



Nurtured We Flourish



Dear Families,

22nd June 2026

Many thanks to all of you who came to celebrate our Sports Day with us. It was lovely to see the children enjoying their potted sports and races. We hope you all enjoyed the event as much as we did. Our thanks to Mrs Frost for organising and to the entire staff team for enabling the day to run so smoothly. Thanks also to the Lenham Sports Leaders for their help.

It was lovely last week to welcome our new Year R children into school for the first of their Stay and Play sessions. It was also great to see Year 5 and Year 6 enjoy their Careers Fair. Our thanks to the parents who helped to run stalls for our children and to Ms Pittam for organising.

I am pleased to say that we have used the money transferred to us from the PTFA, plus a donation from one of our parents company, to put towards 16 chrome books and 16 i-pads for the teaching of our Computing curriculum next year. This will mean that each trolley will be full of matching equipment and any existing devices will be able to be kept within classrooms to enhance the children’s learning in other areas of the curriculum.

I am also pleased to say that Mrs Evans has secured us some funding from our Communities of Schools to begin to create a sensory room for use by all of our children. We are excited to begin to get this room ready for September. If you know of a company who would like to sponsor the development of this room, please do let me know.

I am sure many of you will have seen the new ball pit on the playground. It is just awaiting its netting and then the balls can be re-added. We are hopeful this will prevent the balls from

escaping into the community. Our thanks to Mrs Reynolds and her work colleagues for creating this for us.

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)



OPAL Raffle Winners

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

- Amelia Year 1
- Belle, Year 1
- Sasvigan, Year 1
- Roseanne, Year 1
- Grace, Year 1



UPCOMING



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

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

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
July	
Wednesday 1 st July:	Transition Day 1 (EYFS Home Visits)
Thursday 2 nd July:	Transition Day 2 (EYFS Home Visits) Meet the Teacher after school (3:20pm – 4pm)

(Friday 3rd July - INSET Day – School Closed to all children)

Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham Primary School TikTok:



Follow our OPAL Progress:



Forest School News:





Phase News

Lower School News



We would like to thank Mrs Atunes and her company Scarab Sweepers for sponsoring Year 1 in a world cup sweepstake. Each child has very kindly been given a country, a hat to represent their country and the child with the winning team will be given a prize when the tournament ends in the "Not My Team" initiative.



Expression of interest for Forest School Holiday Club.



We would also really appreciate you using the QR code to let us know if you would be interested in your child attending a Forest School Holiday Club, if we were to run one.

Mr Walker (Phase Leader)

Upper School News



Hi Upper School,

This week, I caught up with some of our pupils to find out what they are enjoying most about their learning and school life. Here is what they had to say:

- Year 3: "I like English at the moment! We are learning about the rainforest and a story where a person wakes up completely surrounded by animals."
- Year 4: "In RE, we are learning all about the different festivals in Hinduism. I like learning about different cultures and religions."
- Year 5: "I love Topic! We are learning about deserts— what the weather is like and how there are no human features. Did you know that not many animals can survive there?"
- Year 6: "We love playing Four Square at breaktime! We also love PE right now, especially playing tennis over on the field. In DT, we are busy building our own theme park rides."

It is wonderful to see such a vibrant mix of creativity, curiosity, and sporting enthusiasm across the year groups!

Ms Pittam (Phase Leader)

Curriculum Updates



We have had another busy week full of fantastic learning taking place. Last week, we completed two important national assessments. KS1 pupils took part in the Phonics Screening Check, while Year 4 pupils completed the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Well done to all of the children and teachers involved - we are proud of the positive attitude and effort shown by all!

Looking ahead to next year, we have applied for the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme, which supports the development of children's language and communication skills. We are excited about the potential opportunities this could bring to further support our youngest learners in EYFS and KS1.

All class teachers have now been sent their curriculum overviews for the next academic year. Over the next few weeks, they will review these and make adaptations ready for September. This has also been a key focus in this week's phase meetings, where staff have worked together to consider curriculum content and progression to ensure children across the school are engaged and have a strong offer.

Pupil Progress Meetings continue to take place for each class; this is an opportunity for teachers to discuss recent data, look at strengths and identify areas of learning which need to be prioritised. As part of these discussions, we have been considering how to best identify and address any gaps in learning using the ready to progress criteria. It's important that children can secure their knowledge and skills before moving on to new learning. We will be looking at strategies and plans going forward to ensure children are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Mrs Fenner (Deputy Headteacher)

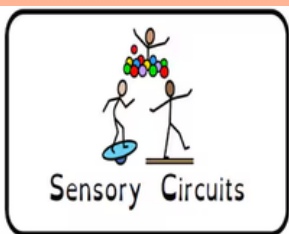
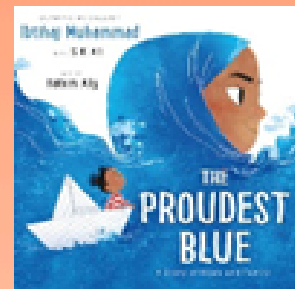


Hello all,

This week, our Nurture Nest has begun hosting a variety of transition groups to support children who may find the move to a new class and new teacher more challenging. Mrs Weeks has carefully planned, resourced, and organised visits to ensure these sessions meet the needs of all children involved.

Book Recommendation

The Proudest Blue is a brilliant, heart-warming book about identity. The beautiful illustrations complement the story perfectly. Readers describe it as beautifully written and inspiring for young children, while also being an accessible way to explore emotions, diversity, and acceptance. We strongly recommend this as a book to read together with your children.



This Week's Link

Within school, we run a range of sensory circuits at different points in the day to help our children to be ready for learning. Sensory circuits are especially beneficial for students who may have sensory processing differences or who simply benefit from extra sensory input to help them focus and regulate their emotions. Currently, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Evans, and class adults run different sensory circuits within school.

Please see the link below which provides further information about this type of intervention:
<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/1086579/CYP-OT-Sensory-Circuits.pdf>

Mrs Evans (Inclusion Leader)



Fidget toys can serve as discreet, sensory-regulating tools in the classroom. When used correctly, they channel excess physical energy, filter out external distractions, and calm nervous systems. These benefits can result in improved on-task behaviour, reduced stress during tests, and increased focus for academic tasks.

However, when not used correctly, they can create classroom distractions, disrupt peers, and reduce academic performance. Because visual and auditory toys demand attention rather than operating in the background, they can increase cognitive load and hinder learning.

For this reason, we limit their use for children who really need them in order to learn. We also choose the fidgets that we supply carefully, according to the need of the child.

A Reminder About Toys, Fidgets and Cuddly Toys in School

We kindly ask all families to support us by ensuring that children do not bring toys, fidgets, cuddly toys or other personal items into school unless this has been agreed in advance with a member of staff.

Recently, we have experienced a significant increase in lost items, swapped belongings and disagreements between children over these possessions. In addition to causing upset for the children involved, these situations are taking a considerable amount of staff time to investigate and resolve, taking adults away from supporting teaching and learning and children away from learning time.

We understand that some children may have a specific need for a fidget or comfort item. **Where this has been discussed and agreed with a member of staff, these arrangements will continue.**

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a calm, focused learning environment for all children. By keeping personal toys and comfort items at home, we can reduce unnecessary distractions and ensure that our time is spent where it matters most—supporting your children's learning and wellbeing.

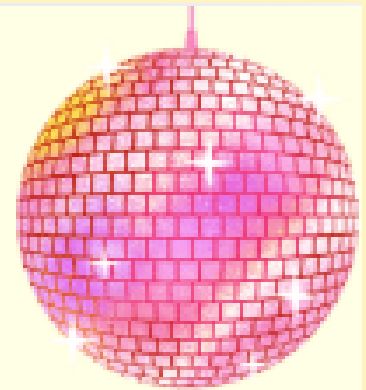
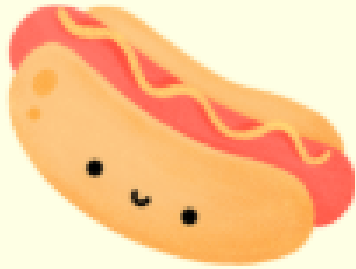
Mrs Griffin (Pastoral Leader)

Pastoral Updates

Each year, we say goodbye to our Year 6 cohort with Hot Dogs and Cool Music. This is a lovely chance for families to come together to enjoy some food, drinks and wonderful music.

Tickets are now available on Arbor.

Any money raised will go towards IT equipment for the school.



JOIN US FOR

HOT DOGS & COOL MUSIC!

JULY 21 17:00 - 20:00

£6 PER PERSON

*Price includes a
burger or a hot dog!*

BUY YOUR TICKETS ON ARBOR SHOP!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



Year 6 VIP area

Bar

BBQ

Face Paint

Disco

Snacks





Attendance



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole School Attendance Last Week	94.0%
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	94%	98%	98%	96%	94%	96%	93%	91%	95%	93%	93%	91%	95%	91%
Year to Date	94%	94%	95%	92%	94%	95%	96%	95%	96%	93%	92%	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%	99%	100%	98%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
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

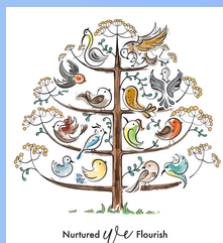
Games Club

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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MESSY CHURCH

Summer Fun Party

HOT DOGS &
OUTDOOR FUN & GAMES



Hot Dogs | Bubble Wands | Face Painting | Races
Fair Games | Community Art Project | Story Tent
And much much more

4th July 3pm-5pm

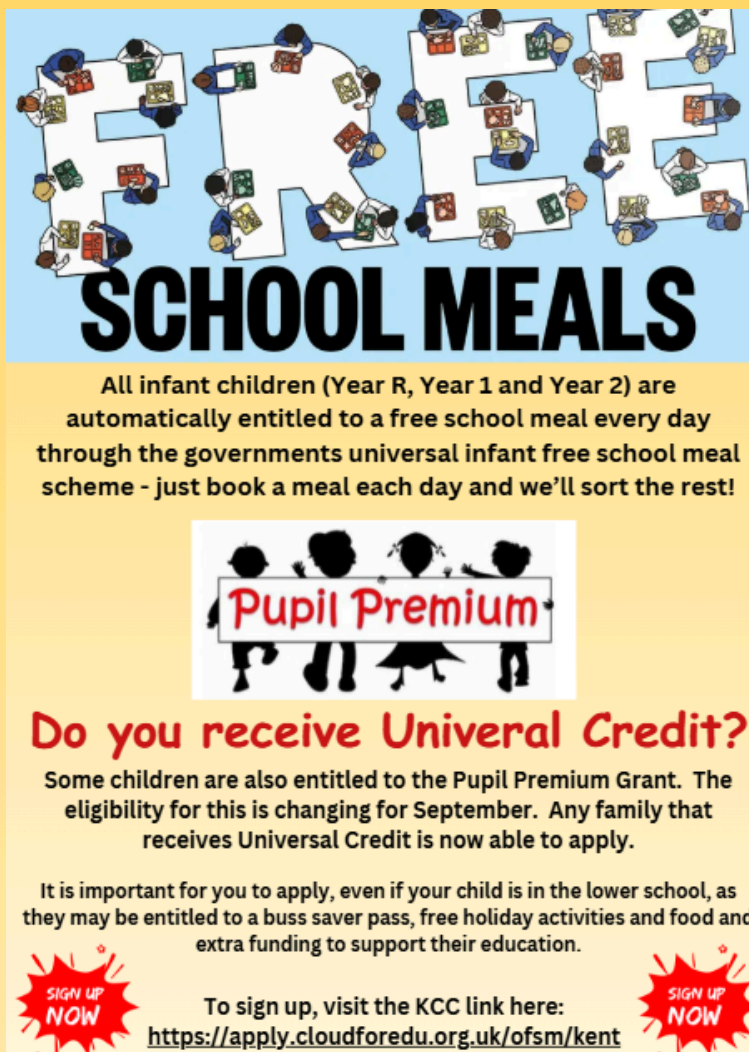
Join us at the field behind
Harrietsham Church



*Please bring your own food if you do not eat meat Hot Dogs or have food intolerances * This is a free event, however Ice Cream Van will require payment


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.

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

SIGN UP NOW



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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**JOIN!
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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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



JUNE OFFERS

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1-1 OPPORTUNITIES
inc. with a Test Cricketer!

1:1
COACHING
NEW RECRUITS

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](#)