



HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurtured We Flourish



Dear Families,

29th June 2026

We are immensely proud of our children and staff and the way that they coped last week in the extreme heat. We are not used to temperatures like we experienced last week and it was lovely to see the whole school community helping to support each other. Our thanks to the families who sent in fans to help keep us all cool.

As you know, we are looking to put a **new PTFA** together. A school PTFA is a great mechanism to fundraise for items which are important for the school and which help to make our children's educational journey even richer. At a time when school budgets are more stretched than ever, this seems especially important. Members would work together, with the school, to offer fundraising events for our school. I have three parents so far who have expressed interest, but, I would be keen to have more. Please do email me (headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk) if you would like to join the group.

This week is our **transition week**. We start the week with more 'Stay and Play' sessions for our new Reception cohort. Our Year 6's will also be moving up to their new secondary schools this week. We wish them the very best of luck as they find out who their new teachers and class friends will be. In addition, we have two transition days for the remainder of the school. Incase you missed it, your child's new class is listed here: <https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=1934>. On Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July, children should be dropped off with their new class teacher in their new classroom (new class names are on the table - this is the classroom your child will be in next year). They will also be collected from this classroom at the end of each day. On Thursday, there will be an opportunity for families to meet

their child's new teacher after school between 3:20pm and 4pm. Please do pop into your child's new classroom to say 'hello'.

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)



OPAL Raffle Winners

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

- Mia, Year 1
- Molly, Year 1
- Oscar, Year 1
- Charlie, Year 2
- Jonah, Year 6



UPCOMING



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

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

Monday 29 th June and Tuesday 30 th June:	New Year R Stay and Play Session 2 (afternoon session 1:30-3pm) 15 chn 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 3 rd July - INSET Day – School Closed to all children)	
Monday 6 th July:	OPAL Lunchtime (parents invited in to play)
Wednesday 8 th July:	Year 2 to Lenham Primary – Big Summer Dance
Thursday 9 th July:	Year 1 and 2 Big Summer Sing at Harrietsham
Friday 10 th July:	OPAL Lunchtime (parents invited in to play)

Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham Primary
School TikTok:



Follow our OPAL Progress:



Forest School News:





Lower School News



Phase News



Upper School News



It has been a week full of resilience for our entire school community! It has been lovely to see the children adapting to different plans and measures to help to keep them safe. We have truly seen fellowship in action as we have all worked together to keep the school open and as comfortable as possible. All sorts of fun things had been planned - from cold themed activities, to outdoor learning, to feet in water trays! The children have also found out who their new teachers are going to be which has created a real buzz of excitement throughout the lower school. We are so excited for our transition days this week!

In school, we have also launched "Operation Glow Up"! As part of this, we want to make sure our school building and outside areas are given a good bit of TLC before September. However, with very tight budgets we need to rely on the generosity of our wider community and the "can-do" attitude of our staff. If you are able to help with **ANY** of the following, **PLEASE** do get in touch at ben.walker@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk.

- Painting
- Sourcing of any wooden toys or furniture
- Applying for funding grants from companies
- Building outdoor shelters
- A willingness to help during the Summer holidays to build and transform!

Hi Upper School,

We made it through what felt like an absolute scorcher of a week!

Despite the melting weather, our classrooms remained full of focused minds. It was a massive week across the school as Years 3, 4, and 5 all tackled their end-of-term assessments. From Year 3's carefully applying their reading skills to Year 5's showing how much they've learned so far!

To capture the wonderful spirit of the week, here is what some of our teachers noticed about your incredible learning and growth:

"Year 4 have been exploring our class book 'Journey' using descriptive language and speech - their use of adjectives was incredible."

"A massive shoutout to Year 5! It was wonderful to see them using all their problem-solving strategies independently. The warm weather didn't stop them."

"Year 6 are smashing production rehearsals - we are looking forward to more prop making this week."

Ms Pittam (Phase Leader)

Mr Walker (Phase Leader)

Curriculum Updates



Hello everyone,

This week, we have continued reviewing and developing our curriculum across the school in preparation for September. Mrs Griffin and I have worked together to review our approach to teaching online safety to ensure our children develop the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe online.

As a school, we use a scheme called Project Evolve, which provides full coverage of the 4 C's of internet safety: content, contact, conduct and commerce. This has been clearly mapped out to ensure progression across each year group, beginning with Reception.

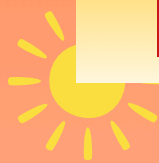
The lower school phase team have also worked closely to develop our new EYFS curriculum and progression of skills map, with the aim of ensuring our youngest learners are provided with a strong foundation of knowledge and skills that will enable them to thrive and be well prepared for the transition into Year 1.

Next week, our transition days will provide children with valuable opportunities to meet their new teachers and LSAs, helping to ensure a smooth and positive start to the new academic year. We are looking forward to building on this year's work and continuing to strengthen our curriculum offer for all pupils.

Mrs Fenner (Deputy Headteacher)

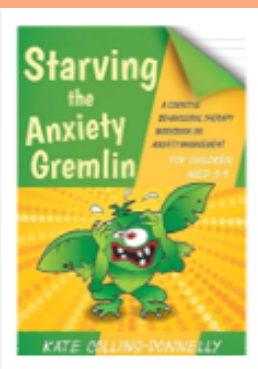


Hello all,



Inclusion Updates

This week our nurture provision has come into its own by being a safe haven for lots of our children who have found the hot weather difficult. It is a wonderfully calm space and Mrs Weeks makes it purposeful and supportive.



This Week's Link - Training Opportunities:

I have delved into the local SEN offer and here is a link to the training opportunities - often, knowing more helps us support better.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/support-for-parents-with-send-children/training-opportunities-for-send-parents-and-carers>

Book Recommendation - Starving the Anxiety Gremlin:

An excellent book recommendation for children and their families who are coping with anxiety. It has a basis in cognitive behavioural therapy and is easily accessible for primary age children.

Mrs Evans (Inclusion Leader)



Keeping your child safe on WhatsApp.

WhatsApp is intended for young people aged 13 and over. However, we recognise that many of our children use the app before this age. For this reason, we believe it is important that families are well informed and take steps to help children to use it safely. Working together, we can help children enjoy the benefits of technology while reducing the risks.

Please take an active interest in your child's online activity, including the apps, games and websites they use. Regular conversations, checking privacy settings together, and knowing who they are communicating with can all help keep our children safe online.

WhatsApp also offers Parent-Managed Accounts, which allow parents and carers to supervise their child's account and manage important safety and privacy settings where available.

You can find out more here: https://faq.whatsapp.com/875902238256170/?cms_platform=iphone.

If you require any support with this, please see Mrs Griffin.

Mrs Griffin (Pastoral Leader)

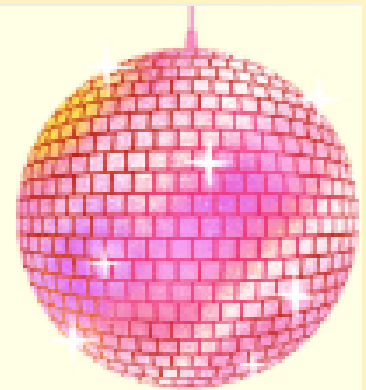
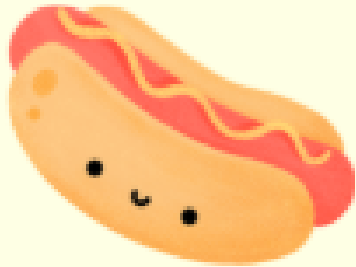
Pastoral Updates



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	88.5%
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
87%	88%	97%	82%	84%	90%	91%	92%	94%	88%	82%	84%	90%	90%
93%	94%	95%	92%	94%	95%	95%	95%	96%	93%	92%	93%	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
98%	100%	99%	98%	99%	96%	99%	98%	100%	98%	99%	100%	100%	99%
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

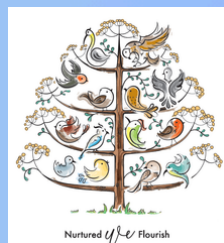
Games Club

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 Day

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



STOP THINK CHOOSE

Stay calm, assess
the situation

What advice or treatment
do you need?

Choose where to get the
right help quickly

With the school holidays starting on Wednesday, 22 July, doctors are encouraging parents and carers to know where to go for health help.

If you have planned a trip away this summer, make sure you pick up any prescription medications that you need in advance and take these with you.

You can order repeat prescriptions on the [NHS App](#) and nominate a pharmacy, saving you time and putting you in control of your health needs.

Make sure your medicine cabinet is fully stocked with the basic essentials, such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, indigestion treatment and antihistamine.

If you or your children are not well, get advice from your pharmacist at the first sign of feeling ill – don't wait for it to get more serious.

You can get instant advice and prescription medication for seven common conditions without seeing a GP. Find more information about [Pharmacy First](#).

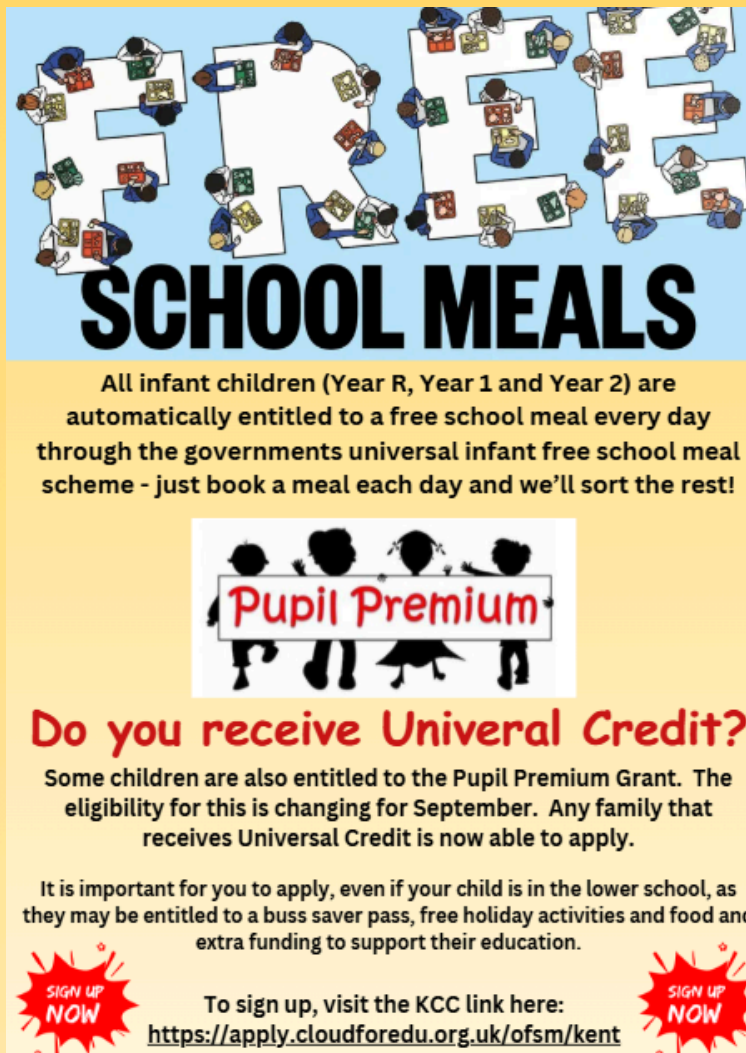
Visit an urgent treatment centre if you have a suspected broken bone or fracture, a sprain or a strain, minor cut, burn or scald. Live waiting times for urgent treatment centres can be found at the [Kent and Medway NHS website](#).

Parents can download our [handy guide](#) for five to 11-year-olds, which has useful information about health services, vaccinations, advice on common childhood health problems and items. you should have at home.

Find information about NHS services for children and download the booklet at the [Stop Think Choose website](#)

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.



FREE 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 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>

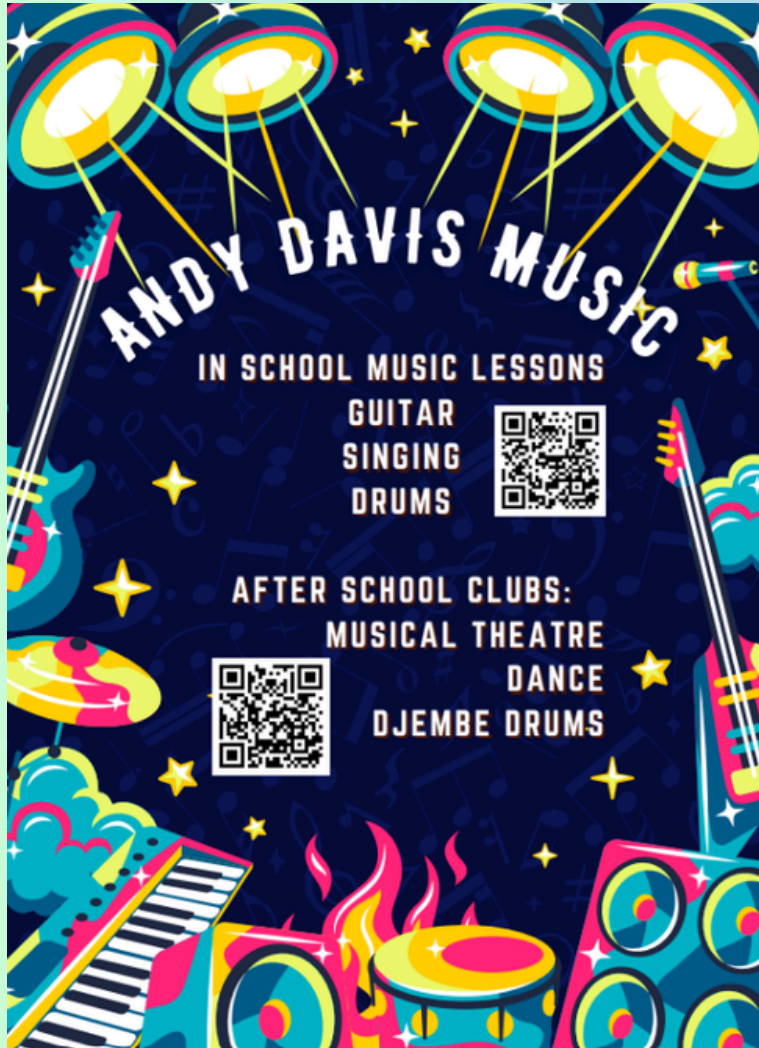
After completing the form on this page, the school office will receive a notification to verify your child's pupil premium eligibility. Once confirmed, your child's Atom Home account will be created.

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)

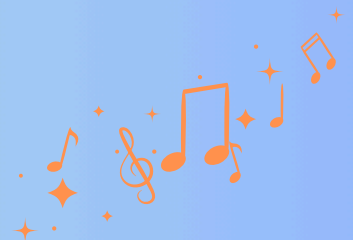
Please complete the google form (link below) if your child would be interested in attending an after-school Music Club.

<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 **OR** **DAY ONLY**
£155 **£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!

The Family Trust

Get in Touch:

bookings@chequertree.org.uk www.chequertree.org.uk
 01622 577960 [chequertreecamp](https://www.facebook.com/chequertreecamp) [chequertreecamp](https://www.instagram.com/chequertreecamp)

The Family Trust

Registered Charity No: 1162296

**JOIN!
PLAY!
ENJOY!**

LENHAM C.C.

**LENHAM
CRICKET CLUB
JUNIORS**

**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**

★ LEARN • IMPROVE • PLAY • ENJOY ★

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



1-1 OPPORTUNITIES inc. with a Test Cricketer!

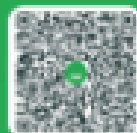
**1:1
COACHING
NEW RECRUITS**

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](#)



Free Schools Out! Summer Club²⁰²⁶

HAF registered children, book your place now!

**27 Jul to 30 Jul
03 Aug to 06 Aug**

**10 Aug to 13 Aug
17 Aug to 20 Aug**

Providing free childcare and peace of mind at:

**Greenfields Community
Primary School
Shepway, Maidstone**

**Archbishop Courtenay
Primary School
Tovil, Maidstone**

**Leigh Academy Tree Tops
Furfield Close, Parkwood,
Maidstone**

Sessions run for 4 hours between 10:00 - 14:00.

Schools Out Clubs provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 13 to participate in a range of sports and arts & craft activities.

Places are available for children who are registered on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) and receive Free School Meals. Simply log into the HAF website **holidayactivities.com** to book a space at one of our locations.





Compassionate Neighbours



Are you a kind and compassionate person?
Are you a good listener who enjoys a chat?

If you can answer 'yes' to both these questions, then you have what it takes to be a Compassionate Neighbour.



You can brighten someone's day

All it takes is one or two hours a week to lend a listening ear and offer your friendship and support.



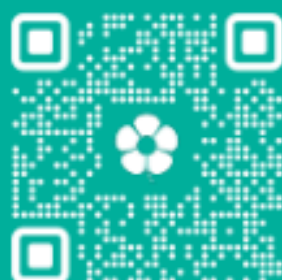
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