



HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurtured We Flourish



4th May 2026

Dear Families,

It is hard to know where the weeks of this school year are disappearing to. We are already busy planning for our new Year R cohort to join us and for our wonderful Year 6 children to leave to join secondary school. There will be more information coming soon about what we have planned to support our children's transition to their new year groups.

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Bank Holiday weekend with your children. My thanks to those of you who have taken time to complete our Trips / Visits / Fundraising survey. If you are yet to do this, please find the link here: <https://forms.gle/vJWo7gyWQhZ6FrNS9>.

I am very excited that some of our children have worked with Mrs Hancock (Inclusion Assistant) to organise a 'Star Quality' day in recognition of those members of our school family who live with rare conditions / diseases. Please join us in dressing up in stripes of any colour or in black and white clothing on Friday 8th May to show your support to them. → → → →



Please remember to collect your sponsorships for Harrietsham's first ever Mini Mudder Event. We can't wait for the fun we will have, all the while raising money for new playground equipment.

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)

FRIDAY 8TH MAY is **STAR QUALITY DAY** to recognise our children who are living with a rare disease.

We invite you wear stripes of any colour or black and white clothing and if you can, please bring in a £1 donation which will go to The Evelina Children's Hospital



Term 5
Monday 20th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026
TERM STARTS: Monday 20th April 2026

April	
Tuesday 21 st April	Parent Focus Group Meeting 2:15pm – 3:15pm
Tuesday 28 th April 9:15am	Singing Assembly 9:15am Performance to Parents of Musicians (Invites to follow from Music teachers).
May Friday 8 th May	Star Quality Day (stripes / black and white dress-up)
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 5 CATS Tests
Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 13 th May	Year 5 Parents Kent Test Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm
Thursday 14 th May	Mud Run for Year R and KS1 children
Friday 15 th May	Mud Run for KS2 children
Monday 18 th May 2:30pm	Guitar performance Performance to Parents of Musicians (Invites to follow from Music teachers).
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 1 Class Workshop 9am
Wednesday 20 th May: Drumming Assembly 9:15am	New EYFS Cohort 26/27 New Parent Open Evening 5-6:30pm
Thursday 21 st May	Summer Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified) World Day for Cultural Diversity

TERM ENDS: Friday 22nd May 2026

UPCOMING

Please note: Forest school sessions are subject to change throughout the term. Changes will be communicated with as much notice as possible.

Forest School Term 5	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 W/C 20.04.26	SWALLOWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM BLITZERS - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 2 W/C 27.04.26	Wrens - PM	Wrens - AM ALL YEAR - PM	HAWKS - PM	Wrens - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
Week 3 W/C 04.05.26	SWALLOWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM ALL YEAR - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 4 W/C 11.05.26	Wrens - PM	Wrens - AM BLITZERS - PM	HAWKS - PM	Wrens - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
Week 5 W/C 18.05.26	SWALLOWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM BLITZERS - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM

For a more detailed calendar, please see our website here: <https://www.harriets.ham.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-1/>

Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham Primary School TikTok:

Follow our OPAL Progress:

Forest School News:





Phase News

Lower School News



Upper School News



What a lovely sunny week we have had in the Lower School! I have seen lots of exciting learning taking place, indoors and outdoors! I thought best to let the children explain what their favourite parts of the week have been:

Mila (YR) - Playing because I was playing with my friends outside.

Amelia (Y1) - I have liked learning about flowers and how they grow.

Reggie (Y2) - I have liked playing on the field having fun with my friends. We have learnt about Mary Anning.

It is so lovely to see that the children have enjoyed their play and learning. Lots of fellowship being shown through respectful play with friends too! I have also LOVED how much the children engage with our Wednesday worships, both in the stories and in the singing.

It is lovely getting back into the swing of Lower School life and getting to know all of the wonderful children.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday Monday!

Mr Walker 😊

Where the children get their say! Each term I will be asking the children what they are enjoying at the moment. So you can hear directly from them.

"I like having time to run around. We love inventing our own games and just being active outside with our friends." - Year 3

"I like it when we do hard challenges in class. I love the feeling when a tricky bit of Maths finally makes sense and I can do it all by myself." - Year 4

"I like trying my best even when I'm nervous. We have been learning about having courage. I think courage is putting your hands up to answer questions, even if we aren't totally sure we are right." - Year 5

"We love lunchtime because we get to sit together and talk about our day. I like having a good catch-up and playing on the OPAL field." - Year 6

We are incredibly proud of how our Upper Schoolers are using their voices to shape a positive school environment.

Have a great week!
Ms Pittam

Curriculum Updates



Hello!

This week I have really enjoyed continuing to develop my understanding of Harrietsham's curriculum by spending time in classrooms and seeing learning in action.

I have loved visiting lessons, looking through children's books and speaking with the children themselves about what they have been learning. It has been wonderful to hear their ideas, see their pride in their work and gain a better understanding of their learning experiences across the school. This has helped me to build a picture of how our curriculum is brought to life each day, highlighting many strengths as well as opportunities for the future.

I have also spent time this week exploring the recent reviews of the National Curriculum, which has helped to identify some next steps for Harrietsham. Over the Summer Term, I will begin introducing a curriculum review cycle, where we look closely at different subjects across the school. This will involve considering what we want children to learn, why it matters, the sequence of learning and how effectively it is being taught and remembered. Our aim is to ensure that every subject is purposeful, engaging and builds the knowledge and skills children need as they move through the school.

Mrs Fenner

OPAL Raffle Winners

The following children have won our raffle this week for showing our school rules in their play:

- Roseanne, Year 1
- Belle, Year 2
- Daisy, Year 4
- Sarah, Year 4
- Rosie, Year 4
- Emelia, Year 6





Hello from the Inclusion Team!

Inclusion Updates

Phonics: Our Phonics support for our children has continued into this term. Mrs Tipple, Mrs Thurston and Mrs Williams have ensured that those children who need extra support in this area have short, daily interventions. Some of our children have accessed the Little Wandle SEN programme, providing a graduated approach to their learning. We hope you are beginning to see the impact of these interventions in your child's reading. For advice on supporting your children with Phonics at home, see here: <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk>.

Visual Impairment Specialist Service: This week we had a visit from the Kent Visual Impairment team who gave advice and training linked to modification of text and the RNIB bookshare site. This last resource will be invaluable for supporting the reading of a variety of text, not only for those in our community with visual impairment, but also for those with dyslexia.

Community Paediatrics: This week's link is for Community Paediatrics: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/community-paediatrics/>. The site gives you, as parents and carers, advice related to ADHD (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), Autism, sleep and eating.



Forest School "Thank You's" from Miss Bradley

A huge 'thank-you' for recent donations, including: Mr Back for the pipes, Marley and Bella for the steps and tarpaulin, Ms Groom from Lenham Primary for some tomato plants, Mrs Atkins for soil and potato seeds, Mrs Keggans for some wildflower seeds, the lovely toys for our families.

Pastoral Updates

Office Updates



Learn all about NHS Right to Choose and how you can use it for an ADHD Assessment.

A number of NHS areas outsource their ADHD services. We colloquially call those the "Right to Choose Providers". You can have your NHS referral sent directly to them. You will receive an NHS service to NHS standards, and, as part of the NHS, if you opt for medication, you will receive an NHS prescription.

Whether a referral is necessary is a decision made by a medical professional (usually your GP). You then have a choice on where that referral goes.

You can be referred directly to those NHS outsourced providers. A list of those providers is available from the main "right to choose" page.

Both adults and children can request assessments using this service.

For more information, please visit: <https://adhduk.co.uk/right-to-choose/>.

Mrs Griffin



We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the many generous donations of uniform and toys we have received. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to our school community.

To help us manage donations effectively, and ensure items are suitable and needed, we kindly ask that you check with a member of staff before bringing any items into school.

Please feel free to contact the relevant staff member depending on the type of donation:

- Mrs Mannering – OPAL (outdoor play and learning)
- Miss Bradley – Forest School
- Mr Walker – Early Years / Key Stage 1
- Miss Pittam – Key Stage 2

This helps us to make sure donations are directed to where they are most useful and prevents us from becoming overwhelmed with items we may not be able to use.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Mrs Masterson



Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%.

We need more children to be in school every day to reach this target.

As per Government Guidance, all holidays during term-time will be unauthorised.

We will also not authorise early collection from school unless proof of appointments can be provided.

If your child is well enough to be in school, it is imperative that you ensure they are in.



Class Attendance

Well done to all of the classes over our school target of 96%.

Attendance % for each Class (School Target 96%)														
Year R		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		
Ducklings	Cygnets	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Hérons	
Last Week	98%	97%	99%	93%	97%	97%	99%	98%	98%	92%	92%	95%	98%	94%
Year to Date	94%	95%	94%	91%	94%	96%	96%	96%	96%	94%	93%	94%	94%	93%

Class Punctuality

Well done to all of those children who have been on time every day.

Punctuality % for each Class (% of marks on time)														
Year R		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		
Ducklings	Cygnets	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Hérons	
Last Week	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	98%	99%	100%	100%	98%
Year to Date	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%	98%	98%

Church Notices



Prayer Meeting

The Harrietsham prayer group now meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, at 4pm in the Church Room (at the back of the village hall).

Everyone is welcome. Please phone Paul on 01622 859634 or Pamela on 01622 859442 for more details or to ask for prayer, or do just come along to pray about our community and anything on your mind.

Community Choir

Come along to our fun singalong community choir for adults, singing popular songs for all!

At St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham.

We meet once every fortnight between 7pm and 9pm.

Tea, coffee and cake will be served. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please phone 01622 853819.



Bible Study

Come and join our Harrietsham Bible Study group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, at 2pm in the Church Room (there is a door into this at the back of Harrietsham Village Hall).

Please join us on the day or phone 01622 859442 to find out more.

Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome.

Supported by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham

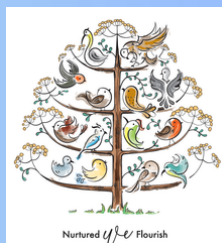
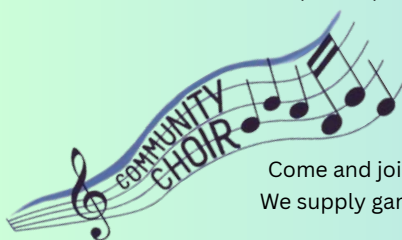
Games Club

Come and join us on 1st Tuesday of every month, from 2pm - 4pm, at the Booth Hall.

We supply games but please feel free to bring something you would particularly like to introduce us to, teach us or just play.

Please join us on the day or phone 01622 859442 to find out more. Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome.

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Community News

The below are flyers that we have been asked to share by various community groups. Please note that we have no connection with these groups and so cannot endorse them, but we wanted to share the information in case anything was of interest.



**Equality
Diversity
Inclusion**

Equality and Diversity Committee - Representatives Needed

We are still looking for parents or carers who can represent the following communities on the committee:

- People/ families from ethnic minority backgrounds
- Religious backgrounds
- LGBTQ+

If you feel you can bring your perspective and voice to help us shape a more inclusive environment for all our children and families, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office (office@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk) if you would like to find out more or volunteer to represent one of these communities.



Free 11+ Preparation and KS2 learning support

Harrietsham Church of England Primary School has partnered with Atom Learning, a Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation website, to provide free KS2 learning to primary school children who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).

There is a 5-day free trial of Atom available for non-Pupil Premium families.

What is Atom Home?

Atom Home is an online learning and exam preparation platform for ages 7-11. Covering English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning, children can practise 11+ questions and explore learning resources, mock tests, video tutorials, and exam preparation materials.

Do you know someone who is eligible?

If you would like to explore this resource further, please visit: <https://atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/primary-schools>

After completing the form on this page, the school office will receive a notification to verify your child's pupil premium eligibility. Once confirmed, your child's Atom Home account will be created.

How to find out if you are eligible for Pupil Premium:

If you feel your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, but you have not yet claimed this, please visit:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals#tab-1>



Messy Church



St Mary's Church, Lenham

Saturday 16th May 3pm-5pm

* Hand Print Canvas * Lego * Giant Balloon Tennis

* Pin the Wings on the Butterfly

* Games Table 10+ * Tattoos * Cress Cups

* Bath Bombs and much more

Including Our famous Messy Party

Tea



Join the fun at Messy Church!

Free Event

Everyone Welcome

Join us on facebook @Messy Church LVB





CHEQUER TREE CAMP 2026

<p>When? Tuesday 28th July - Friday 31st July</p>	<p>Who? Children in school years 4-7</p>	<p>Where? St Luke's MAIDSTONE ME14 5BE</p>
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Join us this summer for a fun journey of discovering faith. Enjoy exciting activities, worship and making new friends while learning about God's love for us.

Book a space today!

Chequer Tree Camp began in 1987 and continues today as part of The Family Trusts work to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity. Chequer Tree Camp is a place where children can have fun and learn about faith in a safe environment and engaging way!

Chequer Tree Camp is run by The Family Trust, supported by an enthusiastic and dedicated team of volunteers, all of whom have received training and hold an enhanced DBS check.

The venue for camp this year will be St Lukes Church in Maidstone. Stay over night or join each day of fun activities, games, bible teaching and small group conversations.

<p>OVER NIGHT £155 Come and stay at camp overnight.</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>DAY ONLY £110 Come to camp everyday, but sleep in your own bed at night.</p>
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Both prices include all activities and all meals.

HOW TO BOOK

You can book a space on our website www.chequertree.org.uk or scan the QR code to take you straight to the site.

All bookings close on 28th June 2026.

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