dental Charity's BrightBites programme is an oral health education scheme supported by Denplan. The sessions are for children and is delivered both in the UK and overseas. They visit schools, holiday clubs and childcare organisations to deliver an interactive presentation, which supports the national curriculum and covers toothbrushing, teeth names and functions, sugar awareness and the importance of regular dental appointments. Every child receives a toothbrush and toothpaste to take home too.

Toothbrushing and positive health habits shouldn't been seen as a chore, here are some fun suggestions which may help to motivate children to look after teeth:

- Review sugar content in foods/drinks. You could make a game of seeing how many teaspoons/cubes are in each item. This reminds children that unhealthy foods should be a treat, and consumed in moderation.
- Use a sand timer or timer on your phone to motivate and encourage children to brush for the correct length of time.
- Utilise a toothbrushing chart to aid children with keeping on track of their brushing routine.
- Brush your teeth together, you could ask your children to 'help you'!
- Sing songs or read books about why and how we look after our teeth.
- Encourage your children to practice toothbrushing on one of their toys.
- Gently remind them what might happen if they don't take care of their teeth; show images of teeth with cavities, talk about bad breath and remind them that teeth may need to be removed in hospital if they aren't looked after.

Why good oral health matters

Promoting the importance of good oral health is a key part of the national curriculum. This is designed to support children's learning and development, including their physical health and wellbeing. It is widely understood that oral health is an important part of general health even with baby teeth. **This is because children's teeth:**

- Help them to bite and chew
- Support speech and language development
- Help them feel confident when they smile
- Make space for and help to guide adult teeth

Good oral health also keeps children free from toothache, infection and swollen gums, which could result in tooth extractions being needed.

READ to the BEAT

What's On at Fakenham Library

Saturday 18th July 10.30am - Sign Up Saturday!

The holidays are here, so come along and sign up to the FREE summer reading challenge! There will be activities too! No need to book just come along! Free event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday 21st July 1pm and 3pm - Fiddlesticks

Join award-winning, genre-defying string quartet Bowjangles for Fiddlesticks, a brand-new interactive show for mini musos. Packed with live music, quirky comedy, playful musical games and a giant pop-up book bursting with characters and props. Suitable for the whole family, Fiddlesticks is especially recommended for children aged 5–9. Running time: 30–40 minutes. Please note: A ticket is required for every person attending. Contact 01328 862715 for booking details.

Thursday 23rd July and 27th August 10.30am - Microbits make music

Come along and code a Microbit to make music. Ages 7+. **Booking essential.** Free event. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. To book call 01328 862715

Thursday 30th July and Thursday 13th August 10.30am - Get Crafty!

Drop in for some Read to the Beat themed crafts at the library! No need to book. Ideal for ages 4+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event.

Thursday 20th August 10.30am - Sponge Art Session

For Fakenham Arts Festival come along and get creative with sponge art, with local tutor Di Griffiths. Ideal for ages 4+. No need to book, just drop in. Free event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **This session will involve paint.**

Wednesday 26th August 10.30am and 2pm - Billy Goats Gruff

We're pleased to be welcoming back Garlic Theatre with a puppet story of three hungry goats and a grumpy old troll! Ideal for 3 to 6 year olds. **Booking essential.** Tickets pay what you can, a ticket is required by every person attending. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Running time approx 40 minutes. For booking details contact 01328 862715.

Saturday 12th September 10.30am - Read to the Beat Presentation Ceremony

When you have completed the reading challenge, book in to collect your certificate and medal from our special guest! **Booking essential.** Free event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book call 01328 862715

