



HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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21st September 2026



Dear Families,

We are extremely pleased to welcome Mrs Cummins to our school family. Mrs Cummins will be teaching Robins class. We are sure you will make her feel very welcome if you see her in and around school. Mrs Cummins has spent this week getting to know the children and staff and she is very excited to get going with teaching Robins class next week.



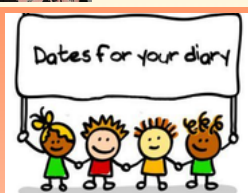
I wanted to give a huge shout-out to our team of staff who walked a marathon on Saturday night to raise money for Cancer Research. We are so proud of them for training so hard to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.



Please take a look at our national results from the end of last year on pages 2 - 4. We are really pleased with how our children have performed and wanted to celebrate these successes with 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/>

October: Black History Month	
Thursday 1 st October:	Autumn Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified)
Friday 2 nd October:	Individual Child Photos Harvest Festival: Donations collected for Harrietsham Food Bank
Sunday 4 th October:	9:30am – Church Harvest Service
Friday 16 th October:	Classroom Open Afternoon 2:45pm – 3:15pm (All families invited to attend)
Tuesday 20 th October:	Year 6 Class Worship – 2:45pm (Y6 families invited to watch)

TERM ENDS: Friday 23rd October 2026



Reception 2027 School Tours

We warmly invite new Reception children and their families to join us for a school tour.

Tours will be held on the following dates:

Monday 16th November: 9:30am	Monday 30th November: 9:30am
Wednesday 18th November: 9:30am	Wednesday 2nd December: 9:30am
Thursday 19th November: 9:30am	Tuesday 3rd December: 9:30am and our Open Evening: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday 24th November: 9:30am	Wednesday 6th January: 9:30am
Thursday 26th November: 9:30am	Thursday 7th January: 9:30am
Friday 27th November: 9:30am	Friday 8th January: 9:30am

Please call the school office on **01622 859261** to book a place on a tour or email office@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk





Data Last Year



Early Years Foundation Stage

We are extremely proud of our EYFS cohort, who achieved higher than the 2025 National Average in all areas of the Early Years curriculum. This shows that children in the Early Years Foundation Stage at Harrietsham make a highly successful start to their education, with outcomes that are consistently above national averages across all areas of learning.

Good Level of Development (GLD)

The percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development at the end of Reception.

School 2026 **84.5%**

National Average 2025 **68.3%**



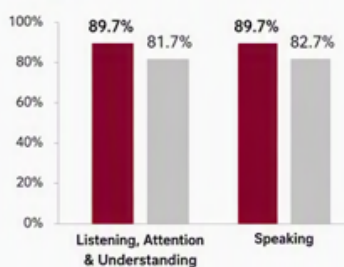
Our GLD result in 2026 is **16.2 percentage points** above the national average.

+16.2
percentage points

PRIME AREAS

School 2026 National 2025

Communication & Language



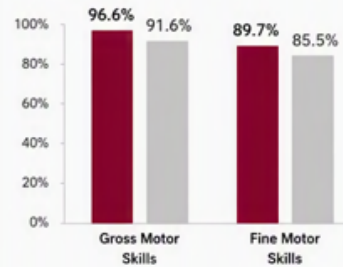
Average Advantage
+7.5
percentage points

Personal, Social & Emotional Development



Average Advantage
+3.7
percentage points

Physical Development

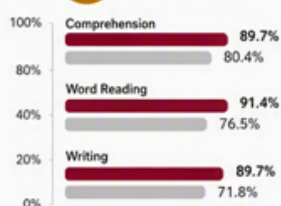


Average Advantage
+4.6
percentage points

SPECIFIC AREAS

School 2026 National 2025

Literacy

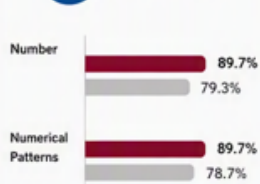


Average Advantage
+14.0
percentage points



Strongest area compared with national outcomes

Mathematics



Average Advantage
+10.7
percentage points

Understanding the World



Average Advantage
+6.8
percentage points

Expressive Arts & Design



Average Advantage
+4.3
percentage points



Phonics Screening



Year 1 Phonics Screening Results 2026

Our Year 1 phonics outcomes demonstrate strong attainment among pupils accessing the full phonics programme. The proportion achieving the expected standard was **in line with the national average (80%)**, with an average score of **32.36**.



Percentage Reaching the Expected Standard

The percentage of pupils who met the expected standard in the Year 1 phonics screening check.



Average Score

The average score achieved in the Year 1 phonics screening check.



When considering pupils who accessed the full Year 1 phonics curriculum, **80% achieved the expected standard**, in line with the national average.

The cohort achieved an average score of **32.36**, compared with the national average of 33.4.



In line with the national average

Our Year 1 cohort worked extremely hard when learning their phonics. Our phonics outcomes demonstrate the effectiveness of our Little Wandle phonics provision and the strong impact of sustained, high-quality teaching. We are extremely proud of the whole team.

Multiplication Check

Our Year 4 cohort demonstrated strong mathematical fluency in the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, achieving outcomes above national averages across key measures. This highlights the effectiveness of our approach to developing mathematical fluency and reflects our commitment to securing strong foundations in number and calculation.



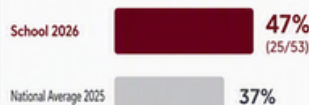
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Results 2026

Our pupils demonstrated strong fluency in multiplication facts in the 2026 Multiplication Tables Check. Nearly half of pupils achieved full marks, exceeding the national average, and the cohort's average score was above the national figure.



Full Marks (25 out of 25)

The percentage of pupils who achieved full marks.

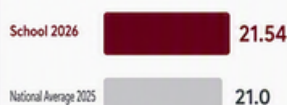


+10 percentage points above national average



Average Score

The average number of marks achieved (out of 25).



Above the national average



Higher Attainment

The percentage of pupils who scored 23 marks or more.



Two thirds of pupils scored 23 marks or more



47% of pupils achieved full marks, compared with **37%** nationally, and the cohort achieved an average score of **21.54**, above the national average of **21.0**.



66% of pupils scored 23 marks or more, demonstrating strong multiplication fluency.



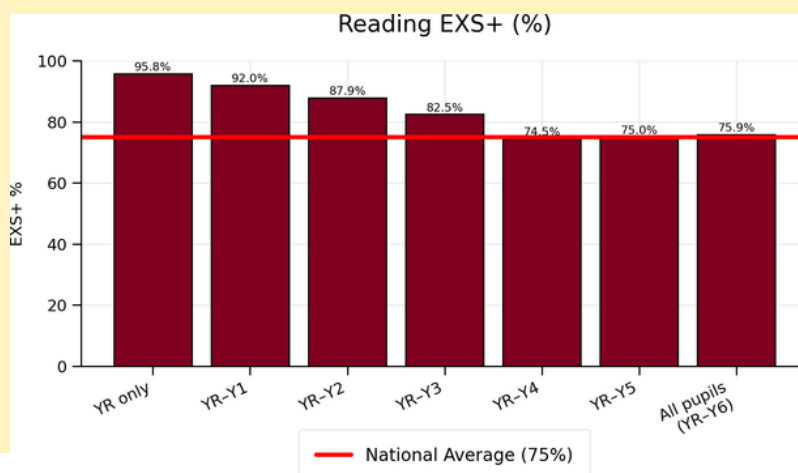


Key Stage Two SATs

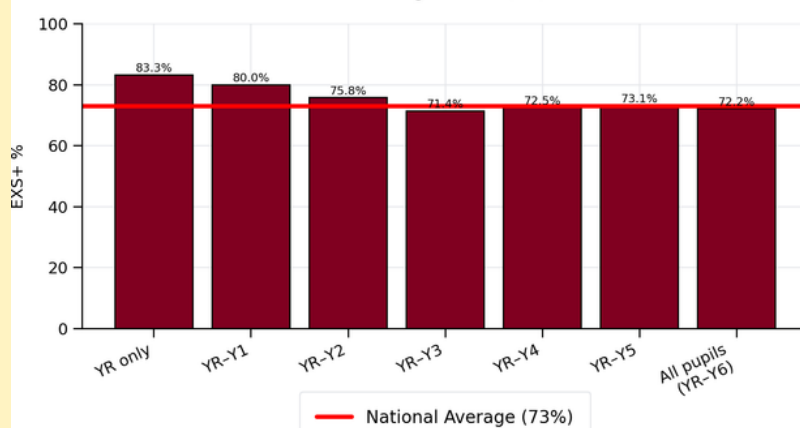
We are so proud of our Year 6 cohort, who worked so hard last year. The children achieved in line with National Averages in Reading and Writing and whilst, as a cohort, they scored below the National Average in Maths, the data clearly showed a positive correlation between the length of time our children experience school life at Harrietsham and their results at Key Stage Two. We are proud to say that pupils who experience our school's full educational journey and expert teaching achieve exceptionally strong outcomes. This demonstrates the effectiveness of our curriculum, high expectations and targeted support.

Reading at Key Stage Two

In Reading, **95.8%** of the cohort who joined in Reception achieved the Expected Standard in their SATs test. This is **+19.9** percentage points above the whole-school figure.



Writing EXS+ (%)



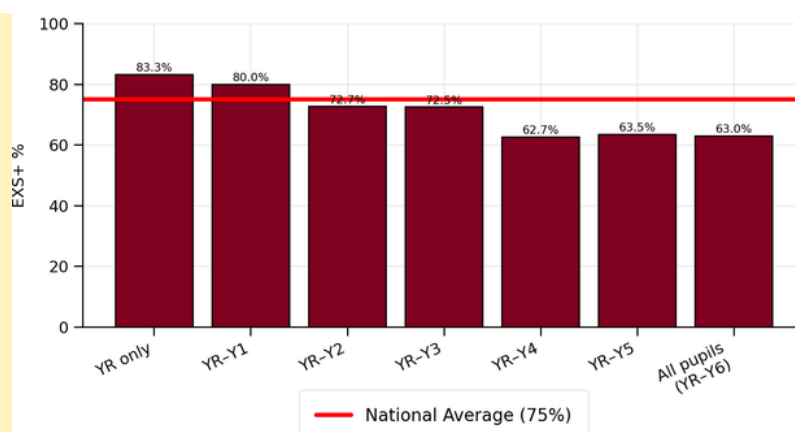
Writing at Key Stage Two

In Writing, **83.3%** of the cohort who joined in Reception achieved the Expected Standard in their SATs test. This is **+11.1** percentage points above the whole-school figure.

Maths at Key Stage Two

In Maths, **83.3%** of the cohort who joined in Reception achieved the Expected Standard in their SATs test. This is **+20.3** percentage points above the whole-school figure.

Maths EXS+ (%)





COULD YOUR CHILD BE MISSING OUT?



DO YOU RECEIVE UNIVERSAL CREDIT?

If yes, your child may now be entitled to Free School Meals.

From September 2026, eligibility has been extended to all families receiving Universal Credit in England.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

A quick eligibility check could unlock valuable support for your child and additional funding for our school.

THE BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHILD

- Additional learning support to help them achieve their very best
- Enrichment opportunities and school experiences
- Clubs, trips and wider opportunities
- Pastoral and wellbeing support
- Extra help to build confidence and reach goals



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THE BENEFITS FOR OUR SCHOOL

- Valuable additional funding
- Improve teaching and learning
- Provide targeted interventions
- Enhance enrichment opportunities
- Raise outcomes for all pupils

YOUR CHILD MAY ATTRACT PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING IF THEY:

- Currently receive Free School Meals
- Have received Free School Meals at any point in the last 6 years
- Have been adopted from care
- Are subject to a Special Guardianship Order
- Are under a Child Arrangements Order
- Have previously been in local authority care
- Are from a service family (additional Service Pupil Premium available)

EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY RECEIVES UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS...

Registering for Free School Meals could still help secure additional funding to support learning, wellbeing and enrichment opportunities across our school.

NOT SURE IF YOU QUALIFY?
Let us help!

- Confidential advice
- Quick eligibility check
- Support with applications

CHECK TODAY!
Contact the School Office
We're here to help.

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Every application makes a difference
Every eligible registration helps us provide:
• Additional learning support
• Wider enrichment opportunities
• Enhanced wellbeing support
• Improved outcomes for



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



Free 11+ Preparation and KS2 learning support

Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).

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>



Attendance



Whole School Attendance Last Week

93.3%

Our attendance is already below our target of 96%.
Children who have already been absent from school will have missed vital lesson content.



A child who has lower than 96% attendance is at high risk of falling behind their peers educationally.

We need you to ensure that your children are in school EVERY SINGLE DAY.

Class Attendance Last Week

Well done to all of the classes over our school target of 96%.

Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
Ducklings	Cygnets	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays
92%	91%	90%	90%	96%	92%

Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Heron
93%	97%	95%	91%	94%	95%	96%	93%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

(Because every day in school really does count!)

Why attendance is so important:

- Good attendance = better learning, more confidence, and stronger friendships.
- Missing school adds up quickly – even a few days here and there can make a BIG difference.

DID YOU KNOW?

90% attendance may sound OK... but it means 1 day off every 2 weeks!
That's 19 days a year – nearly a whole month of learning lost.
Over 5 years of school, that's almost half a year missed.

DfE guidance:

- The Department for Education (DfE) says good attendance is 96% or above.
- Schools must work closely with families where attendance falls below this.
- Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to make sure children attend school regularly.

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

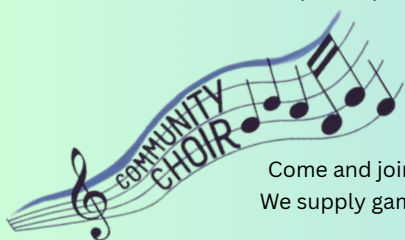
Games Club

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.

Come and help us celebrate at our

Harvest Festival

Morning Worship Service

St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham



Sunday 4th October

9.30am

Please bring your family and friends

Tinned or sealed dry goods to contribute to our food bank are
always gratefully received

Free event for children aged 5 - 10, run by Hazel (who made our Mustard Tree birds) - based on a character from her newly published children's book.

This event is open to everyone - even children who do not live in Harrietsham.

AN IMMERSIVE STORY & CRAFT EXPERIENCE FOR AGES 5-10

THE PROFESSOR'S
MAGICAL
Autumn
ADVENTURE

FREE EVENT FOR CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN HARRIETSHAM

Step into the Professor's magical autumn world and become part of an enchanting adventure filled with story, curious discoveries and creativity.

The Professor says...
Help yourself!

Step into a magical autumn world filled with wonder, story and creativity!

PARENTS & CHILDREN WELCOME!
This is a shared experience - grown-ups stay and enjoy the magic together.

PROFESSOR
ARCHIBALD RAVENSCROFT
RESIDENT SCHOLAR

AN UNFORGETTABLE AUTUMN EXPERIENCE!

MAGICAL STORY Meet the Professor and listen to his story in his enchanting autumn world.	SPARKLING BEAK PLAQUE Decorate the Professor's beak with metallic tape, pens and gems to make your own door plaque!	GLOWING AUTUMN LIGHT Create a beautiful autumn tealight holder (using real ramekins), to take home.	SWEET TREATS FROM THE PROFESSOR Help yourself to tasty treats from the Professor's leaf bowl during the adventure!	TAKE HOME TREASURES Leave with two wonderful creations - a sparkling Professor door plaque and a magical tealight holder!
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SUNDAY
25TH OCTOBER

VENUE
HARRIETSHAM VILLAGE HALL

FREE FOR
CHILDREN AGED 5-10
AND THEIR
ACCOMPANYING ADULT

TICKET ONLY!
BOOKING BY
TICKET ONLY

TO BOOK,
PLEASE RING
01622 851885

BOOK NOW!

JOIN THE PROFESSOR FOR A MAGICAL AUTUMN ADVENTURE
OF STORY, CREATIVITY & WONDER!