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Important Information for September 2026

Dear Families,

Please find below a letter with some important updates for you all for September.

Contents:

- Term Dates for September 2026.
- School Uniform in September 2026.
- September 2026 classes (including staffing changes and transition information).

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

Term Dates next year

Inclusive of INSET Days, next year's term dates are as follows:

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	3.9.26 (INSET Day: 1.9.26 and 2.9.26)	23.10.26
2	2.11.26	18.12.26
3	5.1.27 (INSET Day: 4.1.27)	12.2.27
4	22.2.27	25.3.27
5	12.4.27	28.5.27
6	9.6.27 (INSET Day: 7.6.27 and 8.6.27)	21.7.27

IMPORTANT:

- As a school, we are not allowed to authorise ANY family holidays. We see the impact that missing too much school has on our children socially and emotionally and educationally.
- We have tried to place our INSET days at times when it may be beneficial for families by attaching them all to the end of school holiday periods.
- Please do look carefully at the term dates when booking family holidays for next year so as to enable your child to experience their full school entitlement.

School Uniform in September

Our children need to wear the correct school uniform to school every day. We have a fairly relaxed uniform, but, we do expect it to be adhered to.

Next year, children will continue to wear their PE kit on PE and Forest School days.

Children SHOULD NOT wear a hoodie for PE; they should wear their usual school jumper / cardigan.

Please remember that **children in Years R, 1 and 2 have the choice to wear Active Uniform**. If they choose active uniform, they will only need a house-coloured PE T-Shirt as an addition on PE Days.

Optional Active Uniform for Years R, 1 and 2:

**** Please note: Children are able to wear our traditional school uniform if they wish to.**

- Plain black leggings or jogging bottoms (unbranded) / plain black sports shorts for the summer.
- Plain / Harrietsham emblem (optional) white polo shirt.
- Maroon sweatshirt / cardigan **with Harrietsham emblem**.
- Plain black trainers / plimsols / suitable shoes.
- White, black or grey socks.
- Book Bag (Harrietsham emblem optional – no ruck-sacks please).

PE Kit:

- House coloured PE T-Shirt for PE days.



Traditional Uniform for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:

- Grey school trousers, long tailored shorts, skirt or pinafore (no cycling shorts please).
- Plain / Harrietsham emblem (optional) white polo shirt.
- Maroon sweatshirt / cardigan **with Harrietsham emblem**.
- Red and white checked summer dress (optional - Terms 1, 5 and 6)
- Plain black school shoes.
- White, black or grey socks or tights.
- Book Bag (Harrietsham emblem optional).

PE Kit:

- House coloured PE T-Shirt.
- Plain black sports shorts.
- Plain black leggings / joggers.
- Plain black or white trainers.



Any items of school uniform with a logo can be purchased from Monkhouse or Brigade.

The only item of uniform that requires a logo is the maroon school jumper / cardigan.

More details can be found on our website here: [Uniform | Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](#).

Planned transition for next year

As we near the end of this school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Working together with our families is crucial for us to best support your children's learning and development.

As we begin the transition into the next school year, we are already looking ahead with excitement. This period of transition is an important time for the children as it helps them to build confidence, ease into new routines, and feel prepared for the challenges and opportunities of their next class. We are committed to making the upcoming year even more enriching and engaging, and we look forward to continuing this journey together with you and your child.

Please see below for details of the transition programme which we intend to put into place to best support your child:

- Teacher and LSA meeting time to hand over key information about children.
- Pastoral and SEND handovers with the Pastoral and Inclusion team.
- Transition booklets created for all children (to be sent out later this term).
- Pre-transition, informal visits from new teachers and LSAs for children with specific needs.
- **Whole school transition days:** Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July.
For these days, all children will attend their new classes with their new teachers and LSAs. Drop off and pick up will be from the children's new classrooms.
- **Open Classrooms for parents to meet new teachers:** Thursday 2nd July.

New classes for September

Our teachers are looking forward to receiving their new classes for September on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July for their transition days.

You will see some changes to the staffing this year as some of our teachers move year groups. With Mr Hyder leaving, we also have a new teacher joining us. Miss Alexander is an experienced teacher and she will be working in Year 3 next year.

You will also see that for our teachers who work part-time, we have ensured that you are aware of the teacher covering them on their non-working day(s). In some instances, this is a senior leader with both Mrs Evans and Mrs Fenner covering an element of teaching next year.

Please see the below table for information about your child's new teaching team:

Lower School (Phase Leader: Mr Walker)

	Year Group	New Class Name	Teacher	LSAs	Class Receiving
Lower School Phase Leader: Mr Walker	R	Ducklings	Mrs Smith / Miss Spain	Miss Bott / Mrs Parr Wednesday Mrs Tipple	
		Cygnets	Miss Frazier	Mrs Manser Mrs Tipple	
	1	Wrens	Miss Roberts	Ms Ward / Mrs Kent Wednesday	Informed separately
		Kingfishers	Mrs Harris	Miss Ward	
	2	Sparrows	Mr Walker	Mrs Jones / Mrs Parr Friday	Wrens
		Jays	Miss Ashwood	Miss Abela	Kingfishers

Upper School (Phase Leader: Ms Pittam)

	Year Group	New Class Name	Teacher	LSAs	Class Receiving
Upper School Phase Leader: Ms Pittam	3	Woodpeckers	Miss Thorne	Mrs Humphrey / Mrs Kent Monday	Jays
		Robins	Miss Alexander	Miss Thurston / Mrs Parr Thursday	Sparrows
	4	Swallows	Mrs Walker	Mrs Bullett	Woodpeckers
		Nightingales	Ms Kelly	Mrs Cheel	Robins
	5	Eagles	Miss Rodriguez	Mrs Allitt Mrs Godfrey / Mrs Kent Friday	Nightingales
		Kestrels	Mrs Frost	Mrs Shead Mrs Williams	Swallows
	6	Hawks	Ms Pittam	Mrs Keggans	Eagles
		Herons	Mrs Pickering	Mrs Morris	Kestrels

Cover across the school:

The following adults will continue to provide high-quality, consistent cover across the school:

- Miss Bradley (Forest School)
- Mrs Cheel
- Mrs Finch
- Mrs Fenner and Mrs Evans will also provide cover for some of our teachers who work 4 days a week.

We are sure that your child will be very excited about the year ahead. Please do look out for emails and messages in the coming weeks with resources to prepare them for this next step in their schooling.

If you have any questions at all about the following, please do see your child's existing class teacher.

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher