

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nurtured We Flourish

14.3.25

Dear Families,

Another successful week at Harrietsham. We have LOVED Science week this week. From participating in awesome experiments and slime making in our Sublime Science Workshops to meeting some cute and cuddly (and not so cute and cuddly!) animals during our Creepy Claws Workshop, the children have learnt so much! We have the lab coats to prove it! Our thanks to Ms Kelly and all of the staff for making the week such a success.

I also wanted to pass on my huge thanks to the parent helpers, Alexandra and Emily, who helped Miss Bradley and Mrs Mannering on Monday to develop items for the playground. We now have a loose parts storage store and a beautiful cosy cabin in the making on the playground. We wouldn't be able to progress so quickly with the offer that we provide to our children without your help - thank you.

My thanks also to everyone who has donated towards our Library refurbishment project. I am very pleased to say that we have already raised a massive £590 towards this project. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. If you would like to donate towards this project, please do so via the link below:

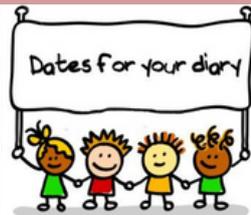


**Donate to refurbish our library at Harrietsham CEP School**  
 I'm raising money to refurbish our library at Harrietsham CEP School. Support this JustGiving campaign. <https://www.justgiving.com/raise/funding/harrietshamschoollibrary2>  
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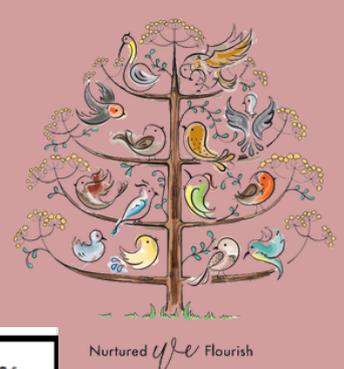
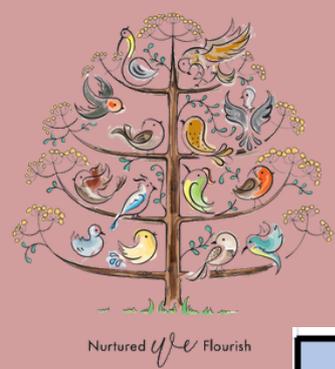
Year 1 enjoyed a great Heroes Day on Thursday this week. It was great to see them all in their fancy dress and they loved their visit from the police car and ambulance. They were most concerned when they thought Mrs Walker had been driven off in the police car - please be assured that any rumours of her being arrested are not true!! Our thanks to the Year 1 staff, and the emergency services, for making this experience possible.

In addition to this, we learnt about 'Holi' in Worship on Friday. Our thanks to Mr Saye who taught us that Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life. We learnt about how some Hindu families hold religious ceremonies, but for many Holi is more a time for fun - it's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and the throwing of powder paint and coloured water. Holi is also known as the "festival of colours". Please do ask your children what they learnt.

Kindest regards,  
**Jackie Chambers**  
 Headteacher



<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	M+M Productions of Alice in Wonderland to whole school
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	<b>Red Nose Day (Dress-up Theme: Colourful)</b> <b>Classroom Open Afternoon 2:30 – 3:15</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>SEN review weeks – meetings with teachers of those on SEND register</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Lullingstone Roman Villa Workshop in school for Y4 <b>Year R Mother's Day Celebration in class</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	School recognition of Mother's Day 30 <sup>th</sup> March School recognition of Eid 30 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>OPAL Parents Lunchtime Week</b> (Families may attend lunchtimes throughout the week to play with their children)
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	Interim Reports out to parents <b>Year 6 Parents KS2 SATs Info Evening 5pm – 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:</b>	<b>Year 1 Parents Phonics Info Evening 5pm – 6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 4 Parents Multiplication Tables Check Info Evening 5pm – 6pm</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	Year R Cycle ready sessions
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	Easter Cards Home <b>Year 2 Class Worship 2:50pm</b>



<b>Whole School Attendance for the Week</b>	95.45%
<b>Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%)</b>	234 of 400

Up since last week

# 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
93.31%	96.55%	98.00%	92.54%	92.86%	98.67%	98.28%	98.57%	97.32%	96.13%	96.50%	94.83%	89.79%	94.23%



3rd week in a row - Well done Jays!



A new winner - Well done Woodpeckers!

# 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
96%	100%	97%	96%	89%	93%	93%	89%	100%	94%	100%	86%	96%	100%

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**  
School and future success starts with good attendance.

**DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...**

- 5 MINS LATE = 3 DAYS LOST
- 10 MINS LATE = 6 DAYS LOST
- 15 MINS LATE = 10 DAYS LOST

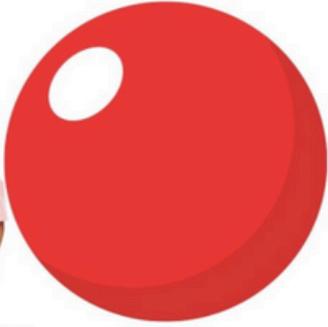
Our target for all students: **100% Perfect**

- 97% Impressive**: 6 DAYS ABSENCE (36 hours of learning lost)
- 95% Concerning**: 10 DAYS ABSENCE (60 hours of learning lost)
- 90% Seriously worrying**: 19 DAYS ABSENCE (114 hours of learning lost)

Education is important - DON'T MISS OUT!

Well done Cygnets, Swallows, Kestrels and Herons - everyone in on time every day.

# We are joining the GREAT 40TH BAKE!



We are joining Red Nose Day's Great 40th Bake! We are kindly asking parents to bring in cakes from Thursday 20th March to Sparrows classroom.



Children are invited to wear red noses and to dress up in their most colourful outfit! There is a suggested donation of £1.



The cake sale will take place on the playground after school!



## Arbor App



We are so pleased to see that so many parents have downloaded the Arbor App to access their child's information and to use the booking system for clubs & parents evening. A whopping 88% of parents have downloaded and logged in! Thank you!

We are pleased to say that we are continuing to streamline the number of apps required by parents and we are now able to accept trip/club/other payments via the app with the first event to go live in April. We will also be rolling out communications via Arbor too.

**At this time, we would like to ask all of our remaining parents to please download and register with the Arbor App to enable them to access these features.**

If you require any help with Arbor, please visit the school office where we would be happy to help.

## Library Fundraiser

**Help us to build a wonderful new library for our children to enjoy!**

Sponsor our new library and find your name added to our special list of supporters who will help us to create an exciting space.



**DONATE HERE:**

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harrietshamschoollibrary?utm\\_term=xzkrY87qX](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harrietshamschoollibrary?utm_term=xzkrY87qX)



This week we had a visit from the ABC Charity who will be helping us to create our dream library. We now have a theme - woodland! All we need now are the funds to make the theme a reality!

# SPONSOR

**Do you know a company who may sponsor us?**

We have a number of projects that we would love to receive grants / sponsorship for.

If you work for a company who may sponsor a school, or donate resources to us, please let me know:  
([headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk)).

**CAN YOU HELP?**

# National Government Testing

All children nationally take part in Government testing at various points throughout Primary School.

In the summer terms, the following tests will apply:

**Year 1:** Children will take part in a Phonics Screener.

**Year 2:** Children will take part in optional Key Stage One SATs.

**Year 4:** Children will take part in a Multiplication (times tables) Screener.

**Year 6:** Children will take part in Key Stage Two SATs.

We have provided information on these tests for parents / carers here:



<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/assessing-our-curriculum-1/>

We will also be running Parent / Carer workshops to provide you with more information on the tests and how to best support your child. Please do attend these if you can.

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# Parent Reps

Thank you so very much to each of the Parent Reps who have signed up to help to support our school.

The role of the Parent Rep will evolve over time, but, for now, they will be a point of contact for the teachers if they need parent volunteers / helpers etc.

**Please note:** Our Parent Reps are not another line of our complaints procedure. If you have any concerns about the school, you should see your child's teacher or the Senior Leadership Team.

Your Class Parent Reps can be found here:



## For Year 4



**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 1<sup>st</sup> or Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 unsupported.

The training will be delivered by a local scheme ([www.CycleCircle.co.uk](http://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/ReCycle](http://www.CycleCircle.co.uk/ReCycle)).

If you wish your child to take part, please complete the online consent form using the QR code/link below by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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-media-mas>



## Easter Menu

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025

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**ROAST TURKEY**  
Stuffing, Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

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**VEGETABLE WELLINGTON**  
Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

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**CHOCOLATE BROWNIE**  
With Ice Cream or Cream for Served

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Also Available: Jacket Potato & Fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit & Yoghurt

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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.

 **SPACE 2 LEARN**  
AT SPACE 2 BE ME

 **SPACE 2 BE ME**

## UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

### AN INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

This seminar-style event is aimed at parents/carers who have a child on the autism pathway or a recent autism diagnosis.

#### EVENT AGENDA

- What is Autism?
- Overview of Diagnostic Criteria
- Support Suggestions
- Female Underdiagnosis
- Masking
- Co-occurring conditions
- Dual diagnosis with ADHD
- Intro to PDA

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL VIA OUR WEBSITE**  
TICKETS £10 EACH

**TUESDAY 25th MARCH**  
10:30 - 13:30

THE EAST MALLING INSTITUTE HALL, MILL STREET, ME19 6DA

 space2beme.org.uk    support@space2beme.org.uk    01622 764566

Registered Charity: 1140764



**BOWER GROVE SCHOOL**

## UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Understanding emotions      How it can present in children      Strategies to support



**Date:** Friday 21st March  
**Time:** 10 - 11:30am  
**Location:** Bower Grove school  
**Presenters:** Sasha Pay from NEFLT and Rebecca Dowling

**Attend in person or online**

**SIGN UP NOW**  
EMAIL: [PSG@BOWER-GROVE.KENT.SCH.UK](mailto:PSG@BOWER-GROVE.KENT.SCH.UK)  
TEL - 01622 726773



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WhatsApp channel



## Schools Out!

### Easter Holiday Club 2025



Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 12 to participate in a range of **sports & fitness** and **arts & craft** activities. Sessions run for **4 hours** between **10:00 - 14:00**.

**Schools Out Easter Holiday Club 2025 locations:**

<b>South Borough Primary School,</b> Tovil, Maidstone 07-10 April 2025	<b>Greenfields Community Primary School,</b> Shepway, Maidstone 07-10 April 2025	<b>Tree Tops Primary Academy,</b> Brishing Lane, Maidstone 14-17 April 2025
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Places are now available to book for children registered on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) only. To book your place simply log into the HAF website [holidayactivities.com](http://holidayactivities.com) to book a space at one of our locations.

Places for all other children open **24 March 2025** - £5 per day per child and can be booked at [stonesinthecommunity.org/programme/schools-out-holiday-club](http://stonesinthecommunity.org/programme/schools-out-holiday-club).

Or follow our news channel on WhatsApp where links will be shared first.

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