# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Nurtured We Flourish



**9th November 2026**

Dear Families,

It seems hard to believe that we are only just going into Week 2 of Term 2. So much has already happened - Year 6 have enjoyed a trip to Canterbury Cathedral, where two of our children led the service, Year 5 have started their journey with The Challenger Troop, Year 4 have been fully immersed in their learning about Antarctica, Year 3 have begun their swimming lessons, Year 2 discovered an alien spaceship, Year 1 interviewed Florence Nightingale and Year R have been enjoying learning about bonfire night and fireworks.




**Inter Faith Week:**
We are excited to announce that this week is Inter Faith Week. This week will be celebrated by Church Schools across the county and the theme for this year's Inter Faith Week is 'Lighting the way for a shared future'. During this week we will be focussing on the theme and looking at how we can work together as a society to 'Light the Way for a Shared Future'. Please do ask your children about what they have been learning.

**Remebrance Day:**
As always, we will recognise Remembrance Day with a 2-minute silence on Wednesday. Any children who are a member of a group such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts are invited to wear their uniform into school for the day as we mark the silence.




**Children In Need:**
This Friday marks Children In Need. This year, we are asking the children to join in with The Big Pudsey Run. Please do sign them up using the link sent in the letter from Mrs Frost. Children who sign up and collect sponsorship will receive a certificate and medal from Children In Need.

## REMINDER:

**Please complete the survey using this link at your earliest convenience. Your feedback is really important to us and will lead to genuine change: https://forms.gle/RW2D11avyi5kdwcY7**



Kind regards,

**Jackie Chambers (Headteacher)**



## Staffing Updates:



### Swallows:

We are sad to announce that Mrs Walker will not be returning to school after her recent period of absence. We are, however, very pleased to say that Mrs Farish, who has been teaching Swallows Class for most of the school year to date, has now been appointed to teach them for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Farish is an experienced teacher, and previous school leader, and she is incredibly excited to remain with Swallows for the rest of the school year. We are sure you will join us in welcoming her to our school community.

### Kingfishers:



We have really enjoyed having Mrs Harris working in Reception and Year 1. After originally joining us as maternity cover, she has stayed longer than expected. However, Mrs Harris will sadly be leaving us after the Christmas break to spend more time with her young daughter.

This term, Mrs Harris will reduce her teaching days and Mrs Mckenna will job-share the class and teach 2-days a week. Mrs McKenna is an experienced lower school teacher and is looking forward to sharing the class this term with Mrs Harris.



In January, we are very pleased to announce that Miss Bingham will be teaching Kingfishers Class full-time. Another very experienced Lower School teacher, Miss Bingham is really excited to join the Harrietsham Family as a permanent member of staff.

We are sure you will join us in welcoming both her and Mrs McKenna..

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

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





Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

**As you know, the Government have made improving the attendance of our children a huge priority.**




**This information was sent to schools just this week:**

*"disruption isn't just bad for those missing school; it impacts every member of the school community... getting attendance back to at least pre-pandemic levels remains an absolute priority for this government ... too many children are still missing too much school, and missing out on the opportunities and connection that education provides."*

## Our Attendance to date this year is:

**Below National Average**

# 94.1%

I understand that attendance is a tricky subject for some families, but, we are here to genuinely help to support you to get your children into school every day. If it would help you to discuss your child's attendance with someone, please do contact me on: headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk



# 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.

Harrietsham Church of England Primary

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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

# 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.









Maidstone Family Hubs

# Timetable

2nd November 2026 - 18th December 2026

**All of our groups and services are free. For groups requiring booking at all Hubs, see our web site**
https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub

## Our Family Hubs:

**South Borough**
**03000 417770**
**Stagshaw Close, Maidstone, ME15 6TL**
Mon - Thur 8.30am - 4.30pm
Fri 8.30am - 4pm
**Southboroughfh @kent.gov.uk**

**Infozone**
**03000 419470**
**3 Palace Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 6NF**
Mon 10am - 5pm
Tue-Thur 9am - 5pm
Fri 8.30am - 4pm
**infozonefamilyhub @kent.gov.uk**

## Monday

- **South Borough** – Young Parents – Booking required – 11.30-1.30
- **South Borough** – Stepping Up – Booking required – 4.00-5.30 – 7-11 years

## Tuesday

- **South Borough** – Stay & Play – 9.30-11.00
- **South Borough** – Baby Massage – Booking required – 1.30-2.30 – 2-6 months
- **South Borough** – Introducing Solids – Booking required – 1.30-2.30 – 2nd Tuesday of the month
- **Infozone** – Time to Shine Seniors – Booking required – 4.30-6.30 – 11-19 years

## Wednesday

- **South Borough** – Online Safety Workshop for Parents – Booking required – 11.30-1.30
- **Infozone** – Baby Group – 10.00-11.00 – Pre walking 0-12 months
- **Infozone** – NCT Infant Feeding Clinic – 1.00-3.00
- **South Borough** – Time To Shine Juniors – Booking required – 4.00-5.30 – 7-11years
- **Infozone** – Online Safety – Booking required – 4.30-5.30 – 7-11 years

## Thursday

- **South Borough** – Talking Walk Ins – 9.30-11.30 – 2nd Thur of the month
- **South Borough** – Strengthening Family Relationships – Booking required – 10.00-12.00
- **South Borough** – Health Visitor Clinic – 1.30-3.30
- **South Borough** – Time To Shine Juniors – Booking required – 4.00-5.30 – 7-11 years

## Friday

- **South Borough** – NCT Infant Feeding Clinic – 9.30-11.30
- **Infozone** – Baby Massage – Booking required – 10.00-11.00 – 2-6 months

**Please Note:** Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

# Information

### Time to Shine Seniors
Booking required

Small, supportive groups for children 12+ with neurodiverse needs to build confidence and social skills through fun activities.

### Online Safety Course
Booking required

6 engaging digital skills workshop sessions for children aged 7-11 years where they will learn to stay safe online.

### Online Safety Workshop
Booking required

A 2 hour workshop for parents/carers on supporting children to stay safe online and using technology responsibly.

**To express an interest please email Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk**

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### Young Parents
Booking required

For parents and parents-to-be up to the age of 25 and is a great way to meet other families and build friendships in a fun, educational and stimulating environment to explore and play.

### Introducing Solids
Booking required

A workshop run by the Health Visiting team to guide you through the weaning journey.
Book when baby is 4-6 months.
**Please note we hold 2 workshops a month: Parkwood & South Borough.**
**Booking Required**
**Family.kentcht.nhs.uk/introducingsolids**

### Stepping Up
Booking required

A 6-week programme for 7-11 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends.

**To express an interest please email Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk**

### Baby Group

A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0 - 12 months pre-walking.
**Please note we hold 2 Baby Groups a week: Greenfields & Infozone.**

### Time To Shine Juniors
Booking required

Small, supportive groups for children aged 8-11 years with SEND to build confidence and social skills through fun activities.

**Booking required**
**southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk**

### Strengthening Family Relationships
Booking required

A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships.

**Booking required**
**Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk**

### Healthy Start Vitamins

Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?

If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door:

### Free Early Education

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!

For more information and how to apply:

### Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visiting Team:
0300 013 2204

### Please Note:

For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.

**For more information about opening times give your local Hub a call**

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Maidstone Family Hubs

# Timetable

2nd November 2026 - 18th December 2026

## Our Family Hubs:

**Parkwood**
03000 412700
Furfield Close, Maidstone , ME15 9JR
Mon - Thur 8.30am - 4.30pm
Fri 8.30am - 4pm
Parkwoodfh @kent.gov.uk

**Greenfields**
03000 412987
Rutland Way, Maidstone , ME15 8DR
Mon - Thur 8.30am - 4.30pm
Fri 8.30am - 4pm
Greenfieldsfh @kent.gov.uk

**West Borough**
03000 419361
Greenway, Maidstone , ME16 8TL
Mon & Tue 8.30am - 4.30pm
Wed 8.30am-12.00pm
Closed Fridays
Westboroughfh @kent.gov.uk

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| **Monday** | **Parkwood**<br>Health Visitor & NCT Infant Feeding Clinic<br>9.30-11.30 | **Greenfields**<br>Stay & Play<br>9.30-11.00 | **West Borough**<br>Little Bookworms<br>10.00-11.30<br>1-4 years | **Parkwood**<br>Introducing Solids<br>Booking required<br>1.30-2.30<br>1st Monday of the month |
| **Tuesday** | **West Borough**<br>Health Visitor Clinic<br>9.30-11.30 | **Greenfields**<br>Baby Group<br>10.30-11.30<br>0-12 months, pre-walking | **Parkwood**<br>Little Talkers<br>Booking required<br>10.00-11.00 | **West Borough**<br>NCT Infant Feeding Clinic<br>1.00-3.00 |
| **Wednesday** | **Parkwood**<br>Baby Massage<br>Booking required<br>10.00-11.00<br>2-6 months | **West Borough**<br>Baby, Family & You<br>Booking required<br>10.00-12.00 | **West Borough**<br>Closed From 12pm | |
| **Thursday** | **West Borough**<br>Stay & Play<br>10.00-11.30 | **Greenfields**<br>Understanding Your Child<br>Booking required<br>10.00-12.00 | **Parkwood**<br>Art at the Start Stay & Play 0-3 yrs<br>1.00-2.30 | |
| **Friday** | **Greenfields**<br>Twins Group<br>9.30-11.30<br>0-4 years<br>2nd & 4th Fri of the month | **Greenfields**<br>Talking Walk Ins<br>9.30-11.30<br>2-4 years<br>1st & 3rd Fri of the month | **West Borough**<br>Closed All Day | |

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A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0 - 12 months pre-walking.

**Please note we hold 2 Baby Groups a week: Greenfields & Infozone.**

### Baby Massage

Booking required

A 4-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 2-6 months.

**Please note we have 3 Baby Massage sessions. Parkwood, Infozone & South Borough.**

### NCT Infant Feeding Clinic

Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents.

**Please note we hold 4 Infant Feeding clinics a week: Parkwood, South Borough, West Borough & Infozone**

### Understanding Your Child

Booking required

A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions of your child aged 0-11.

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### Talking Walk Ins

Play-based session where you can speak to a speech and language therapist. Only an adult who has parental responsibility can attend. 2-4 years

**Please note numbers are limited. We host 2 sessions: Greenfields & South Borough.**

### Little Talkers

Booking required

A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills.

### Health Visitor Clinic

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Please arrive 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

**Please note we hold 3 Health Visitor clinics a week: Parkwood, South Borough & West Borough.**

### Baby, Family & You

Booking required

**5 Week Course face to face**

A supportive course for expectant and new parents to build positive routines and confidence in baby's first year.

**To express an interest please email Westboroughfh@kent.gov.uk**

### Twins Group

Group run by parents for families with multiple births. 0-5 years

**2nd & 4th Friday of the month**

### Little BookWorms

Step into the magical world of books! 3 Fun sessions with stories and activities. Free book packs included. For children aged 1- 4.

### Stay & Play

A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5.

**Please note we have 4 Stay & Play sessions: Greenfields, Parkwood, South Borough & West Borough.**

### Art at the Start - Stay & Play

Come along and enjoy creative, sensory and messy play activities as part of our Stay and Play group for children aged 0-3 years. A fun and welcoming opportunity to spend quality time together, support your child's development and meet other local families.

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# Outreach Timetable

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Every term our Community Development Worker, Roberta attends Community led sessions, supporting families and young people with fun activities as well as being available for advice and guidance. We also have Library Outreach providing lots of fun learning opportunities around Early Literacy Skills.

## Monday

**Parkwood Family Hub**
Health Visitor Clinic
9th Nov & 14th Dec
9.00-12.00

**Blackthorn Trust**
The Bread and Butter Thing
2nd Nov & 7th Dec
12.00-2.00

**West Borough Family Hub**
Parents Information Event
9th Nov
1.30-3.00

## Tuesday

**West Borough Family Hub**
Health Visitor Clinic
10th Nov
9.30-11.00

**Maidstone Barracks**
3rd & 17th Nov
1st & 15th Dec
9.30-11.00

**Trinity**
The Bread and Butter Thing
10th Nov & 8th Dec
11.30-1.30

## Wednesday

**The Princess Project**
Parkwood
4th Nov & 2th Dec
9.30-12.00

**Fusion**
The Bread and Butter Thing
10th Nov & 8th Dec
11.30-1.30

## Thursday

**Shepway**
The Bread and Butter Thing
12th Nov & 10th Dec
12.00-2.00

**South Borough Family Hub**
Health Visitor Clinic
19th Nov & 17th Dec
1.30-3.30

## Friday

**The Princess Project**
Maidstone Town Centre
20th Nov & 11th Dec
9.30-11.30

## Saturday

**Maidstone Library**
Read, Play, Grow
7th Nov & 5th Dec
10.30-12.00

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# Information

## The Bread and Butter Thing

Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50, including fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples. Sign up and book a slot TEXT 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and name of where you will be collecting from.

The Blackthorn Trust, St Andrews Rd, Barming ME16 9AN
Trinity, Trinity House, 20 Church St, ME14 1LY
Fusion Healthy Living Centre, 2-3 Cobb Way, ME15 9XF
Shepway, 1-2 Northumberland Court, ME15 7LW

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## Read, Play, Grow

Come along for Story Time with Maidstone Library staff. The Family Hub will be offering younger, creative, hands-on activities inspired by the story and the changing seasons. Make it Real examples will be available to help with early literacy and numeracy. Chat with friendly staff, explore local support and enjoy fun, creative time together.

James Whatman Way, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

## Parents Information Event

The event will be to meet with parents to signpost the Family Hub offer and other services local to them.

West Borough Family Hub, Greenway, Maidstone ME16 8TL

## Maidstone Barracks

For families that live at The Barracks. Roberta works alongside SureStart (Medway) to make families aware of Family Hub groups and other activities in Maidstone (Information, Advice & Guidance).

## Health Visitor Clinics

Roberta will be attending each clinic once a month to hand out Family Hub timetables and to share other outreach opportunities.

## The Princess Project

Roberta will be attending group sessions to make families aware of Family Hubs and services within our buildings and around Maidstone (Information, Advice & Guidance).

Parkwood - Christ Church, Wallis Av, ME15 9JW
Town Centre - URC Hall, Fremlin Walk ME14 1QU

## Contact us

If you are a community group and would like regular visits from Family Hubs, please contact roberta.kane@kent.gov.uk for more information and to discuss how we can support in your community.

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