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 children have enjoyed a prayer space morning at both schools. Reverend Josh led some wonderful activities to encourage prayer, mindfulness and reflection. Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to join us on those days to share lunch with their child/children. The children had a lovely calm morning and enjoyed lunch on the field with their families. It was nice to have time to think and share some reflective time with family and friends.

Year 6 transition continues and this week all the year sixes spent a day together at Harpley. Our new reception children for September have started to visit us and enjoyed an afternoon of activities.

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

This week we have been taking lots of time to think about our learning behaviours and how we do our best learning. We know that learning through play is essential to develop our skills and explore new things in a fun engaging way.

In maths we have finished our units on fractions and have shown through our assessments how much we have learned. We are now moving on to a unit all about time and the reception children have already begun by learning how to order the events in a day and talk about what comes "before" and "after."

We loved our prayer space session on Thursday and got really involved in all the fun activities.

Well done to everyone who joined in with our ten step session yesterday. We have some very talented sports people (both adults and children). We are already looking forward to sports day next week. We have had a chat today and recognised that while sport is not everyone's cup of tea, we will all give it our best, participating at our own level.





Lucien won the Harpley Garden tray competition!

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Sid, Oliver and **Kingsley** for great participation in Ten Step

Juniors:

Ruby R for her excellent work during Ten-Step on Thursday and taking on the role of group leader.
Jude for his excellent work during Ten-Step on Thursday and taking on the role of group leader.
Felicity for good team work and joining in with Ten-Step even while feeling poorly
Enid, Oliver and **Sid** for excellent teamwork in Ten-Step

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

This week, the juniors have really taken to practicing the summer production. They are doing really well. Year 5 and 6 have been looking at the angles in triangles this week and how to calculate them. Year 3 and 4 have been doing lots about money and looking at the different notes and coins and writing money as decimals. Well done to all the children who participated in Ten-Step on Thursday with the parents. It was so lovely to see so many children involved and taking part. Thank you also to the parents supporting and encouraging children to give it their all. Also to the parents who took part at short notice as well. We had a lovely time during Prayer Spaces, having a relaxing time with Reverend Josh.

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 – 22nd June 2026 (Week 1 on the NEW NORSE menu – *please pay for school lunches on a Monday)* Meals are £2.70 each

MONDAY

TUESDAY
2.00 – 3.00 New YR taster session

WEDNESDAY
All pupils to come to school in their PE kit they will remain in them all day.

THURSDAY
All pupils to come to school in their PE kit they will remain in them all day.
1.00pm Sports Day

FRIDAY

FUTURE DATES

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 the children have been learning about being thankful for the world.
Bible quote: I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

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%.**

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

Just a gentle reminder that our AGM is scheduled for Monday 20th June at the end of the school day. Elections for positions need to be sent to PFA email asap please!

In others news, it was really lovely to see all the children coming into school in all the colours/themes of countries for our 'football around the world' dress down day! Thank you to everyone for your efforts and for the brilliant donations that we have received, these will be really good for our tombola/raffles at future events!
In order for us to decide on a winning year group, we decided to ask the visiting policeman that attended school on Wednesday, his winners were…. Reception - Well done!! And thank you again for all of your continued support.



Good morning,

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing because I have not yet heard from any children or young people at your school as part of my national survey, The Big Future.

I am asking for your support in ensuring children and young people from your school take part here: http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.

It is crucial that I hear from children in every school and college, in every community, across the country. Without hearing from your students, their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missing from the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. Through this survey, I can take the voices of your students directly to the centre of government.

I am asking you to share the survey directly with pupils through your school or college email systems, as well as with parents and carers across your wider school community.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

The survey is open now. Full URL: childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

VAT cut on children's days out 🎡
Reducing VAT from 20% to 5%
We're cutting VAT to reduce the cost of children's restaurant meals, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas and all tickets for attractions like soft play, amusement parks, and museums. That means lower prices at the till, automatically.*

Free bus travel for children 🚌
Free travel on local bus services in August
Children aged 5-15 travelling on local bus services in England can travel free in August. Whether it's going on a day out, visiting family or just getting around, the bus is on us.

Wider cost of living support

These summer measures are part of a broader package the government has put in place to help households with the pressures of rising costs, made worse by the conflict in the Middle East affecting global supply chains and energy markets.

Energy bills
£150 off bills through the Warm Home Discount. Insulation grants. Tariff switching support.
See energy support →

Fuel costs
Fuel duty frozen. Fuel Finder to compare prices. £3 bus fare cap extended to April 2027.
Find cheaper fuel →

Families and children
Free breakfast clubs. Free school meals. Holiday Activities and Food programme.
Children's support →

Wages and work
National Living Wage up 4%. 2.7 million workers receive at least £900 more a year.
Check your pay rate →

Free and low-cost things to do this summer 🌞

Alongside the new savings measures, there's a range of free activities available to families across England, from museums and parks to holiday food programmes and reading clubs.

- **Free museums and galleries** – some venues across England offer free entry all year, with special summer programmes for children. Find museums near you
- **Summer Reading Challenge** – free at your local library for children aged 4–11. Find your nearest library
- **Holiday Activities and Food programme** – free holiday activities with meals for children on free school meals. Find a place near you
- **Parks, nature and the outdoors** – national parks, beaches and local green spaces with free ranger-led events. Browse outdoor activities

SUMMER DAYS OUT

for Free or Low Cost

Priory Golf and Activity Centre, Wimblington PE15 0RW – Often put up bouncy castles for a £5 fee per child for all day use.

Johnson's Zoo , 3 Church St, Huntingdon PE28 3AF - £6.50 per adult and £5.50 per child.

Wisbech Park – has a splash pad and is free to use.

King's Lynn and Wisbech museums are low cost to enter.

The Spinney, Wisbech – a large adventure play park.

Roar Dinosaur Park, have lower cost tickets for the summer holidays.

Sandringham Estate, PE35 6AV - free to enter and use the play area, there are car park charges and a mini golf course.

Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane , Peterborough, PE2 5UU – free to enter but charges for car parking and water sport activities.

Peterborough Lido, low cost outdoor swimming.

Hudson Leisure Centre, Wisbech has a soft play area for much lower cost than most soft play areas.

RAF Marham, Aviation Heritage Centre – free to enter.
open days over the summer where it is free to enter.

Wisbech Skaters – from £3.50 a ticket.

Fossils Galore, 60, High Street,March, PW15 9LD – activities such as fossil hunting, shark teeth sifting and Geode breaking from £3 per activity.

Castle Rising, King's Lynn - £4.50 for adults and £3 for children, there are often days where they put on reenactment battles.

Ely Spy Mission Trail, self guided mission to save the town of Ely, downloaded from treasuretrails.co.uk, £9.99 per trail (only one needed per family).

Bircham Windmill, Bircham Windmill, Great Bircham, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6SJ - £22 for a family ticket – there are animals and activities such as baking bread or butter.

High Lodge, Thetford – free to visit but parking is paid for. There is a 'Room on the Broom' trail this summer.

Enjoy a fantastic summer without spending a fortune!


HARPLEY PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
CRICKET CLUB AT HARPLEY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR YEARS 1-6
TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:
EVERY THURSDAY
15:15 - 16:15
From 11/06/26 - 16/07/26
(6 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.
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.


EXCITING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
FOOTBALL
MULTI-SPORTS
BASKETBALL
DODGEBALL
HANDBALL
CIRCUS SKILLS
ARTS & CRAFTS
COOKING ACTIVITIES
DEN BUILDING
FIRE LIGHTING SKILLS
FIRST AID ACTIVITIES
GIANT MECCANO CONSTRUCTION SET
TEAM CHALLENGES
STEM CHALLENGES
ZORB FOOTBALL & GAMES
INFLATABLE NERF BATTLE ARENA
PLEASE NOTE: THESE ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE ON SELECTED DAYS AND AT SELECTED VENUES. FULL DETAILS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ACTIVITY SCHEDULES THAT WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE BOOKINGS OPEN.
BOOKINGS OPEN SUNDAY 21ST JUNE AT 2:00PM
BEFORE BOOKINGS OPEN, WE'LL BE SHARING THE FULL SCHEDULES SO YOU CAN SEE EXACTLY WHAT'S PLANNED EACH DAY AND CHOOSE THE SESSIONS THAT ARE
DATES CONFIRMED AT:
GAYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR THE FIRST 5 WEEKS OF THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!
DEREHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL
• 20th–22nd July
• 3rd–7th August
SWAFFHAM
• 23rd–24th July
• 27th–31st July
• 11th–13th August
FEATURING ZORB 360 EVENTS
INFLATABLE NERF BATTLE ZONE & ZORB ACTIVITIES ON SELECTED DATES!
Our sessions are suitable for children aged 5–11 years.