

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nurtured We Flourish

14.2.25

Dear Families,

Where did Term 3 go? It seems like only yesterday we were coming back to school after the Christmas break. Looking back on the term, it is clear that we have achieved a lot - in terms of the children's learning; extra-curricular events, trips and visits; sports competitions; outdoor space development, new fencing and play spaces; the new Arbor communications system; new Governors joining our team; new Parent Reps and lots, lots more! We hope that you will join us in celebrating how much the school, and your children, have achieved so far this academic year.

Thank you to all of the helpers at our Family Working Day this Sunday. We couldn't have achieved as much without all of your help. To see what we got up to, please click the link below:

Kindest regards,  
**Jackie Chambers**  
 Headteacher



**Family Working Day: February 2025**  
 Harrietsham Church of England Primary School  
<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/family-working-day-february-2025/>



### Term 4 PE Days

Year Group / Class	PE Days
<b>Year R</b>	Monday
<b>Year 1</b> Kingfishers Wrens	Monday and Thursday Monday and Friday
<b>Year 2</b> Sparrows Jays	Tuesday and Thursday Tuesday and Friday
<b>Year 3</b>	Wednesday and Monday (when not doing Forest School)
<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday (some are swimming) and Friday
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday (some are swimming) and Thursday
<b>Year 6</b>	Wednesday (some are swimming) and Tuesday

### Term 4 Forest School Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	24	26	27	28
Year 3: Woodpeckers	Year 1	Year 2: Sparrows Year 6: GROUP 3	Year 4: Nightingales Year R	Year 5: Kestrels
<b>MARCH 3</b> (Book week)	4	5	6 (Book Day Dress Up) Classroom based	7
Year 3: Robins	Year 1 (Fire safety visit – possibly no forest school)	Year 2: Jays Year 6: GROUP 1	Year 4: Swallows Year R	Year 5: Eagles
<b>(Science Week)</b>	10	11	12	13
Year 3: Woodpeckers	Year 1	Year 2: Sparrows Year 6: GROUP 2	Year 4: Nightingales Year R	Year 5: Kestrels
17	18	19	20	21
Year 3: Robins	Year 1	Year 2: Jays Year 6: GROUP 3	Year 4: Swallows Year R	Year 5: Eagles
24	25	26	27	28
Year 3: Woodpeckers	Year 1	Year 2: Sparrows Year 6: GROUP 1	Year 4: Nightingales Year R	Year 5: Kestrels
31 <b>OPAL PARENTS LUNCHTIME WEEK</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>	2	3 YR Cycle Ready Sessions	4 YR Cycle Ready Sessions
Year 3: Robins	Year 1	Year 2: Jays Year 6: GROUP 2	Year 4: Swallows Year R	Year 5: Eagles

### Term 4

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**TERM STARTS: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Year 5 Viking Dress-up Day
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:</b>	Swimming - Year 4,5,6
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Y5 Music performance to parents at 3pm
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	School recognition of Book Week (Masked and Extreme Reader and Book Fair)
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Fire Safety Talks within School
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>World Book Day (Dress-up as favourite book character)</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	School recognition of British Science Week (Workshops within school, please send in an old white shirt for your child to decorate with Science learning during the week)
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Y1 Heroes Day in School
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Red Nose Day 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Holi Festival 16<sup>th</sup> March (Hindu)</b> <b>(Dress-up Theme: Colourful)</b>
<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>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 26<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Lullingstone Roman Villa Workshop in school for Y4
<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 Year R Mother's Day Celebration in class
<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>

**TERM ENDS: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



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

**We are looking for a new library, shelters for Forest School and sensory spaces within school.**



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)).

Projects that we are currently looking to complete, which I feel companies may be keen to support, include:

- School Library development.
- A shelter for Forest School.
- A Forest School hide for wildlife watching.
- Developing a new sensory room for our children.
- Development of our Nurture room outdoor area.



If you feel your company may help us at all, please do ask them and let me know.



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



Whole School Attendance for the Week	94.72%
Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%)	235

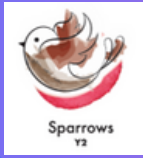


Up from last week!

## 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
94.8%	88.6%	95%	92.22%	98.28%	93.57%	94.64%	94.64%	94%	98.33%	96.19%	98.33%	92.8%	93.85%



## 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
92%	97%	93%	81%	93%	96%	89%	89%	97%	93%	88%	83%	100%	96%



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

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

**DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...**

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

**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 (114 hours of learning lost)

Education is important - DON'T MISS OUT!





# Reminders: Book Week 3rd -7th March



## Read & Raise

Help us to raise money to refurbish our school library by completing a sponsored read. Set yourself a challenge (e.g. 5 books in 2 weeks) and get as many people to sponsor you as possible to raise money for the library.

Ask for donations to our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com>

The more money we can raise, the more exciting we can make our library!



## World Book Day

### Thursday 6th March

Come dressed as your favourite book character.



## Book at Bedtime - Thursday 6th March – 16:45 – 17:50

Come wearing PJs to listen to stories and enjoy some squash and biscuits as the sun sets.

Book Fair also available!

Pre-school room open for younger siblings.

Please register children **by 5th March:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/XqTjAFc8kc>

## Book Fair

### Monday-Thursday 15:30 – 16:00

KS2 corridor entrance from the playground.

Payment: - Cash - Card - Pre-purchased gift vouchers <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers> - Pre-pay at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>



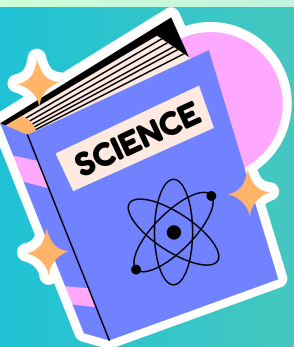
## Extreme Reader Deadline 5th March

Read in the most extreme place possible, but your home adults need to be in the pictures too! Pictures to class teachers.

## Create – a – Character Deadline 5th March

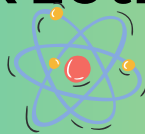
Design a whole new book character! Your character can have powers, can be good, can be evil, the sky is the limit!

Draw your character and give it a name, hand in to your class teacher.



# Reminders:

## Science Week 10th -14th March



Join us in dressing-up as a scientist.

Please provide your children with an old NAMED white shirt which will be worn over the top of their uniform. This will be used as a lab coat and will be decorated with new knowledge, diagrams and learning gained during the week.

If you have a STEM background or a job linked to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) and would be willing to talk to the children about what a job entails (during Science Week) please contact the school office.



# 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.

**Week 1**  
27th July - 1st August

**Week 2**  
3rd - 8th August

**School years**  
4-7



**CHEQUER TREE**  
**CAMP** 2025



[www.chequertree.org.uk](http://www.chequertree.org.uk)  
Bookings open on 1st November 2024

**Residential**

Come and stay for a week of fun and games!  
£220 if booked before 28th Feb or £240 after.

**OR**  
**Day Camp**

Stay for the day, but sleep in your own bed at night!  
£190 for the week.

All bookings close on 29th June 2025.

Chequer Tree Camp began in 1987 and continues today as part of The Family Trust's work to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity. We offer a place where children can have fun and learn about faith in an engaging way.

Camp will be held at Boughton Monchelsea Primary School in Maidstone where facilities include a swimming pool, playing field and indoor areas. Children will sleep in small groups on camp beds in dorm rooms.

Chequer Tree Camp is run by a fantastic team of energetic and dedicated leaders who are all DBS checked.

**Get in Touch:**

✉ [bookings@chequertree.org.uk](mailto:bookings@chequertree.org.uk) ☎ 01622 577960  
 🌐 [www.chequertree.org.uk](http://www.chequertree.org.uk) 📘 [chequertreecamp](https://www.facebook.com/chequertreecamp)


**The Family Trust**  
Registered Charity No: 1162296

**COMING SOON...  
BIG BEAR GRRRLZ!!**

Big Bear FC will soon be offering Friday evening sessions, for girls.

The same fun coaching as our popular Saturday sessions, but this one is just for the 'Grrrlz!!'

Register your interest via the link provided. You can also contact us via socials or the details below:

 [bigbearcoaching@gmail.com](mailto:bigbearcoaching@gmail.com) 🐾 07966 645831

**Schools Out!**  
**Half Term Club** Feb 2025

Providing free childcare and peace of mind.

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.

<b>South Borough Primary School</b> Tovil, Maidstone Mon 17 - Wed 19 Feb 2025	<b>Greenfields Community Primary School</b> Shepway, Maidstone Mon 17 - Wed 19 Feb 2025	<b>Tree Tops Primary Academy</b> Parkwood, Maidstone Tue 18 - Thu 20 Feb 2025
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Places are FREE and open to all children aged between 4-12, and are on a first come basis.

Visit [stonesinthecommunity.org/programme/schools-out-holiday-club](http://stonesinthecommunity.org/programme/schools-out-holiday-club) to book a space at one of the locations above.

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