

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurtured We Flourish

9.5.25

Dear Families,

Parent Survey:

Thank you to all of those families who have already completed our parent survey. If you haven't yet done so, please do. I would really appreciate as much feedback as possible. Any feedback will help us to further develop what you love and look to improve what you do not. **Survey Link:** <https://forms.gle/2uQVqgTwx9qFAfYT8>

VE Day Celebration:

Thank you to everyone who attended our VE Day Celebration on Thursday. The children have been learning about VE Day in school throughout the week and it was lovely to be able to share some time with our families altogether. We were amazed by the turnout of parents / carers - thank you for your support. Thank you also to Miss Thorne for organising such a lovely event for our children.

Kindest regards,

Jackie Chambers

Headteacher

School Projects - Do you know a company who can sponsor us?

We have a number of great ideas for some fantastic school projects, which will enhance our school and the offer for our children. We have motivated and enthusiastic staff who are willing to put them into action. However, in order to achieve these, we would need to find sponsors.

Can you help us?

If you know of any charities or companies who may be willing to sponsor us for any of the projects below, please do let me know (headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk).

Project 1: Accelerated Reader: A great system whereby all books within the school are banded as appropriate for a child's reading age to support appropriate book selection. Children will have access to new books and fun quizzes to complete about their reading. Accelerated Reader is proven to motivate children to read more through engaging quizzes, goal setting, and personalised recommendations of new books to read.

To find out more, see: <https://www.renaissance.com/products/practice-instruction/accelerated-reader/>.

- **Approximate cost: £5,000**

Project 2: Year 1 and 2 Outdoor Area: We would like to develop a Year 1 and 2 outdoor area, similar to Year R's. This would allow our children in Year 1 and 2 to continue to access learning within a specially designed outdoor area tailored to their needs. We have funded resources - we just need fencing to create a designated space.

- **Approximate cost: £4,000**

Project 3: Forest School Shelter: We would like to source a shelter for Forest School so that the space is more useable all year round.

- **Approximate cost: £8,000**

Project 4: Whole School Sensory Room: We would like to create a sensory room for use by all of our children. Sensory rooms are proven to promote sensory stimulation, improve balance, movement and spatial orientation, develop communication and enhance self regulation - providing opportunities to de-stress and improve focus.

- **Approximate cost: £5,000**

If you are able to help with finding a sponsor for any of these projects, please do let me know.

A few Notices:

Crocs:

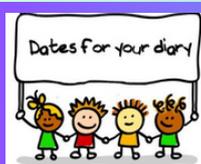
Staff have raised that some children are coming to school wearing crocs. Unless agreed with a member of the senior leadership team, children should not be wearing crocs to school as these are not safe items of footwear for the school day. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

A plea from the School Office:

We are seeing an increase in numbers of children being collected from school early, often with little to no prior notice. Please can we ask that you do not collect your child early from school unless it is absolutely essential. If you do have pre-agreed medical appointments etc, please let the office know with as much notice as possible, otherwise please leave collection until 3:20pm.

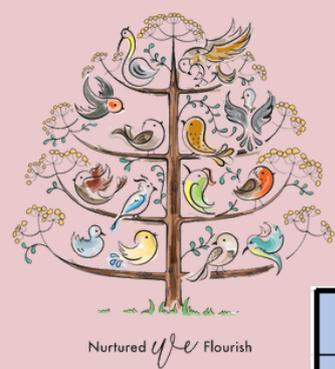
Ordering School Photos:

The deadline for ordering class photos for delivery to school is 8th June. Orders can still be placed after this date, but there will be a delivery charge. Please get your orders in soon!



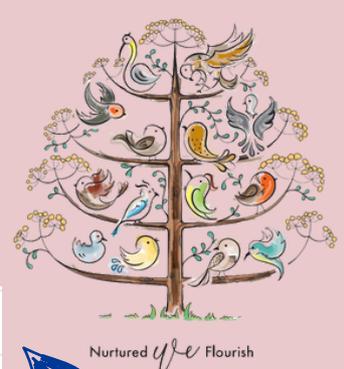
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| Monday 12 th May – Friday 16 th May: | Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week (Friday 16th May: Children to wear own clothes to express themselves) |
| Monday 12 th May – Friday 16 th May: | Year 6 SATs Week |
| Wednesday 14 th May: | Year 5 Parents Kent Test Info Evening 5pm – 6pm |
| Thursday 15 th May: | Summer Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified) Year 4 Play at 2pm |
| Monday 19 th May – Friday 23 rd May: | OPAL Parents Lunchtime Week (Families may attend lunchtimes throughout the week to play with their children) |
| Monday 19 th May: | Year 1 Class Worship 2.50pm New EYFS Cohort 24/25 New Parent Open Evening 5-6.30pm |
| Wednesday 21 st May: | School recognition of World Day for Cultural Diversity |

TERM ENDS: Friday 23rd May 2025



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



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| Whole School Attendance for the Week | 94.54% |
| Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%) | 226 of 399 |



Below our target of 96%! Let's see if we can get closer to 96%

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 |
| 95% | 99% | 87% | 90% | 93% | 96% | 96% | 97% | 98% | 89% | 96% | 95% | 94% | 98% |



Class Punctuality

Well done to all of those children who have been on time every day this week.

| Percentage of children who have been on time this week | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 93% | 100% | 91% | 97% | 97% | 97% | 93% | 93% | 94% | 97% | 97% | 86% | 100% | 96% |



EVERY DAY COUNTS

School and future success starts with good attendance.

100% Perfect - Our target for all students

97% Impressive - 4 DAYS ABSENCE (36 hours of learning lost)

95% Concerning - 10 DAYS ABSENCE (90 hours of learning lost)

90% Seriously worrying - 19 DAYS ABSENCE (174 hours of learning lost)

DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...

- 5 MINS LATE = 3 DAYS LOST
- 10 MINS LATE = 6 DAYS LOST
- 15 MINS LATE = 10 DAYS LOST

Education is important - DON'T MISS OUT!



With Mr Grant having left our school, we are looking for a new Site Manger - do you know anyone who may be interested?

Please see advert below and share widely!

PLEASE SHARE

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Site Manager Facilities at Harrietsham CEP School, Maidstone

Are you a practical problem-solver with a toolbelt in one hand and a clipboard in the other? Do you have a knack for fixing things, managing people, and keeping calm when the fire alarm goes off during a...

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=145186>

TREAT DAY

BEEFBURGER IN BUN WITH CHIPS
QUORN BURGER IN BUN WITH CHIPS
KETCHUP
RAINBOW SLAW
PEAS & SWEETCORN
CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE CAKE

THURSDAY
15th May

ALSO AVAILABLE: JACKET POTATO & FILLINGS, SALAD BAR, HOMEMADE BREAD, YOGHURT & FRUIT

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Harrietsham Prayer Group

Monday 19th May at 2.45pm

If you would like to join our prayer group, please meet in the school office at the date and time above.



PIANO LESSONS

I currently have a piano lesson school space available at 3.55 on a Thursday, with priority for years 3 and up. Please get in touch with any questions, or to be added to the waiting list for a different time space.



Isabel Hopper
isabelrhopper@gmail.com
07522 573035



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.



ST. John's Harrietsham
Community Choir
Every other Monday



Come along to our
fun singalong community choir
for adults, singing popular songs for all!
fortnightly on
Monday evenings
(12th and 26th May)
in the church between
7pm and 9pm
Tea and coffee will be served.
Everyone is welcome
For more information please phone Claire Jane
on 01622 853819.
Sponsored by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham





Free Children Piano/Keyboard Taster Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events



Contacts us Now by Email, Phone, Whats App or via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE TASTER SESSION"

[e:office@soundstepsmusic.co.uk](https://www.soundstepsmusic.co.uk) t:07926 371583
www.soundstepsmusic.co.uk



Year 5 Families:



Open Events

Y5 Event Schedule

Open Mornings (9:15 to 10:30am)

12th June 2025 Thursday This will consist of speeches in the Hall, followed by a tour with our Y8 students.

For further information please see our prospectus : [Y7 Prospectus 2025](#)

17th June 2025 Thursday

Open Evening (6 to 8pm)

12th June 2025 Thursday

To register:
<https://tinyurl.com/NKSOpenEvents2025>

Hythe Road, Ashford TN24 0QJ
Tel: 01233 620045 Web: www.nks.kent.sch.uk




Play cricket this summer at your local clubs!

Click images below

8 weeks of fun packed sessions for ages 5-11 year olds. No experience required. Kit included with both programmes.
Book your place today! - [Book All-Stars](#) [Book Dynamos](#)



It all starts with...

BOWL BAT FIELD
ACTION PACKED CRICKET COURSES
FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-8

Sign up today

Ashford Town CC- Sundays 10-11am from 11th May
Mersham Sports Club- Fridays 6-7pm from 9th May



Play Make Friends Learn new skills
Cricket for kids aged 8-11

Sign up now

Ashford Town CC- Sundays 10-11am from 11th May
Mersham Sports Club- Fridays 6-7.15pm from 9th May (Girls only and Mixed Sessions)
Sibton Park CC- Fridays 6-7.30pm from 2nd May (Girls only)