

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

10.1.25

Dear Families,

Happy New Year. It is lovely to see all of our children and families back in school after the Christmas break. We have definitely returned to winter weather - please ensure that your child is sent to school with a warm coat each day. Lots of children are also keen to play in the mud kitchen lately - please do send in a pair of wellies for your child to use at playtimes to allow them to do this.

This term, I am sure, will be a busy one. Please keep an eye on the dates below and on our calendar.

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/diary/grid/2025/1/>



A polite request from me:

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.

A huge favour - calling any strong parents!

If anyone is feeling particularly strong and would like to help us out by lending an hour or so of their time, we would love to get the tyres on the playground bolted together so that they can become a stable structure for our new outdoor ball pit. This is tough work as the tyres need to be drilled and then bolted together. If anyone is willing to lend us a hand, please do get in touch: headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk.

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

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(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: Dollie-Rose
- Cygnets: Belle
- Wrens: Sebastian
- Kingfishers: Vienna
- Sparrows: Maisie
- Jays: Danny
- Woodpeckers: Lucas
- Robins: Alana

- Swallows: Jadan
- Nightingales: Leelia-Rose
- Kestrels: Jessica
- Eagles: Gracie
- Herons: Jash
- Hawks: Rosie



PLEASE HELP - Class Parent Reps

Thank you to those lovely parents who have signed up so far.

We are still looking for **Class Reps** for the following classes:

Cygnets (Miss Ashwood)

Sparrows (Miss Frazier)

Woodpeckers (Mrs Giannini and Mr Saye)

Swallows (Mrs Wells)

Eagles (Mrs Stroud)

Herons (Mrs Pickering)

If you could help your child's class, please do let me know

(headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk)



Attendance Matters

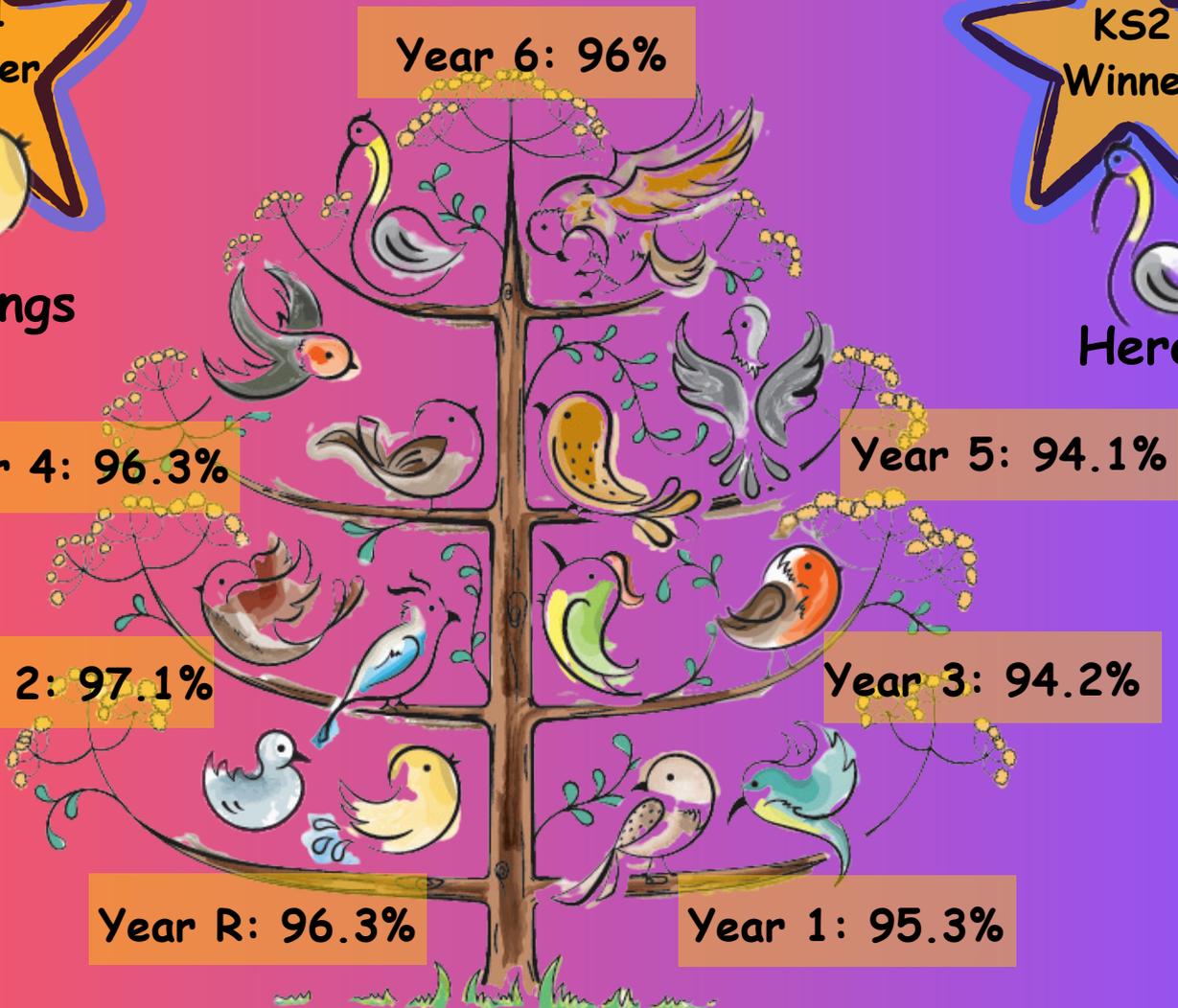
Attendance this week



Ducklings



Herons



PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS THIS TERM

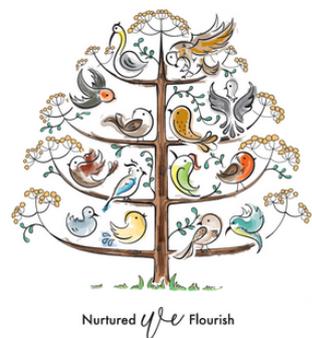
Please do feel free to join our Prayer Group.

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



The Mustard Seed Pod



Miss Thorne and her podcast group have created edition 2 of 'The Mustard Seed Pod'.

Please do listen to their latest podcast about life at Harrietsham.

To listen, and visit their webpage, please click the link below.

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/the-mustard-seed-pod/>

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)

