

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

17.1.25

Dear Families,

Another wonderful, busy week at Harrietsham.

The children have been busy beginning their new topics this term. I am pleased to say that as I have visited the classes, all children have returned settled and hard to work.

Behaviour Policy Update: During our INSET day in January, the staff were busy reviewing our behaviour policy. We have a draft in place, which we are keen to discuss with yourselves and with the children. We will be holding some workshops during the parents evenings this term on 5th and 6th February. It would be lovely if as many parents as possible can attend to give their opinions. Watch this space for more information.

Assessment and Curriculum Update: We are also busy planning a new system of assessment, which we will use alongside our updated curriculum, which Mr Gambell and the subject leaders are currently writing. We are excited to share this progress with you as soon as we can. For now, please keep an eye on the core subject (English, Maths and Science) pages of our website - updates coming soon!

Arbor Parent App: The method that we will use to record your child's assessment, is Arbor. If you have not done so yet, please do register for the Arbor Parent App. Details are on page 3.

Sporting Events: Mrs Frost has been busy at sporting events this week. To find out more, please see the links on page 4.

Vincent's Game: I do love it when children share their achievements outside of school with me, and the highlight of my week was when Vincent, in Year 6, shared with me the computer game that he has made at home. He has made this game from scratch - creating the background and adding the codes himself. If your child would like to play the game, please see the details on page 3.

Kindest regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher



Term Dates and year dates for families: [Term Dates | Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](#)

Parent Calendar: [Calendar | Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](#)

Term 3

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 7th January 2025

(Monday 6th January - INSET Day – School Closed to all children)

Tuesday 7th January:	Year 5 Apprentice Hook Day
Thursday 16th January:	Spring Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified)
Monday 20th January – Friday 24th January:	New EYFS Cohort 24/25 Parent Tours
Wednesday 29th January:	School recognition of Chinese New Year
Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February:	Recognition of Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th February and Thursday 6th February:	Parents Evening



Core Values Awards

- Ducklings: Noah
- Cygnets: Logan
- Wrens: Isabelle
- Kingfishers: Joshua

- Sparrows: Kobie
- Jays: Arlo
- Woodpeckers: Ella
- Robins: Loki

- Swallows: Elsie
- Nightingales: Heidi
- Kestrels: Esmi-Jane
- Eagles: Theo
- Herons: Lacie-Mae
- Hawks: Reggie

Reminder:

Parking around the school site ...

I have received complaints from the residents of The Hollies that some of our families are parking on their grass verges.

These verges are private property and should not be parked on.

Please can I ask that we all show our school neighbours respect by not parking on their private property.

Many thanks.



Attendance Matters

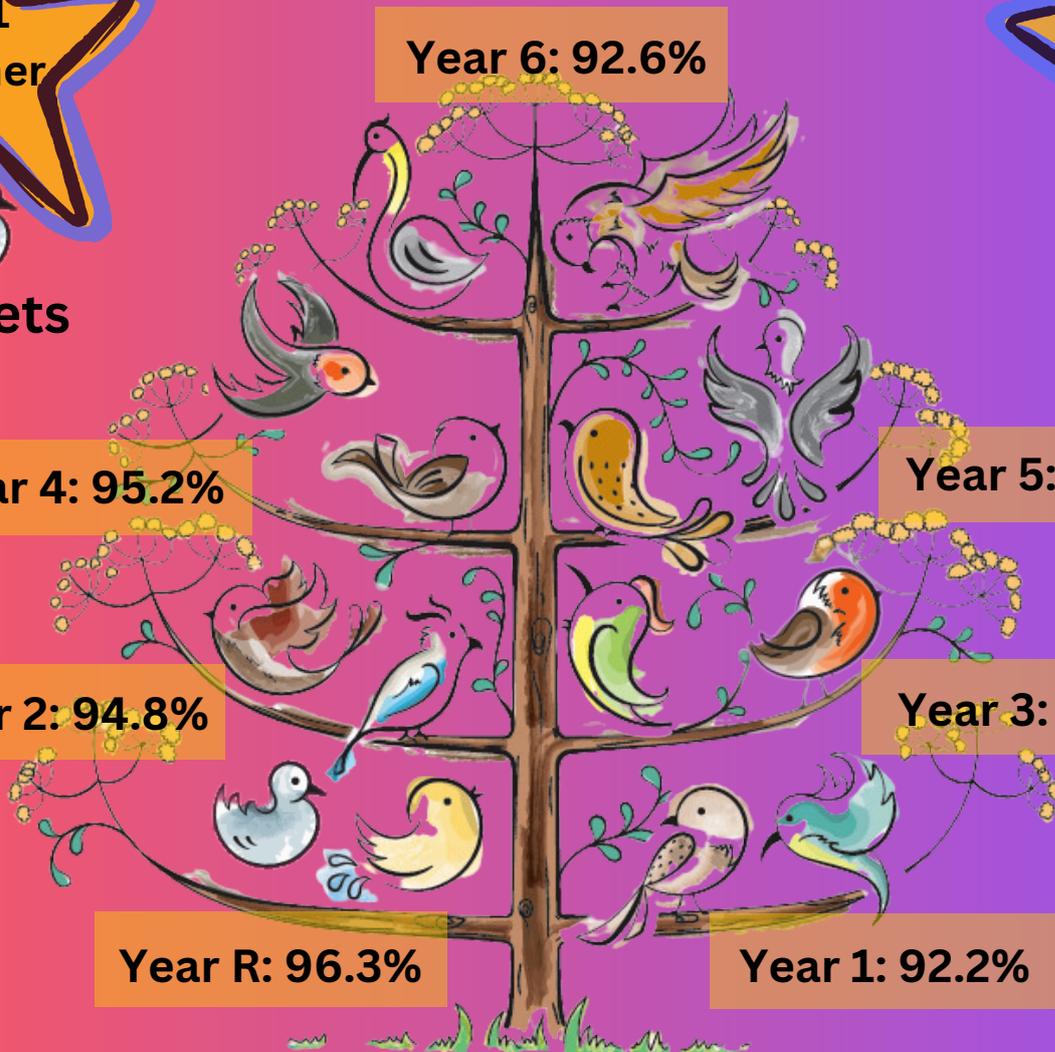
Attendance this week



Cygnets



Robins



PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS THIS TERM

Please do feel free to join our Prayer Group.

The group meets in the office on the following dates:

Monday 20th January at 2.45pm

Friday 31st January at 2.45pm

Monday 10th February at 2.45pm



Arbor

If you have not yet signed up, please follow the steps below.

Step 1: Activation Email

You will receive an email from Arbor inviting you to create your Parent Portal account. Please check your inbox (and your spam/junk folder, just in case) for this email.

Step 2: Create Your Password

1. Open the activation email and click on the link provided.
2. You will be prompted to create a password. Choose a strong password that you can remember. Your password must be at least 8 characters long and include a mix of letters and numbers.
3. Confirm your password by entering it again.

Step 3: Log In

1. Once your password is set, visit the Arbor Parent Portal at Harrietsham Church of England Primary School or download the Arbor app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android).
2. Enter your registered email address and the password you just created.
3. Click "Log In."

Step 4: Explore the Parent Portal

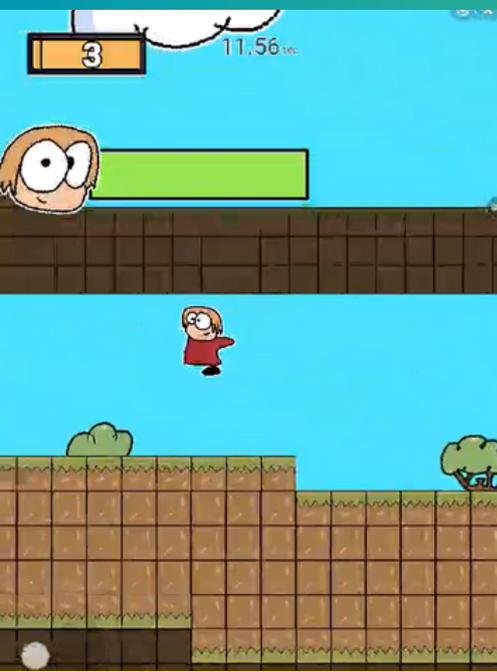
Once logged in, it is very important that you ensure your contact details are correct and up to date. You can then:

- View your child's attendance and profile details.
- Receive important communications from the school.

Troubleshooting

If you do not receive the activation email or encounter any issues logging in, please contact us via email at sbl@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk and please put your subject as 'Arbor Query'.

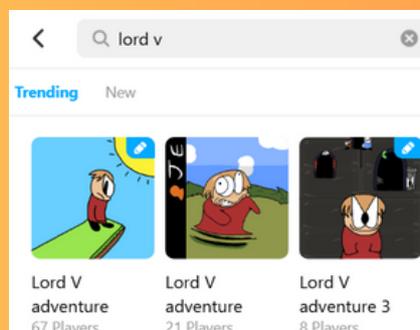
We hope you find the Arbor Parent Portal helpful and easy to use. We will continue to add features to the system and will update you as these occur.



Vincent's Game

Go to www.julianseditor.com

Go to the search box and look for 'Lord V'
You will then find his amazing game!



Sporting Events this week

Please read about these events on our website, by clicking the links.

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/year-1-and-2-infant-agilityjanuary-2025/>

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/year-5-and-6-sportshall-athletics-january-2025/>



Harrietsham Food Bank

We are so grateful to the families who have previously donated to our collection for the Harrietsham Food Bank. The Food Bank is well used, showing that there really is a need to support others in our village.



In order to raise the profile of the food bank within our school, we will be placing the donations hamper in one year group per month and inviting them to bring in donations of non-perishable food and household goods.

Food Bank Hamper Rota:

January - Year 6

February - Year 5

March - Year 4

April - Year 3

May - Year 2

June - Year 1

July - Year R

Teachers will send out reminders nearer the time for your class.

Many thanks for your support.

Liz Holland (On behalf of Harrietsham Food Bank)

