HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurtured We Flourish



19th October 2026

Dear Families,

Open Classrooms:

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Classrooms on Friday. It is always so lovely for our children to share their learning with their families. We really appreciate the time you all took to come along and visit our classrooms and hope that you enjoyed visiting as much as we enjoyed having you.

OPAL Mentor Visit:



I am delighted to share that Miss Ashwood, Mrs Tipple (our new OPAL Leaders) and I were visited by our OPAL mentor this week. She was very impressed with the inclusive play offer that we give our children and is looking forward to coming back later in the year to complete our final audit. I must also say how impressed I am with our Play Rangers this year - they are often feeding back to me about the positive way in which our older children and younger children play together and about new games and ideas that they have for play.

Governor Site Visit:

Our Governors also visited the school this week for a site inspection. We are so pleased with their feedback and I couldn't agree more - we have a lovely school and a wonderful staff team:

"I left genuinely feeling proud of the school. The atmosphere was warm, welcoming and positive throughout, and it was clear to see how much care and effort the team puts into creating the best possible environment for the children. The welcome signs for the Upper and Lower School looked fantastic, and the new sensory and nurture spaces felt calm, welcoming and purposeful. Early Years was vibrant and full of activity. The outside areas felt tidy and the zones felt defined. What struck me most, though, was the overall feeling of the school. Looking at it through the eyes of a parent, it was obvious that there is a team who genuinely care about our children and take pride in what they do."

New Recruit:

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited for a new Admin Assistant to lead the Front of House at the office. The post generated a lot of interest but we are pleased to say that Miss Jasmine Thurston was appointed to the role. She will begin in this role after the Half Term break. We are sure you will join us in welcoming Miss Thurston to the role.



All that is left for me to say is that I wish you all the happiest of half term's next week. I hope that you all manage to enjoy some family time. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)



UPCOMING

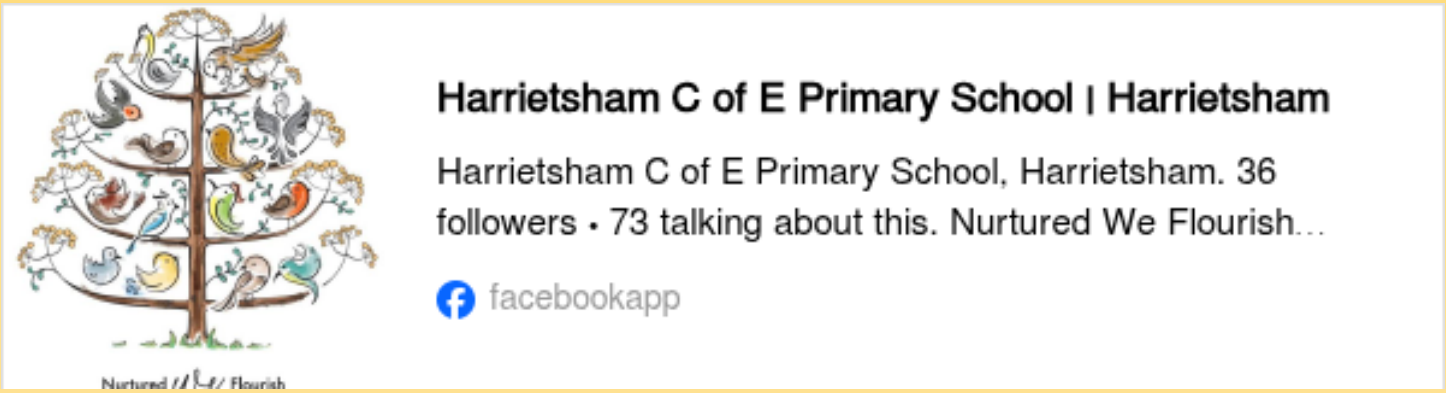
For a more detailed calendar, please see our website here:
https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-1/

Tuesday 20th October:	Year 6 Class Worship – 2:45pm (Y6 families invited to watch)

TERM ENDS: Friday 23rd October 2026

We have a new School Facebook Page - please follow us!

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.

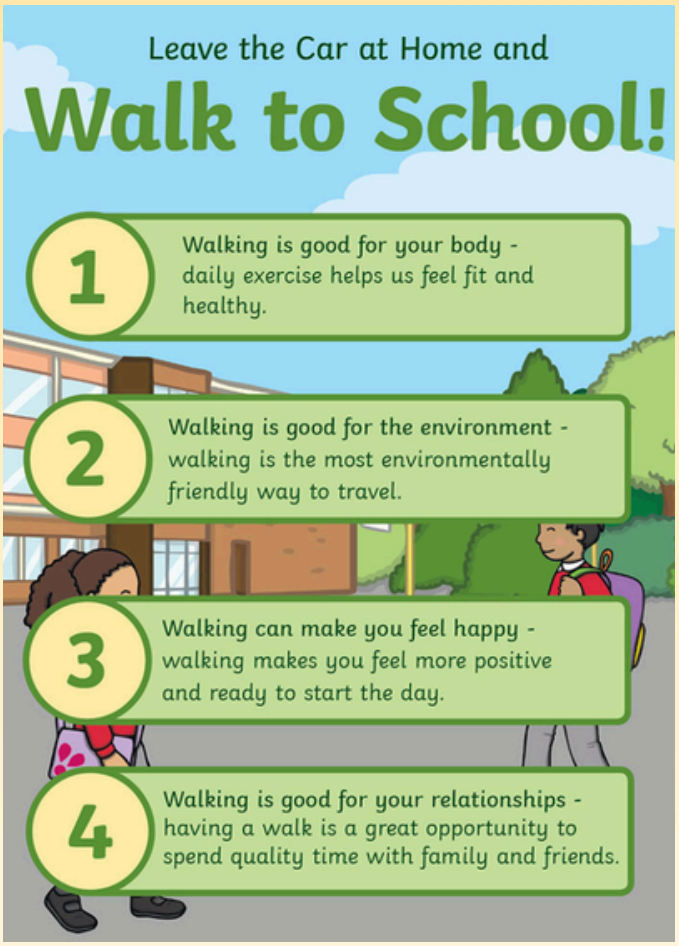


Please support our new PTFA:





Please sign into Tapestry asap. After half term, all first aid notifications will be via Tapestry so we need to know that your account works!



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!

It would be lovely to see some of our children joining in with this very worthwhile event for our community.

Harrietsham Parish Council

Litter Pick

Saturday November 7th

9am-11am

Meet on the Village Green opposite the West Street shop.



Bring enthusiasm and gloves

Pickers & Hi Viz provided

Children will need accompanying adult

Event run by Harrietsham Parish Council

Supported by Maidstone Borough Council

More info 07891901831

Attendance



Our Attendance to date this year is:

94.1%

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

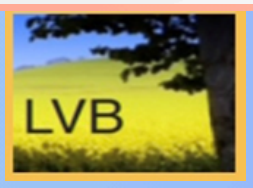
Did you know?

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.
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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.







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!

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