



Nurtured We Flourish



Dear Families,

11th May 2026

School Trips: I wanted to take this opportunity to explain a little about how school funding for trips and visits works. The school **does not** receive any specific funding for any school trips - including swimming. Any trips or visits which need to be funded by the school mean that we are unable to provide our children with other opportunities - such as IT devices, LSAs in classrooms, art resources etc. This is because all resources needed for the school come from the same funding stream. For this reason, we ask parents and carers to make **voluntary contributions** towards trips and visits, including school swimming lessons. We do not make any profit from this - the cost pays for the children's transport and for the cost of entry for the children and any accompanying adults who need to support the trip (although many places provide accompanying adult spaces for free). We never intend to pressure parents to pay for trips and visits, but, we do remind our families if payment is not made, as we know many people forget.

Please note: Our school budget is so very tight that any trips which are not adequately funded will need to be cancelled. This is because we need to prioritise learning resources, including staffing, needed for our children's education. We will, of course, support any families who really are unable to pay for the trips themselves as we would never want personal finances to prevent a child from attending a trip, but, we really can only afford for this to be instances where a family has no possibility of paying. If this applies to you for a certain trip, please arrange to speak to Mrs Masterson.

Google Survey: As you know, we are currently seeking parent voice on our trips and visits offer for next year. My thanks to the 85 people who have responded. If you would like to have an input into our offer for next year, please complete the form by the end of term (Friday 22nd May): [Google Form](#).

Mud Run: I am incredibly excited for our first ever Mud Run which Mrs Mannering has been working hard to organise for our children. We are extremely lucky to have a staff member so dedicated to ensuring our children have access to high quality play that she fundraises for it in her own time. Please do remember to collect as many sponsors as you can for your child.

Year 6 SATs: I feel it important to wish our Year 6 children who will be completing their SATs tests this week the very best of luck. They have worked so hard during their time at Harrietsham, and have really been such a great Year 6 cohort - they deserve to shine in every way possible. Best of luck Year 6 - we are so very proud of you all.

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)



UPCOMING

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

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
Note: Date moved to 2:30pm 22.6.26	Guitar performance Performance to Parents of Musicians (Invites to follow from Music teachers).
Tuesday 19 th May:	Year 1 Class Worship 9am
Wednesday 20 th May: Drumming Assembly 9:15am	New EYFS Cohort 25/27 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

Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham Primary School TikTok:



Follow our OPAL Progress:



Forest School News:



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Phase News

Lower School News



Over halfway through the term! Things are in full swing here at Harrietsham with the sun shining, calm children and proud teachers.

After speaking to the staff around the school, it is clear that phonics is our proud area this week. Miss Frazier toured the Lower School with the English Hub this week and they were extremely complimentary of our children and how well their phonics has progressed this year. They also commented on the brilliant teaching of our staff; my thanks and congratulations go to everyone involved!

Our big focus is on keeping our environment TIDY. The Lower School has seen massive improvements in tidy cloakrooms and clean outdoor areas, well done!

We have also sent out welcome packs to our new EYFS cohort, we are so excited to begin the process of welcoming in a whole new set of children and families.

See you all next week,
Mr Walker 😊

Upper School News



Hello Upper School,

As we head into a crucial week for our Upper School community, we want to take a moment to send lots of encouragement to our Year 6 students as they begin their SATs. These assessments are a chance for the children to showcase the incredible progress they've made, and we couldn't be prouder of the dedication they've shown during their lessons. We have every confidence that their hard work will shine through on paper.

Words of encouragement from your teachers:

"Remember that while these tests measure your academic progress, they don't capture your unique talents, your kindness, or the wonderful person you are becoming—just breathe and do your best! You have done all the preparation with such resilience; now it is time to show everyone exactly what you are capable of achieving. The whole school is backing you! Everybody knows how hard you have worked and now it's time to shine."

Ms Pittam



Curriculum Updates



Hello Everyone,

This week, I have been reviewing our curriculum in more depth, looking at how each subject builds across year groups and flows through each phase.

A key focus has been making sure our subjects feel connected within each topic so that children can really immerse themselves in their learning and see how everything fits together. As part of our curriculum review cycle, I will be working closely with class teachers and subject leads to strengthen these links even further and to make sure progression in knowledge and skills is clear and meaningful.

It has been great to spend more time in classrooms this week. In Year R, I enjoyed talking with the children about their upcoming forest school sessions. They were full of excitement and keen to share what they were looking forward to. I also had the opportunity to observe a phonics lesson, where the children were proud to show me the fantastic sentences they had written independently. At the other end of the school, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs. I wish them the very best of luck this week!

For further information about our curriculum, please do have a look at our school website:

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/our-curriculum>

Mrs Fenner (Deputy Headteacher)

OPAL Raffle Winners

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

- Rupert (Eagles)
- Iris (Nightingales)
- Shannon (Robins)
- Theodore (Kingfishers)
- Marnie (Ducklings)





This week I wanted to think about what to do if you are concerned about your child's needs and what we do at Harrietsham to support you as parents.

Inclusion Updates

Phase 1: If you think your child might have SEND, make contact with your child's class teacher to raise the concerns you have. They will ensure Mrs Evans is also aware.

Phase 2: Your child's teacher and Mrs Evans will meet with you to discuss your concerns and to try to get a better understanding of what your child's strengths and difficulties are. Together we will decide what outcomes to seek for your child and agree on next steps.

Phase 3: We will implement the agreed strategies and monitor these over an agreed period of time. These are likely to be universal strategies set out in the mainstream core standards. A copy of this can be found here: [Mainstream Core Standards](#). This will initiate the 'Graduated Approach' where support will be continually reviewed.

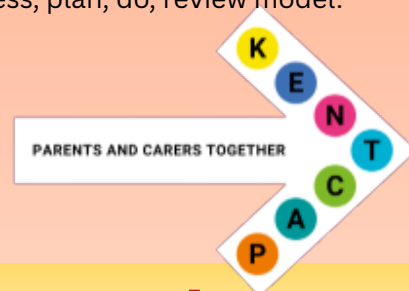
Phase 4: If, together, we decide that your child needs SEND support, your child will be added to the school's SEND register. They will receive additional support, and this will be reviewed using the assess, plan, do, review model.

This week's link

This week's link is for Kent PACT (Parents and Carers Together). This is a forum run by parents for parents. It's aim is to ensure the needs of parents and carers of children with special needs in the county are being met.

[Kent PACT](#)

Mrs Evans



Pastoral Updates

Office Updates



KCC has recently updated their 'Get Help Now' infographic. Please click the link below which will take you to the poster on our school website:

[Get Help Now.](#)

Mrs Griffin

1 Are they in immediate danger or have an urgent need?
If yes, call 999 or if they are in a mental health crisis, call 111
If no, ask them about it:
Have a resilience conversation. Find out how at www.kentresiliencehub.org.uk

2 Is there a safeguarding need?
For a safeguarding need, access information and guidance on Integrated Children's Services at <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/guidance>

3 Do they need advice?
Seeking advice is good for staying happy and healthy, and can be done anytime to help young people stay on track and keep thriving!

4 Do they need help?
Young people can speak to someone about anything that is troubling them and develop skills to manage stress, worry, feeling low and difficult situations.

5 Do they need further support?
Has the young person got significant ongoing or unexpected challenges impacting their day to day life?

6 Do they need risk support?
Risk support is keeping young people, and those around them, safe through active support from skilled organisations working together.

Admissions Update – Year R Intake September 2026

We are pleased to share that this week our Welcome Packs have started to be sent out to families joining us in September – including some familiar faces as well as many new ones!



Miss Roberts and Mr Walker have been working hard behind the scenes preparing everything for the exciting events planned over the next term and a half. We will soon be hosting a Parent Information Evening here at school, and our popular Stay & Play sessions will begin in Term 6.

These sessions are always greatly enjoyed by our incoming children, so please keep an eye out for upcoming communications and further details.

Office Update – School Grounds Expectations

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that, during drop-off and pick-up times, adults are not permitted in the school building unless accompanied by a member of staff.

We would also like to remind everyone that our school grounds are strictly **non-smoking areas**. This includes the area directly outside the school gates and the parent car park.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.
Mrs Masterson





Attendance



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole School Attendance Last Week	95.2%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.1%

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	86%	90%	100%	97%	94%	98%	99%	96%	98%	96%	94%	97%	94%	97%
Year to Date	94%	95%	95%	91%	94%	96%	96%	96%	96%	94%	93%	95%	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%	98%	100%	100%	98%	97%	100%	99%	100%	97%
Year to Date	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%	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.

Supported by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham.



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

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.

OVER NIGHT
£155

Come and stay at camp overnight.

OR DAY ONLY
£110

Come to camp everyday, but sleep in your own bed at night.

Both prices include all activities and all meals.

When?

Tuesday 28th July -
Friday 31st July

Who?

Children in
school years 4-7

Where?

St Luke's
MAIDSTONE
ME14 5BE

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.



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!

The Family Trust

Get in Touch:

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PLAY!
ENJOY!**

**NEW
PLAYERS
WELCOME!**

LENHAM C.C.

LENHAM CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS

LENHAM C.C.

TOTAL 188

WIKETS 8

OVERS 28

**SEEKING NEW PLAYERS FOR OUR
U11 AGE GROUP
(SCHOOL YEARS 5&6)**

**TRAINING MONDAYS
@ LCC 6:30PM-7:45PM**

✓ Already playing cricket but want more game time and opportunities?

✓ Looking for a fun, friendly club where you can develop and enjoy your cricket?

JOIN OUR
FRIENDLY TEAM
TODAY!

CONTACT ALEX
07760 132803

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UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Understanding emotions



How it can present
in children /
adolescent



Strategies to
support



Date: Friday 15th May

Time: 10 - 11:30am

Location: Bower Grove school

Presenter: Rebecca Dowling

Attend in person or online

SIGN UP NOW

EMAIL: Connectionsgroutalk@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk

TEL - 01622 726773



Private Primary Tutor – Years 1 to 6



Kent Test Preparation Available

I offer **high-quality, supportive private tuition** for children in **Years 1–6**, including **Kent Test (11+) preparation**. My approach is calm, structured and confidence-building, helping children make secure progress while developing a positive attitude to learning.

With nearly 16 years of teaching experience supporting all children, including those with a range of **SEND needs**, I tailor each session to your child — offering **extra support, confidence building, catch-up**, or **stretch and challenge** as needed.

Tutoring support includes:


I place a strong emphasis on **clear explanations, encouragement and fairness**, creating a learning environment where children feel supported and motivated. Sessions are carefully planned and adapted to suit each child's learning style and pace.

What I Offer

- Years 1–6 Primary Tuition
- English (reading, writing, grammar & spelling)
- Maths (number, fluency, problem solving & reasoning)
- Confidence & Learning Skills
- Kent Test (11+) Preparation
- SATs preparation (Year 6)
- 1:1 Tailored Support
- Friendly, patient and professional approach

If you are looking for a tutor who combines **high expectations with a supportive, child-centred approach**, I would be very happy to discuss how I can support your child.

Sessions can be arranged in your home or online.
I hold a current, enhanced DBS check.

 *Please get in touch to ask questions or to arrange an initial conversation.*

Mobile: 07984485831

E-mail: J.gambell@msn.com

High-quality, inclusive tutoring for primary-aged children