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

Thank you to everyone for supporting your children during this very hot week. My thanks also go to the staff across our federation who have been working hard to keep classes cool and keep children learning safely.

Norfolk County Council has alerted schools to a new, free, health initiative. Please see the flyer below, The Gro health programme is a free programme where you can learn all about healthy eating, getting active, good sleep habits and mental health support. Gro Health is available as a digital and face-to-face support programme so you can get support in the way that works best for you.

Toby Rideout - Our guitar teacher Toby Rideout may be able to offer some drumming lessons. If you are interested, please contact Toby on toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk . If there is enough interest early, he may be able to accommodate them from this coming September.

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

This week we have all managed to stay cool, calm and collected in the heat and have managed some great learning. We have begun to learn about telling the time and can now order events in the day, tell the time to the hour and half hour and the year 2's have even begun to master quarter past and quarter to!

We have made some lovely mini books in our writing and have mastered writing a sentence with a subject, verb and noun and have been adding adjectives and conjunctions. Yr. R have mastered writing captions using their knowledge of 2 and 3 sounds.

We had a fantastic session this week with Chris the beekeeper. Chris brought in a demonstration hive of bees and we were able to see the busy guys in action. We learned so much from close observation and were able to remember lots of "bee facts."







SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Aubrey and **Reggie** for some lovely writing

Maisie and **Finn** for asking excellent questions to Chris the beekeeper

Juniors:

Year 6 for their hard work on videographies this week.

Jacob for his excellent help in preparing the classroom for our lessons this week.

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

It's been a hot week in the junior classroom, and the children have coped very well with this. It's been hard to stay motivated for them, but they have managed to keep going and have kept working hard. The children have been completing end-of-year assessments this week. Alongside this, they have been working hard on writing up their turtle life cycles. They have been researching turtles and then writing up information posters about them. We are looking forward to doing sports day next week. We spent some time this week looking at maps and exploring what you can see on them. We looked closely at the symbols on a map and how different places are represented on maps, and started to look at the grid references on the maps and what these mean.

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 – 29th June 2026 (Week 2 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

9th 2.00pm Wizard of Oz KS2 performance
10th Y6 photo will be published in the EDP today
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 thinking about what abilities they have that they are thankful for. **Bible quote:** *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, …And be thankful. Colossians 3:15*

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

17th July - Summer Bash, 3:20-5pm







Explore Fakenham, discover art and join the picture hunt – Fakenham Arts Festival 1st to 31st August

Follow the FAF26 Community Arts Trail around Fakenham and discover 11 pictures displayed in venues across the town.

Each stop will include a QR code with spoken information and two simple questions about the picture, making the trail fun and
accessible for children, families and visitors of all ages.

Children can collect a free trail pack, including pencils, a colouring picture, leaflet and map, from Fakenham Library, Stephenson Smart or Central Cinema.

Look carefully as you follow the route — two of the pictures are by local artists. Spot them both, discover the link between all the paintings and you can enter the prize draw.

A fun, free way to explore Fakenham, support local venues and enjoy creativity across the town.