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 we received a personal visit from the Bishop of King's Lynn to both schools. Bishop Jane gave the children a short talk on what a bishop does and showed the children her robes and mitre. The children then had the opportunity to ask questions afterwards. It is fair to say Bishop Jane received a good variety of questions from the theologically rooted to the King's Lynn related. She was able to answer them all! Thanks to Bishop Jane and Reverend Josh for making this a thoroughly enjoyable visit.







As another academic year draws to a close I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our families for your continued support. Your efforts ensure the children thrive and make our schools what they are.

As part of our ongoing work on improving our procedures and our service to families, I have added a number of dates to next year's calendar with opportunities for our families to come into school/church and join us to share our work. Please look out for our 'Time for tea' in church, shared learning and wellbeing events, SEND cafes and our federation days which will now involve an opportunity for parents to either join a session, or come and see the fruits of our labours at a linked event.

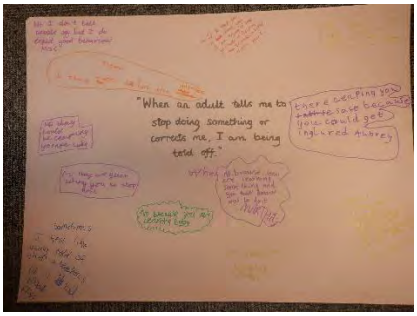
I am excited for the coming September and all the opportunities it brings to continue growing our federation's strengths and developing our journey of enrichment. Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

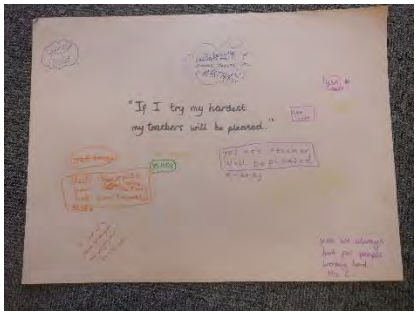
The children have enjoyed a fabulous trip to Holkham this week. Thanks to all the staff for ensuring this was a successful and fun day.

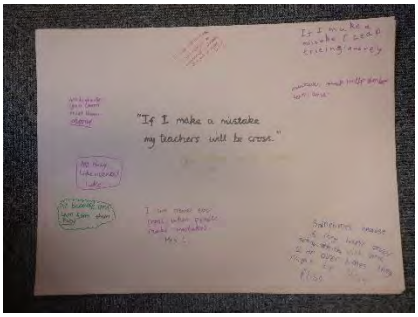
News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

This week we have had a lovely end to the year and have been celebrating all of our achievements so far. All of the children without exception have come such a long way from where they started at the beginning of the year and have made great personal and academic progress. The children were great on their transition days with Mrs Oake and Mrs Lambert and I heard lovely things about their efforts and behaviour so well done to team infants.
Have a super holiday everyone.
Mrs Cushley x

Wow , wow and again wow. The "Saplings" (Septembers year 3/4) had an absolutely fantastic time on our transition days this week. We discussed some very philosophical questions (see below) and had a really good discussion about our attitudes to school. We also did some brilliant drama where the children acted out some possible school based situations and had to show how to deal with them with a positive and negative consequence. All of that and we also had time to create some self portraits with pastels that are now on the wall ready for September.
An epic two days. Thanks Saplings x







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

It has been a fun and eventful last week in the junior class. We have been busy with transition and seeing what our new classes will be like next year, and spending time with our new adults. We had lots of fun on the Year 6 leavers' treat. The children enjoyed their meal at the Rose and Crown, and then a water fight between them all. They loved the rounders match between them and the parents, and it was lovely to see everyone joining in and having fun. We had a lovely time at Holkham Hall on Thursday, and all the activities that they had planned for us. We would like to say a big well done to all the children for their hard work this year. We wish the Year 6s the best of luck for all that is to come. To everyone else, we hope you have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you all after the break.















NORSE menu remains the same and runs until October half term. We start back on week 2 on 3rd September.

Please remember the school gate is opened at 8.30am and all children need to be in school by 8.40am. If you arrive late children will need to come into school via the office. Thank you.

FUTURE DATES
11th September Level 1 cycle training (playground)
4th November flu vaccinations
23rd -26th November Level 2 cycle training

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - Friendship
Collective worship: This week the children have been learning about having the courage to stand up for what you believe in. We are responsible for our own beliefs, thinking and actions. We are responsible for standing up for what is right and being honest about ourselves and others. Their weekly mission was to consider the question- **How might some fears be good for us?** **Bible quote:** Be watchful, stand firm in the faith... be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

Our 5 Core Values:



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%.**

June attendance: Infants 93.89%
Juniors 94.01%

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)







Maud has raised over £1000 for the DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal! Amazing!

1181-143-12 Alive Summer Activities 20

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

ALIVE

OPEN WATER SWIM SAFE SESSIONS



FREE! 7-14yrs

Must be able to swim a minimum of 25m unaided

22 drownings in Norfolk over last 5 years!

- A fun & structured 60 minute swimming session
- Water safety advice with qualified lifeguards
- Up to 30 minutes in-water tuition
- Outdoor swimming kit provided

22 July 11am & 12.30pm
23 July 12pm & 2.30pm
1 hour sessions

Book now

The sessions are designed to educate children with the risks of open waters and how to explore them safely.

ALIVE
Part of
King's Lynn & West Norfolk

SWIM SAFE

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!


THE PARACHUTE PROJECT
SAFE LANDING
Community Hub
LIFT OFF FOR OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
In partnership with Building Norfolk
Registered Charity
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A Viking Summer
at Lynn Museum
Viking Crafts Family Event
Thursday 30 July
Viking Jewellery Workshop for Children
Thursday 6 August
Viking Archaeology Experience Day for Families
Thursday 13 August
Viking Warrior School Workshop for Children
Thursday 20 August
Scan the QR code for details and booking.
Norfolk Museums Service
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
Heritage Fund


NO PLANS? SORTED.
Dance
Circus skills
Sports
Outdoor adventure
Camping
Paddle boarding
Sailing
Cooking
Booking now open! Sign up here
Big Norfolk Holiday Fun
Norfolk County Council
active norfolk
BEST START IN LIFE
UK Government


Big Norfolk Holiday Fun
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Norfolk County Council
Free holiday activities near you for eligible children -
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Outdoor adventure
Dance & Theatre
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And lots more!
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