HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurtured We Flourish



12th October 2026

Dear Families,

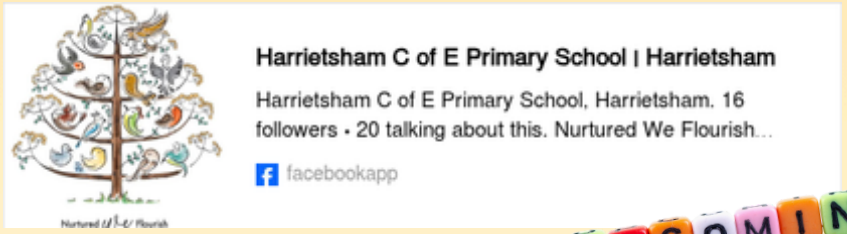
We are delighted to share that we commissioned an Inclusion Review from KCC last week. We were joined by an Inclusion Specialist who spent time in classrooms, reviewed documentation, and spoke with both children and staff.

We are thrilled that the reviewer recognised how inclusive our school is. She commented that, from the moment children enter school in the morning, through their lessons, playtimes and lunch breaks, right up until they go home, inclusion is a major driving force throughout the school.

Once again, the knowledge our staff have of the children was recognised, and the reviewer highlighted the strength of the relationships between adults and pupils. She also praised our children highly for the way they support one another. Many examples were observed of children actively helping their peers, both within their own classes and across different year groups.

I am incredibly proud of our staff and children for creating such a welcoming, supportive and inclusive community. I look forward to sharing some of the review's comments and quotations with you once we receive the final report.

We have a new Facebook Page:



Please take a look at our new Facebook page via the link above. We are looking forward to sharing lots of updates about developments within the school with you here.

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)

Tapestry Update from Mr Walker

Thank you to everyone for working with us as we move everything across from Dojo to Tapestry. We really hope that the information we shared last week shows just how beneficial Tapestry is going to be to how we record children's learning, first aid and communications.

If you haven't already, please login to your Tapestry account. Dojo will NOT be monitored for any year group after Monday 12th October. Core value worship invites, home learning and other important messages from your teachers will be communicated via Tapestry. Please ensure you have notifications on and check the app regularly to avoid missing anything!

First aid will begin being reported to you via Tapestry in the first week back of term 2. You MAY receive a TEST form to check it's working, don't panic if you don't!

For any queries, please email me at ben.walker@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk

Thanks for your patience, support and cooperation with this exciting change.



For a more detailed calendar, please see our website here: https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-1/

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN IMPORTANT

PTA MEETING

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

START TIME 7PM

WE NEED YOU!

A BRAND-NEW **PTFA** (PARENT, TEACHER, AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION) IS FORMING AT **HARRIETSHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**. AND WE NEED YOUR VOICE, YOUR IDEAS, AND YOUR ENTHUSIASM! WHETHER YOU CAN LEAD A PROJECT, BAKE A CAKE, OR JUST SPARE AN HOUR A YEAR—**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

HARRIETSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEST STREET, HARRIETSHAM ME17 1JZ

🌿🌿 CAN YOU HELP RESTORE OUR POND? 🌿 🌿

Help us create an amazing Forest School learning space!



Our pond is ready for a new lease of life!

📅 WHEN?

Weeks commencing 12th October and 19th October

🛠️ WHAT NEEDS DOING?

Clearing vegetation, tidying the site and preparing the pond area

🐸 WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Children will enjoy pond-dipping and learn from wildlife discovery and outdoor learning

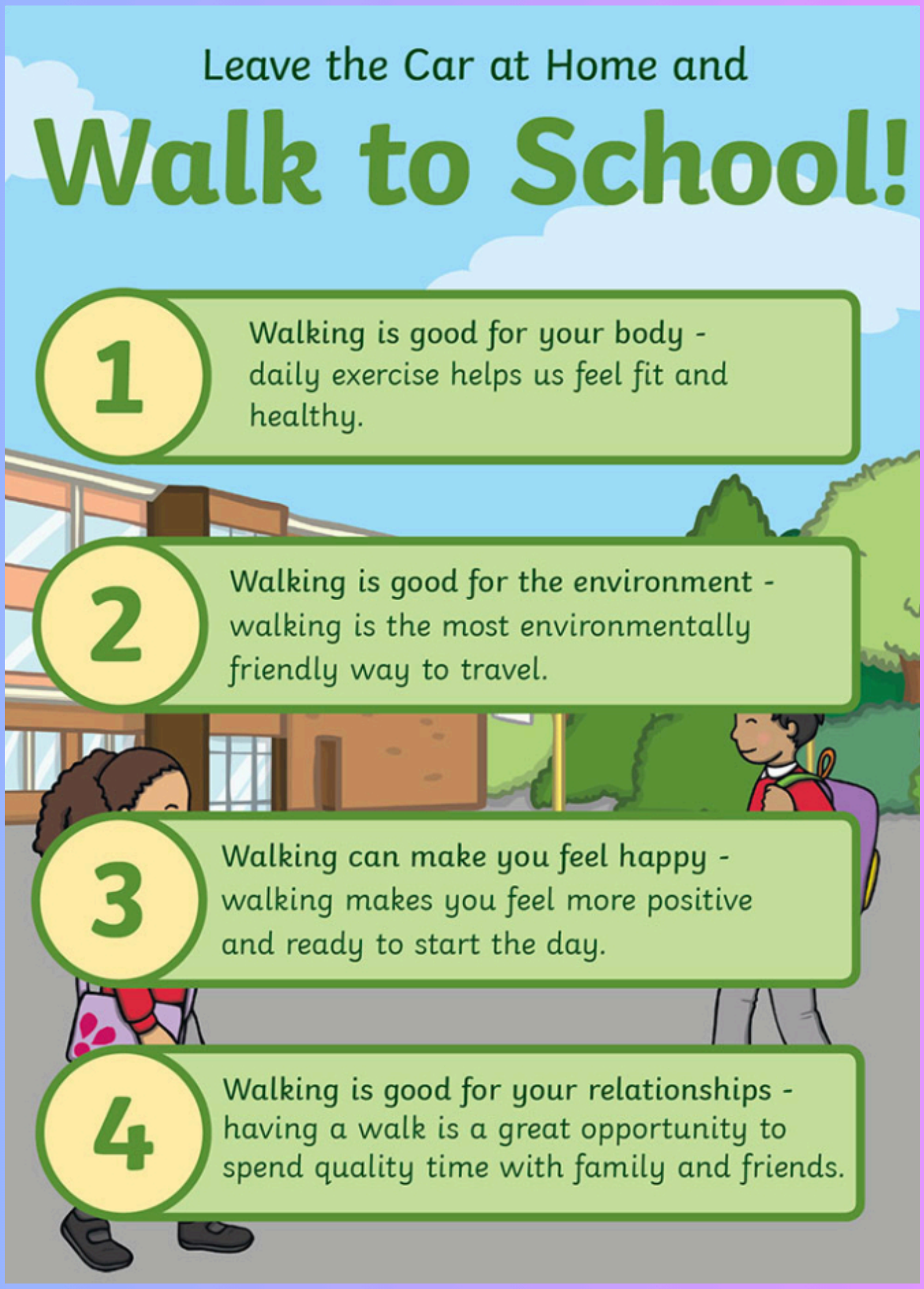
Every helping hand makes a difference!

✅ Create a wildlife habitat
✅ Support Forest School learning
✅ Improve our outdoor environment
✅ Give children unforgettable experiences

PLEASE CONTACT MISS BRADLEY IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP:
jo-anne.bradley@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk
Thank you for your support!

Miss Bradley is busy applying for the Kent Wilder Schools Award. Last year we got Silver - this year we are going for Gold!

If you can help by walking to school as much as possible, please do:



Attendance



Our Attendance to date this year is:

94.2%

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

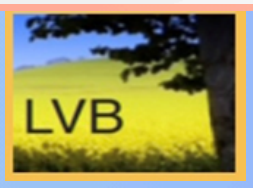
Did you know?

Just a few days of absence can make a big difference to a child's learning. A child who attends school every day benefits from consistent teaching, builds stronger friendships, and develops greater confidence in their learning. Even an attendance rate of 95% means a child misses around 10 days of school each year - that's the equivalent of two weeks of learning. **Every day at school counts, and regular attendance gives children the very best opportunity to achieve their full potential.**

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.



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.



Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at *kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023,** Transferring to Primary school in **September 2027**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.***

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027.** Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day **(Friday 16 April 2027)** an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Friday 30 April 2027.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Friday 6 November 2026	Online application process opens. Go to ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*** to register and apply.
Friday 15 January 2027	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to ***kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Friday 16 April 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after **4pm.**
Friday 30 April 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Monday 17 May 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at ***www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals.*** You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email ***primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk***

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at ***kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions***

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk





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*



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!

maidstoneunited.co.uk

https://maidstoneunited.co.uk/youth/soccerschool/