

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

28.4.25

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 5! It is hard to believe that the summer term is already upon us. We are all pleased that we have been able to enjoy some sunshine, though.

The children have begun the term working very hard. They are excited by their new topics - I have seen Victorian role play areas, artwork, amazing writing - all sorts connected to new topics already. It has been lovely to share in the children's excitement with them.

I hope that you found your child's interim reports last term useful. These should provide you with an idea of where your child is currently working within the National Curriculum. You will be provided with a more detailed report at the end of the school year for your child.

There is some important work going on behind the scenes this term which I wanted to share with you:

- We have embarked on the Paul Dix Behaviour Change programme. This programme will support us to implement a 'behaviour curriculum' for our children - so that we ensure we actively teach the children the expected behaviour at different parts of the school day.
- As a staff team, we are working hard to plan a new and exciting curriculum for next year. Mr Gambell is our Curriculum Leader and he is working with subject leaders to map progression for each subject and align subjects to create a curriculum that we feel will enable our children to learn to their full potential. Watch this space for more updates!
- We are going to be updating our school website ready for the next academic year. We are excited to do this and hope that the information included will be much more user friendly and useful to you.
- We are busily planning for your children's transition to their next year groups, or to their new secondary school. We do a lot of work in the Summer terms in order to prepare all children as best as we can. We will, of course, run transition days next term - more information to follow.
- As you know, we continue in our efforts to fundraise for a new school library, our Forest School and OPAL play. If you can help in any way, please do let us know.

Kindest regards,
Jackie Chambers
 Headteacher

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

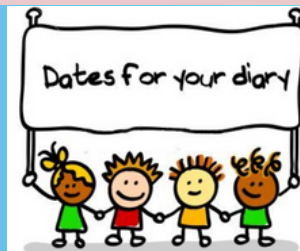
TERM STARTS: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April:	School recognition of Earth Day
Wednesday 23 rd April – Wednesday 21 st May:	Swimming - Year 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 1 st May:	School recognition of May Day
Thursday 1 st May and Friday 2 nd May:	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
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

Please Note - Date change:

- The Year 4 play will be on Thursday 15th May at 2pm.
- This will replace the Year 4 Cafe Day on the 23rd May.



Forest School Dates for Term 5:

APRIL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21	22	23	24	25
	BANK HOLIDAY	YR4 NIGHTINGALES YR 1	YR2 SPARROWS YR6 - Group TBC	YR5 KESTRELS	YR R
				May	
	28	29	30	1	2
	YR4 SWALLOWES YR 1	YR2 JAYS YR6 - Group TBC		YR5 EAGLES	YR R
	5	6	7	8	9
	BANK HOLIDAY	YR4 NIGHTINGALES YR 1	YR2 SPARROWS YR6 - Group TBC	YR5 KESTRELS	YR R
	12	13	14	15	16
	YR3 WOODPECKERS YR 1	YR4 SWALLOWES YR 1	YR2 JAYS YR6 - Group TBC	YR5 EAGLES	YR R
	19	20	21	22	23
	YR3 ROBINS YR 1	YR4 NIGHTINGALES YR 1	YR2 SPARROWS YR6 - Group TBC	YR5 KESTRELS	YR R



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



Whole School Attendance for the Week	96.68%
Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%)	226 of 398



School Target (96%) Met!

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
98%	93%	98%	97%	99%	97%	100%	95%	95%	95%	98%	98%	97%	95%



Amazing Sparrows!



Joint Winners - Great job Year 5!



A special shout out to Years 1, 2 and 5 this week - both classes over our attendance target!

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													
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
100%	96%	91%	97%	100%	90%	100%	96%	94%	97%	94%	89%	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!

A special shout out to Robins - winner of attendance and punctuality with 100% for both.

Also to: Ducklings, Sparrows and Hawks who were over our attendance target and had 100% punctuality this week.



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

Click here: [Kent Teach - Site Manager Advert](#)

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Celebrate VE Day With Us!

We are celebrating VE Day this year on the afternoon of Thursday 8th May 2025.

Join us if you can at 2:15pm for:

- A sweet treat
- A singalong
- Old fashioned games and more!

Children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue on this day, or old-fashioned clothing.

Please send your child in with a picnic blanket to sit on whilst on the playground. See you then!



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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Year 4 Bikeability Opportunity:



AFFORDABLE REFURBISHED KIDS BIKES

Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 4)

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased to offer your child a place on a Bikeability cycle training session (to level 1) which will be delivered over a school day on Thursday 1st or Friday 2nd May 2025. The cost of the training will be £10, the school will cover the remaining cost. In order to attend the course children must be able to ride a bike unassisted.

The training will be delivered by a local scheme (www.CycleCircle.co.uk).

Level 1 is conducted entirely on the school playground and will prepare your child for level 2 - introduction to road riding (to be scheduled through the school in year 6). The session begins with a cycle safety check to ensure that the children's bikes are roadworthy (basic adjustments will be made if required) and continues to include skills exercises on the playground.

Children will need a roadworthy bike and a helmet. Please ensure that your child's bike fits correctly and is safe to ride (Need an affordable bike? Check out www.CycleCircle.co.uk/RnCycle).

If you wish your child to take part, please complete the online consent form using the QR code/link below by Friday 21st March 2025. There will be no extension on this deadline as this is externally run. Once the deadline is closed the school will ask for payments for the training.

Bikeability Cycle Training (Level 1): Consent Form

Please use the QR code/link below to access the Bikeability consent form.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/mod-mods-main>



JOIN US

We are celebrating VE Day on Thursday 8th May. Please join us if you can for a sweet treat, a parade, a singalong and more!

The children are invited to wear red, white and blue, or old fashioned clothing on this day.

Library Update



Our fundraising is still going well, we've had lots of extremely generous donations, we are so thankful for each and every one!

We have acquired a new set of book cases from Ashford Borough Council, which will make an appearance very soon.

The ABC Book Club charity have been in and measured up, they are busy creating our "reading rainforest" vision behind the scenes!

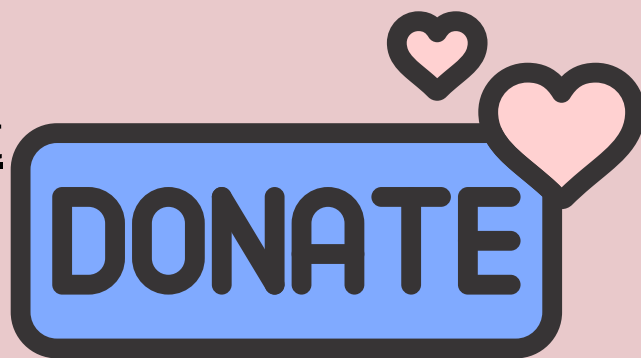
We have approached local businesses and we have started to receive offers of help which is brilliant. This is really turning into a community project!

THERE IS LOTS STILL TO DO TO CREATE OUR DREAM WOODLAND THEMED LIBRARY!



The more money we raise, the more we can do, please share this link and encourage as many people as you can to donate!

To donate, click here:
[Harrietsham Library Just Giving Link](#)



We will be beginning to put together the "Great Big Library Build" plan very soon, we will be asking for help with painting, flooring and moving furniture so if you want to be involved, get in touch!

Let's make our library the best we possibly can!



OPAL News

NEW

We have a new stage for our children to enjoy!



A huge thank you to my lovely step-dad for making this beautiful new stage for our children. It is all made of recycled floor boards from a neighbour's house. There have been lots and lots of hours of love and care put into making this - my Mum can definitely vouch for that!

Miss Bradley and Mrs Mannering have been working so hard to create a new 'Shop' role play and a 'Cozy Cabin' for the children to enjoy at playtimes. These are now ready to be opened but we would like some donations to make these play spaces extra special for our children.

OPENING SOON

Our new cozy cabin



Can you help with any of the following:

- Till
- Ice cream scoops
- Empty ice cream tubs
- Play food (sweet treat themed)
- Home phone
- Deck chairs
- Blankets
- Cushions
- Soft toys
- Bean bags
- Book rack
- Battery operated lamp

If so, please donate to the staff member on the gate in the morning.

Our new shop



**Still wanted -
Can you help?**




Forest School News

We have been awarded an incredibly kind donation of items for our Forest School. Mrs Bradley got in touch with Mrs Finch's daughter who arranged for bird feeders, animal shelters, benches, stalls, a beautiful story telling chair and a tee-pee to be hand crafted and donated to the school. See below the items and their placement at Forest School.




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
PET SERVICE
SUN 4TH MAY 09:30**



Calling all pets large and small (dogs on leads please!) – bring your humans

Weather permitting, we will meet outside (inside if inclement)

Songs and fun with refreshments

Please join us on the day or contact Pamela Cuerden on – 01622 859442



**ST. John's Harrietsham
Games Afternoon
Tuesday 6TH May 2pm**



Come and join us from 2pm – 4pm in the Church Room (there is a door into this at the back of Harrietsham Village Hall)

Please bring any games you would like to play (donations much appreciated)

Tea and coffee will be served

Please join us on the day or contact Pamela Cuerden on 01622 859442 to find out more.

Everyone is welcome.

(We intend meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month but may move venue and/or time if we grow in number so do look out for further posters, flyers, notices in Network, and on the Harrietshamites Facebook page).



**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



Harrietsham Prayer Group

Friday 9th May at 2.45pm

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.

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](#)



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



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)

Dandelion Time

MAY FAYRE

JOIN THE FUN!

11AM – 3PM

SATURDAY 10TH MAY

£3* ENTRY

DANDELION TIME, CHARLTON LANE, WEST FARLEIGH, ME15 0NY

**GAMES | CRAFT ACTIVITIES | PLANT SALE | MEET OUR ANIMALS
LIVE MUSIC | REFRESHMENTS | AND MORE!**

*Suggested donation, children are free

Lily Rose is raising money for Children with Cancer



Lily-Rose, in Year 5, will be fundraising outside the school gates next **Friday 2nd May** in an attempt to raise money for 'Children with Cancer'. Lily's aim is to raise £500 and she has currently raised £92 by completing a boot fair.

Can you help her to reach her target in raising funds for this incredibly important charity?