HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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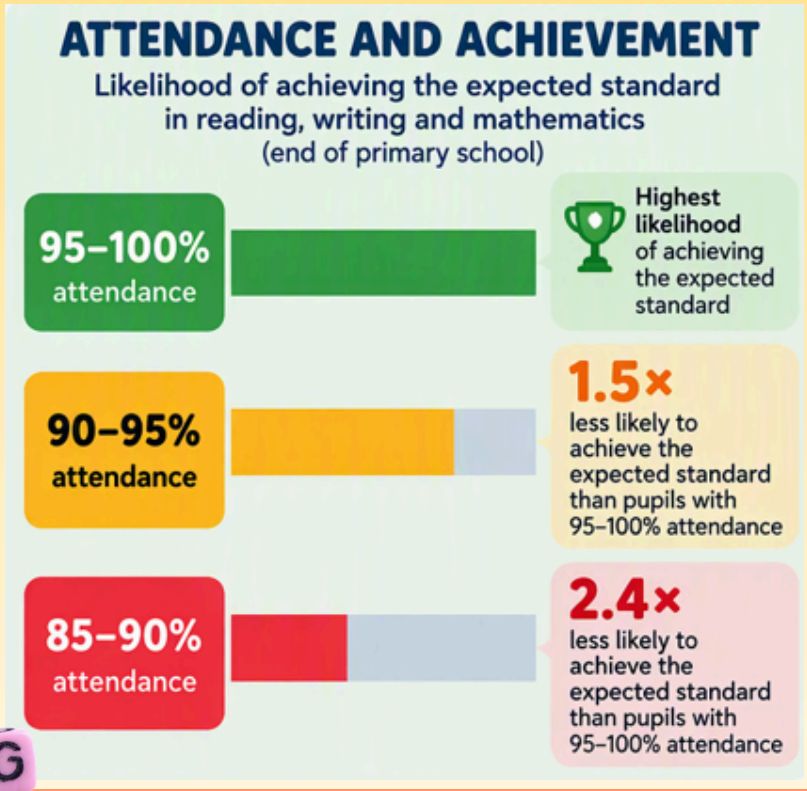


28th September 2026

Dear Families,

This first term of the school year seems to be whizzing by. Last week we had a visit from our School Improvement Advisor from KCC who praised our children for their learning behaviours in lessons. It is lovely to pop around the school and see the range of fun learning activities that are happening in classrooms and to share with the children the learning that they are enjoying. Mrs Fenner and our team of subject leaders are working hard to develop a curriculum which is purposeful, progressive and engaging for our children. You can find more information on our website here: https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/our-curriculum.

I wanted to share with you some data from the Department of Education about the relationship between children's attendance at Primary School and their results at the end of Year 6. The results are clear and they speak for themselves - **The more children attend school, the better they achieve.**



What does this mean for you and your child?

If your child has attendance over 95% they have the best chance of acheiving the expected standard at the end of primary school.

Please help your child by sending them to school, on time, every day.



Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)



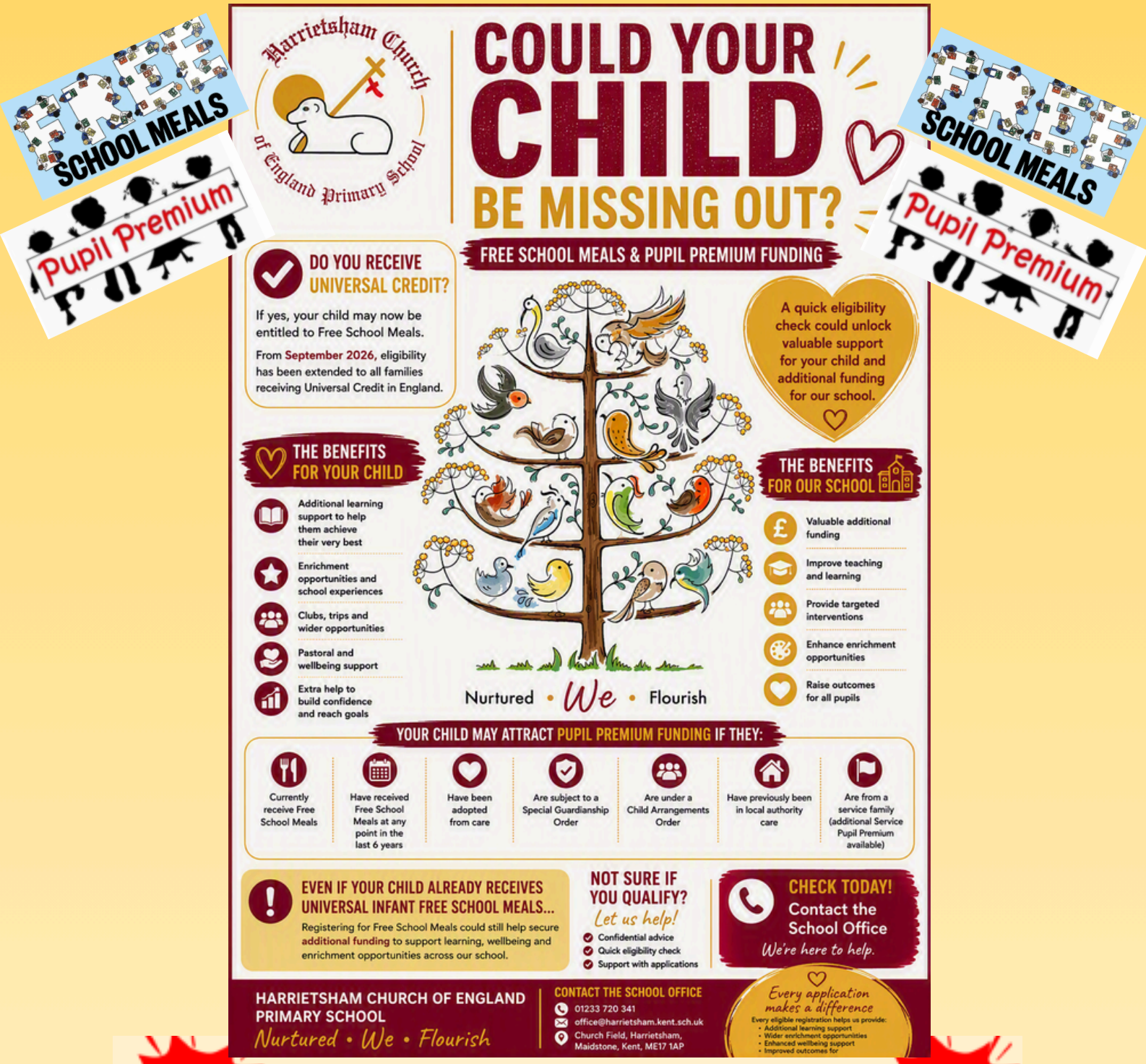
UPCOMING

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

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

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

TERM ENDS: Friday 23rd October 2026



SIGN UP NOW

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

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FREE

Atom Learning

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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

Our school has earned a silver award for the Rail Safe Friendly Programme due to the education we have given our children about rail safety. We have made the below pledge as a school - please share this with your children.













Attendance

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Whole School Attendance Last Week	93.4%

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
91%	89%	98%	93%	93%	93%

Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Herons
95%	94%	90%	97%	96%	95%	94%	90%



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.
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.

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

Please come along and share the service. Some of our Shining Lights (Worship Leaders) will be sharing their own prayers and poems and giving readings. Some of our Choir will also be singing harvest songs.

Harrietsham Church of England Primary

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

Harrietsham Pre School

Spaces Available For 2-4 Year Olds

Sessions Available:

- 9am - 3pm
- 9am - 12pm
- 12pm - 3pm



07458 915213
harrietshampreschool.manager@gmail.com


AN IMMERSIVE STORY & CRAFT EXPERIENCE FOR AGES 5-10
THE PROFESSOR'S
MAGICAL Autumn ADVENTURE
Step into a magical autumn world filled with wonder, story and creativity!
FREE EVENT FOR CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN HARRIETSHAM
PARENTS & CHILDREN WELCOME!
This is a shared experience – grown-ups stay and enjoy the magic together.
Step into the Professor's magical autumn world and become part of an enchanting adventure filled with story, curious discoveries and creativity.
PROFESSOR ARCHIBALD RAVENSCROFT RESIDENT SCHOLAR
The Professor says... Help yourself!
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!
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!


Football Camp
Get ready for the football season!
For children aged 6 - 11yrs:
Learn drills from qualified coaches whilst having fun with new friends in a safe & supported environment.
All abilities welcome.
Tuesdays, 4 - 5.15pm
Julie Rose Stadium
Course length & price based on school term dates - sessions £6 per week
Book via reception or call 01233 613131
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Join us at our
Messy CHURCH
Face painting
Satsuma pumpkins
Pumpkin hunt
pumpkin party!
Pumpkin carving
Pumpkin painting
Older games table
on
Saturday, 31st October, 2026
at St John's Church
in Harrietsham from 3-5pm.
Children welcome to come dressed up if they would like to.
Flower cards
and more...
Not forgetting our famous Messy tea party!