HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurtured We Flourish



5th October 2026

Dear Families,

Thank you so very much to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection on Friday. All proceeds will be sent to the Harrietsham Food Bank and will make a real difference to the members of our community who need it. Our Shining Lights, with help from Miss Roberts, led us in a great school Harvest service on Friday, and I was really proud of all of the children who helped to lead the Church service on Sunday.

GOOD NEWS!

Some members of our parent body met last week and I am delighted to say that they have agreed to **reform our PTFA**. This is amazing news for our school as they will be invaluable in fundraising for the additional things that help to make our offer for our children that little bit extra special.

The new group are keen to build a strong team of helpers around them and they have the below message for you all.

Hey parents! 👋

The PTFA is starting up again, and we're currently looking to fill a few roles on the committee.

If this is something you've considered and you'd like to find out more, please reach out to Mrs Chambers (headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk) for further details. We'd love to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved!

Our first big event to plan will be the Christmas Fair, so it would be fantastic to have the committee fully up and running by then. 🎄🎅

Thank you, and we hope to hear from some of you soon! 😊



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



Attendance

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Whole School Attendance Last Week	93.7%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.0%

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
Last Week	97%	88%	94%	95%	94%	94%
Year to Date	94%	91%	95%	93%	95%	94%

	Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Herons
Last Week	91%	98%	92%	93%	96%	93%	96%	92%
Year to Date	94%	97%	95%	95%	94%	96%	96%	93%



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.




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!


Harrietsham Church of England Primary
Nurtured Yet Flourish
Love
Fellowship
Forgiveness
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



Calling *all* budding young artists

We've teamed up with FENWICK to give the children of Kent the chance to design *Kent Life* magazine's 2026 Christmas cover

To enter, youngsters must live in Kent and be in full-time education.

A selection of entries will be published in the Christmas issue – along with the child's first name, age and school.

The winner's drawing will feature on the cover.

To enter a drawing, painting or illustration simply scan and email to kentchristmascover@newsquest.co.uk with the creator's name, age and school, no later than Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

Entries must have a festive design and the judges are especially keen to see some of Kent's landmarks in there too. Entries must be text-free – so no writing on designs. Good luck!

ABOUT OUR PARTNER

In 1882, when John James Fenwick started a Paris-inspired department store in England's north-east, many thought the idea was too bold. From outfitting the pioneering British aviatrix Lady Isobel Chaytor to novel collaborations with the circus, the brand that JJ Fenwick founded has long pioneered its own style. That pioneering spirit is an inspiration for the Fenwick of today. Fenwick Canterbury is a four-storey flagship department store located on St George's Street within the Whitefriars shopping area. Fenwick in Royal Tunbridge Wells is a prominent three-story department store in Royal Victoria Place shopping centre. ● *fenwick.co.uk*

Fenwick

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!

Club Calypso Girls
October Half Term Camps

Club Calypso Girls

Calypso are proud to present our new franchise girls side, Club Calypso Girls. Whether you're just starting your cricket journey or looking to refine elite skills, Club Calypso Girls is a first step to growing access to better coaching year-round for girls aged 8-18.

Oct - Dec Sessions:

- 5-week programme at Sutton Valence School.
- Tuesday evenings - 6:30-8pm
- Starts Tues 6th Oct - running fortnightly
- Perfect for all abilities, focusing on development and fun.

October Half Term Camps

Calypso are back with two October half term camps next month. Located at Sutton Valence School (Maidstone) and Norton Knatchbull School (Ashford), the Calypso team are excited to run two fun-packed hard ball camps for young cricketers aged 8-14.

Both camps run Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October, 9:30-3:30.

Plus, you can earn **20% off** with the code OCTHT (offer ends Sun 4th Oct)

Book your place below!



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**
www.freedom-leisure.co.uk

Ashford Borough Council

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MUFC
MAIDSTONE UNITED

SOCCER SCHOOLS

LEARN
PLAY
DEVELOP
HAVE FUN!

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS!

£25 PER DAY OR **£60** ALL 3 DAYS

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
TO WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER



SCAN TO BOOK TODAY!

TRAIN.
PLAY.
WIN!

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
SPACES LIMITED - DON'T MISS OUT!

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