



Nurtured We Flourish



Dear Families,

8th June 2026

It seems absolutely crazy that we are already in Term 6 - the days and weeks are just flying by! Last week saw us start the week with an amazing mud run, organised by Mrs Mannering for our children, in order to raise funds for a new piece of play equipment. Although the weather was against us, this did not dampen the spirits - Mrs Mannering built us an amazing course! Not only did the children (and staff!) enjoy the event immensely, we have raised nearly £4,000 on our last count! This has just blown us away - thank you all so much - please do send in any extra sponsors this week.

It is always so lovely to receive lovely feedback from parents, so we were delighted to receive the email below:

Just wanted to say thank you and well done to Miss Mannering et al for organising the mud run - what a great opportunity for the kids to do something a bit different! Both xx and xx had an absolute blast and it will be one of their best memories from school. I hope it raised a lot of money for OPAL! We really appreciate the extra effort the whole staff team go to enrich the kids learning and school experience.

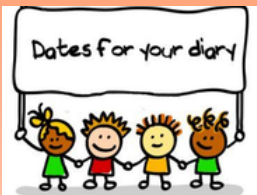


Our Year 6 children had a great time at PGL this week on their residential trip too. It's not often that you welcome back a team of staff who have looked after a cohort of children for 3 days and they tell you the children were so well behaved the staff feel like they've had a holiday!! I am so proud of our Year 6 children for this - what great feedback. Our thanks to Ms Pittam, Mrs Pickering, Mrs Evans, Mrs Keggans, Miss Ward and Mr Mellor for accompanying them.

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)

UPCOMING



For a more detailed calendar, please see our website here:

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-1/>

Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June:	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability
Tuesday 9 th June:	Year R Class Worship 9am
Monday 15 th June – Friday 19 th June:	World School Sports Week
Monday 15 th June:	Sports Day KS2 am, KS1 pm, Picnic Lunch
Tuesday 16 th June:	Sports Day Reserve
Thursday 18 th June:	Year 5 and 6 Careers Fair
Thursday 18 th June and Friday 19 th June:	New Year R Stay and Play Session 1 (1hr with parent) 15 ch . per class
Monday 22 nd June:	Guitar Assembly 2:45pm: Prayer Group meeting in school
Thursday 25 th June:	Classroom Open Afternoon 2:45 – 3:15
Monday 29 th June and Tuesday 30 th June:	New Year R Stay and Play Session 2 (afternoon session 1:30-3pm) 15 ch . per class

Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham Primary School TikTok:



Follow our OPAL Progress:



Forest School News:





Other Important Updates

Harrietsham Fundraising

As you know, school budgets are getting smaller, but, this isn't going to stop us from giving your children the education that they deserve! We want our offer to our children to continue to grow and grow - we are determined to give them the best, all round, education that they can have.

New Forest School container on its way:

We are always on the look out for bargains. This week we have a container that has been donated to us arriving in Forest School. Our huge thanks to Mrs Chambers' neighbour for his very kind donation and for the free delivery. This will make storage of equipment for Forest School so much easier and will mean that Miss Bradley will no longer need to ferry equipment to and from school for her sessions.

IT Equipment Grant

Our huge thanks to the old PTFA (Friends of Harrietsham) for their very generous donation towards new IT equipment for our children. This, along with another donation from a kind parent's company, and a grant that Mrs Fenner has managed to secure for us, means that we have a total of £10,000 to spend on new i-pads and laptops / chrome books for our children.

If you know of a company that would be willing to match this fundraising, please do let us know - as the children's digital world continues to grow, we are very keen to keep up with the education that they need for this.

Calling - New PTFA Members!

Our recent survey showed that 17 parents would be willing to join together to form a new PTFA. This is excellent news as it means we can increase our attempts at fundraising for our children. If you are keen to meet to discuss what this entails in more detail, please do contact Mrs Chambers: headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk

Pastoral Updates



Supporting Your Child's Mental Health with YoungMinds

At Harrietsham C of E Primary School, we recognise the growing concerns and worries surrounding young people's mental health and wellbeing. We understand that children can face a range of emotional challenges, and we are committed to supporting both our pupils and their families.

YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity dedicated to supporting the mental health of children and young people. They provide trusted advice, practical resources, and expert guidance to help families navigate challenges such as anxiety, low mood, stress, behaviour changes, and emotional wellbeing.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health, or if you would like advice on how best to support them, YoungMinds offers a free and confidential Parents Helpline staffed by trained advisers. **Parents and carers can call 0808 802 5544 or access online support through the YoungMinds website.**

For more information and support, visit the YoungMinds website at www.youngminds.org.uk.

Mrs Griffin (Pastoral Leader)

Inclusion Updates



This week, in the Inclusion team, we are already thinking about transitions into new year groups for all our children.

We have already met with SENCOs at local secondary schools and the EYFS team will be visiting preschools soon. This is to help ensure that all the important information and needs of our children are shared with their new schools and new teachers as soon as possible.

Hearing Impairment

We have been working with the hearing impairment team to think about how our school is able to support those with hearing loss. This includes looking at the acoustics in classes, use of visual supports and Makaton signs to support understanding.

This week's link: <https://www.iask.org.uk/>

IASK is Kent's SENDIAS service. They give free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support about special educational needs and disabilities for children/young people up to age 25 and their parents/carers.

Mrs Evans (Inclusion Leader)



Lower School News

Phase News

Upper School News



I can't believe we are in our final term of the year! The children were very excited to come back to school to see new topics, refreshed classrooms and to see what amazing experiences the staff have planned. One of the highlights last week was the brilliant mud-run, which resulted in lots of muddy children and teachers! Thanks Mrs Mannering!

Some other examples of things to look forward to this term are the Year 2 trip to the beach, the stay and plays for our new EYFS children and our transition to our new year groups.

We are also continuously looking at improvements to our environment. Our next project for the Lower School is a shelter over the Year 1 & 2 area.

If you know anyone that could help us with this, or you are willing to sponsor our project, please email me at: ben.walker@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk.

We are also looking for wooden play equipment for our Lower School. This can also be unwanted furniture. If you can help with this, please drop me an email!

I would like to remind all Lower-School families that you can contact me at any point for information relating to all things Lower-School, I am always happy to help!

Mr Walker (Lower School Phase Leader)

Hello Upper School,

Our Year 6 pupils recently returned from an unforgettable residential trip, demonstrating incredible resilience, teamwork, and a fantastic "give-it-a-go" attitude. From conquering fears on the high ropes to collaborating on woodland shelter building, the children stepped outside of their comfort zones and made lifelong memories. The instructors highly commended their exemplary behaviour, and we are incredibly proud of how beautifully they supported one another throughout the few days away. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to ensure such a safe and magical experience!

Meanwhile, back at school, Year 4 have been absolute Maths superstars as they prepare for and take their statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Using tools like Times Table Rock Stars and daily sound-checks, the children have worked diligently to master rapid recall up to 12 times 12. They have approached the assessments with fantastic focus and a positive mindset. We want to congratulate Year 4 on their hard work, and extend a big thank you to parents for all the extra times-table practice at home!

Coming up this week:

- Year 6 - Bikeability
- Year 4 - MTC check continued

Ms Pittam (Phase Leader)



Curriculum Updates

We've had a lovely first week back at school - it's been great to see the children back and enjoying their learning.

In last week's staff meeting, we looked through the draft curriculum overviews and feedback policy for September. Over the next few weeks, teachers will spend some time looking over the curriculum with me to ensure we are covering a wide range of exciting topics, with clear skill progression, which ensures our offer for children is exciting, engaging and enables them all to flourish. As a staff, we have discussed our new feedback policy and looked at how it will help to push children's learning on. During Term 6, we will be trialling this in preparation for its full roll out in September.

There have also been some recent DfE updates regarding EYFS curriculum and assessment. I will be working closely with Mrs Smith (EYFS Lead) and Mr Walker (Lower School Phase Lead) this term to review our current practices and to see how this will impact our offer for the next academic year.

This week, we have our Phonics Screen and Multiplication Tables Check. I know the children and staff in KS1 and Year 4 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for this! I'm sure they will be fantastic.

Mrs Fenner (Deputy Headteacher)



Next Year's Trips Offer

We hope you saw our Trips and Visits feedback in the last newsletter.

If you missed this, please find it here: [Newsletter 1st June 2026](#).

Our Trips and Visits offer for our children can be found below - please do take a look.

PLEASE NOTE: The below is subject to change and all costs are approximate.

Trip Offer	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
In-School Experience / Workshop	£5	£5	Illustrator: £5	£5	Artist / Musician: £5	£5	£5
Whole-School Trip (Zoo)	£20	£20	£20	£20	£20	£20	£20
Panto (in-school)	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50
Visit to a Place of Worship	Harrietsham Church (St John the Baptist) N/A	Chatham Memorial Synagogue £15	Maidstone Mosque £15	Sri Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara (Gravesend) £15	Hindu Dharma Mandir £15	Rochester Cathedral £15	Canterbury Cathedral £15
Science Week	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5
Book Week	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5
Trip: Leeds Castle	£8						
Local Visit: Post Box Trip	N/A						
Trip: Godinton House and Gardens		£8					
Local Visit: Village Walk		N/A					
Trip: Dymchurch Beach			£25				
Local Visit: Maidstone Museum			£10				
Other: Big Dance at Lenham			£2				
Trip: Living Land				£20			
Local Visit: Shop Visit: Spending money				£5			
Other: Swimming (Term 2)				£38.00			
Trip: Hever Castle					£25		
Local Visit: Train Journey (Café)					£5		
Other: School Sleepover					£5		
Trip: London Trip (train)						£20	
Other: Camping at School						£10	
Trip: PGL							£400
Other: Train Journey (transition linked)							£5
Other: Bus Journey (transition linked)							£5
TOTAL	£46.50	£61.50	£90.50	£116.50	£88.50	£83.50	£463.50

Other Opportunities

Shows / Productions	EYFS Christmas Show	Y1 Nativity & Big Summer Sing	Big Summer Sing & Dance	Christingle	Y4 Easter Show	Y5 Singing at Chippendayle Lodge	Y6 Production
Class Worship	Class Worship: Term 6	Class Worship: Term 5	Class Worship: Term 4	Class Worship: Term 3	Class Worship: Term 3	Class Worship: Term 2	Class Worship: Term 1
Other							Y6 Leavers Service
OPTIONAL: Bikeability	Bikeability				Bikeability		Bikeability
OPTIONAL: Performances						Proms for Praise / Young Voices	Proms for Praise / Young Voices
OPTIONAL: Top-up swimming in Term 6 (for those who have not achieved 25 metres) - payment in Term 5					Swimming	Swimming	Swimming

As well as planning a yearly overview for trips and visits for the year, we have also mapped out events that we plan to put on for the children to further enhance their learning. You will see below events that families will also be invited to join in with.

PLEASE NOTE: The below is subject to change.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Black History Month (Linked learning in school)	Anti-Bullying Week (Odd socks)	Safer Internet Day (Linked learning in school)	Book Week (Visiting book fayre and £5 contribution)	Cultural Diversity Day (Linked learning in school)	Rare Diseases Day (Linked Learning in School, dress-up and voluntary donation)
Harvest Festival (Food donations)	Armistice Day (Club uniforms can be worn)	Number Day (Linked learning in school)	Science Week (£5 contribution)	(E.g. Mud run)	
World Mental Health Day (Express yourself dress-up)	Diabetes Day (Paint nails blue)	End of Term Disco	Red Nose Day / Sport Relief (Dress-up and voluntary donation)	End of Term Disco (Optional:	
Individual school photos	Children in Need (voluntary donation)		National Epilepsy Awareness (Purple dress-up)		
	Christmas Dinner		Class Photos		
	Christmas Jumper Day				
	Christmas Fayre Non-Uniform Day				
Events for families to join:					
Parent Information Sessions: Y1-6	Parents Evening	Classroom Open Afternoon	Parents Evening	Classroom Open Afternoon	Meet the Teacher Y1-6
Classroom Open Afernoon	Christmas Fayre	OPAL Parents Lunchtime		OPAL Parents Lunchtime	Sports Day
					Hot Dogs and Cool Music



Attendance



Every student. Every day.

Whole School Attendance Last Week	92.8%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.0%



This is low!
School target is 96%

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	95%	84%	94%	94%	92%	90%	97%	93%	95%	93%	90%	97%	95%	91%
Year to Date	94%	94%	95%	91%	94%	95%	96%	96%	96%	94%	92%	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%	99%	99%	99%	100%	98%	99%	97%	99%	100%	99%	98%
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.



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

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.



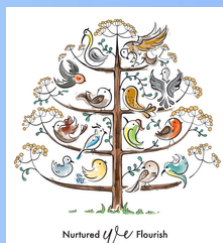
Games Club

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.



SCHOOL MEALS

All infant children (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2) are automatically entitled to a free school meal every day through the governments universal infant free school meal scheme - just book a meal each day and we'll sort the rest!



Do you receive Universal Credit?

Some children are also entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant. The eligibility for this is changing for September. Any family that receives Universal Credit is now able to apply.

It is important for you to apply, even if your child is in the lower school, as they may be entitled to a buss saver pass, free holiday activities and food and extra funding to support their education.

SIGN UP NOW To sign up, visit the KCC link here: <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent> **SIGN UP NOW**



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>

Andy Davis Music



After-School Dance and Music Clubs:

Andy and his team are looking at running some after-school Dance and Music Clubs.

- **Dance** – Learn new moves and build confidence on the dance floor (1 hour – £10, 90 minutes – £13)
- **Musical Theatre** – Singing, dance, drama and performance skills (1 hour – £10, 90 minutes – £13)
- **Djembe Drumming** – Rhythm, coordination, and lots of fun! (30 minutes, £10 per lesson)

Please complete the google form (link below) if your child would be interested in attending an after-school Music Club.

<https://forms.gle/CnvKHa8TLyq1XPfDA>



1:1 in-school Dance Lessons:

To express interest, please sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/CnvKHa8TLyq1XPfDA>



1:1 in-school Guitar, Singing or Drum Lessons:

Please sign-up here: <https://docs.google.com/forms>



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!



Get in Touch:

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NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

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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?

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TODAY!

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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

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1-1 OPPORTUNITIES
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**1:1
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EDDIE MOORE | CALLUM WATSON | JAIME COOPER

Calypso are incredibly fortunate to have 3 fantastic coaches join their BatZone Team.

Eddie Moore (South Africa International), **Callum Watson** (South Africa Overseas Player), and **Jaime Cooper** (Former Kent u18 Girls All Rounder) have all joined the team and are available to be booked for

1:1s now!

[Book a 1-1](#)



SUMMER CRICKET CAMPS JUNE OFFER

**10% OFF
FULL CAMP
BOOKINGS**

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**FREE
TECH NET
@ BATZONE**

T'S&C'S APPLY

10% OFF: CODE CAMP10

**TECH NET REDEEMED VIA EMAILING INFO@CALYPSOCRICKETCOACHING.NET
ENDS JUNE 30TH**

We've had an amazing start to our summer camp bookings for this summer, with **86 players** ready to go full Calypso this summer already. For those who missed out on our EARLYBIRD offer, here's a great offer for you:

10% off + a free tech net session at the BatZone for full camp bookings made in June!

[Book a Summer Camp](#)

BatZone June Offers



RUNS = PRIZES

Score a 50 or 100 within 5 days of visiting the BatZone and earn yourself a great discount to come again

50+ runs = 50% off your next BatZone booking

100+ runs = 100% off your next BatZone booking

(Applicable to all BatZone services)

BatZone



20% off Birthday Parties

With full access of all the BatZone's features, plus pizza's and drinks included, the BatZone is a great place to celebrate anyone's birthday.

Use the code: **PARTY20** to earn 20% off a birthday party.

Birthday Party