



Nurtured We Flourish



Dear Families,

18th May 2026

I can hardly believe that we are nearly at the end of Term 5. The last term of the year is bound to fly by - as we prepare the children for their transition to their new year group, welcome into school our new Year R cohort and say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. We are busy preparing for our children's transition days next term - more information will follow soon.

I am really pleased to see how well Mrs Fenner has settled into Harrietsham School Life as Deputy Headteacher. You will see from the curriculum section below that she already has lots of exciting plans for our curriculum to make it even stronger. In addition, I have been really pleased to welcome Mr Walker and Ms Pittam this term as our Phase leaders. This extra layer of leadership has given our staff and children further support, and we hope you have noticed this too. Please do feel free to get in touch with your child's Phase Leader if their teacher is unable to help you with something.

It would be wrong of me to not recognise Year 6 this week. I was delighted by how hard each and every one of them tried in their SATs tests. They did not give up - at all! Their determination to do their best was something to be admired - we are very proud of them all. My thanks to the Year 6 staff too - who really did offer amazing support to all of the children throughout the whole week. I am looking forward to seeing our Year 4 children demonstrate the same level of commitment to their Times Table Screener next term, and to seeing how well our Year 1 children perform in their Phonics Screener. They have all been working so very hard.

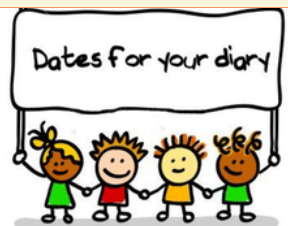


I wish you all a very happy half term when it arrives. Please do remember to complete our School Trips survey by Monday evening and please note the new Mud Run dates.

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)



New Mud Run Dates:
KS2 - Tuesday 2nd June
KS1 and EYFS - Wednesday 3rd June



UPCOMING

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

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| Note: Date moved to 22.6.26 | Guitar performance Performance to Parents of Musicians (Invites to follow from Music Teachers) |
| Tuesday 19th May: | Year 1 Class Worship 9am |
| Wednesday 20th May: Drumming Assembly 9:15am | New EYFS Cohort 26/27 New Parent Open Evening 5-6.30pm |
| Thursday 21st 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

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Forest School News:



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Phase News

Lower School News



What a term we have had in the Lower School! It has been great getting to know all the children and families in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2; what a lovely group of people you are! We thought it'd be nice to do a roundup of our term, so here goes!

The children have enjoyed playing and learning in their revamped outdoor areas, we have continued to enhance these and make them EVEN better.

We have seen so much enthusiasm from our children in their learning; I have spoken to lots of children who have been proud of their work and wanting to show it off.

There have been some lovely experiences across the phase. Year 2 enjoyed a very successful trip to the zoo and Year 1 have tried their hand at gardening, to name a couple!

Our Lower School Phase could not be the amazing place it is without our brilliant team of staff. Every adult works tirelessly to ensure our children have the best possible experience at school, thank you to all of them!

I hope all the children and families enjoy the final week of term and enjoy a very well-deserved rest next week, we can't wait to welcome you back for our final term of the year!

Mr Walker (Phase Leader) 😊



Curriculum Updates

Hello Everyone, It's the final week of Term 5!

Last week, subject leaders began reviewing and updating their curriculum action plans ready for Term 6. They have been identifying strengths and areas to develop within each of their subjects.

During our recent staff meeting, we discussed the Explore, Prepare, Deliver, Sustain cycle and looked at our current priorities, identifying steps we need to take to continue embedding strong practice across the school.

In preparation for our reviewed feedback and marking policy, staff were sent a teacher voice survey. This survey will help gain a better overview of current practice, identify what works well and where changes need to be made to support children's progress and ensure we have a feedback policy which is purposeful in moving learning forward.

This week, I am very excited to be carrying out some learning walks. These visits to classes are a valuable opportunity to see current practice in action, celebrate the many strengths within our classrooms and identify the key ingredients that help support children's learning. It will also help to identify any areas where we need to continue building on the high-quality teaching and learning already taking place.

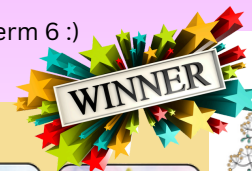
I hope you all have a lovely half-term when it arrives and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 6 :)

Mrs Fenner (Deputy Headteacher)

OPAL Raffle Winners

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

- Annie (Year 6)
- Aleena (Year 4)
- Ava H (Year 2)
- Ava B (Year 2)
- Sophia (Year 1)
- Sofia (Year 1)



Upper School News



Hello Upper School,

As Term 5 comes to a end, I am thinking about what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding few weeks at school. We are immensely proud of our Year 6 children, who have shown outstanding dedication, resilience, and maturity throughout their recent assessments. Their hard work has truly shone through.

A huge thank you must also go to the rest of the school; and especially Year 5 - the kindness and support shown by the other year groups in helping create a quiet, encouraging environment made a world of difference to our oldest pupils.

Fantastic efforts have been happening across the lower key stage as well! Our Year 4 children have been working incredibly hard on mastering their times tables, displaying great focus and enthusiasm every day. Meanwhile, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Living Land this term, where they had a fantastic time exploring and bringing their learning to life.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support this term— have a wonderful, well-deserved half-term break!

Ms Pittam (Phase Leader)



Inclusion Updates

This week I would like to think about all of the work that happens in classrooms and the adaptations the class teachers make to support the needs of all children.

Some of the adaptations that we make are:

- Use of visual cues to support language
- Makaton signing
- Adapting seating arrangements to meet children's needs
- Use of writing slopes
- Use of wobble cushions
- Use of colour overlays
- Word mats
- Brain breaks

Kent Educational Psychology Service (KEPS) - EBSA workshop:

In school we have welcomed the Kent Educational Psychology Service to run a parent workshop about Emotional Barriers to School Attendance (EBSA). The workshop will run on **Tuesday 16th June from 4 - 5.30pm**. Please click the link to sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/e/P978CWdAT>. If you are not able to join us, please do make contact with Mrs Evans and she will be able to share some resources with you.

This week's link:

This week's link is about autism UK. This can be a helpful resource if your child, or someone you know, has autism: <https://www.autism.org.uk/>

Mrs Evans (Inclusion Leader)

Pastoral Updates



Parental separation and deciding what to do when you end a marriage or relationship.

Parental separation can be a challenging time for children and families, and it's important to remember that support and advice are available. Children may experience a range of emotions during family changes, and maintaining open communication and consistent routines can help them to feel secure.

If you would like guidance around parental separation, including arrangements for children, financial support, housing, or emotional wellbeing support, useful information is available from Citizens Advice. Their website offers free, confidential advice and practical support for families navigating separation and divorce.

Our school pastoral team is also available to offer impartial support and a listening ear to both parents during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you feel we may be able to help support your family.

Helpful advice and support can be found here: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>.

Mrs Griffin (Pastoral Leader)

Office Updates



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.**

If you need to speak with a member of staff, please do speak to them at the classroom door. If for any reason you need to enter the building, please come to the office to sign in. This is important to safeguard all of our children.



We would also like to remind everyone that our school grounds are **strictly non-smoking and vaping 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 (Business Leader)





Attendance



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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| Whole School Attendance Last Week | 94.4% |
| 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%) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | 93% | 91% | 96% | 95% | 96% | 99% | 98% | 95% | 95% | 92% | 87% | 94% | 97% | 97% |
| Year to Date | 94% | 94% | 95% | 91% | 94% | 96% | 96% | 96% | 96% | 94% | 93% | 95% | 95% | 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Last Week | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 98% | 99% | 100% | 99% | 99% | 97% | 98% | 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

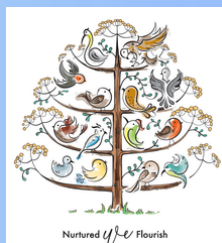
Games Club

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.

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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>



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

OR DAY ONLY
£110

Come and stay at camp overnight.

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!



Get in Touch:

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- ☎ 01622 577960
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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

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Private Primary Tutor – Years 1 to 6



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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.

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