

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nurtured We Flourish

6.12.24

Dear Families,

Another amazing week has been had at Harrietsham.

### Panto:

We started the week with a brilliant panto - Oh yes, we did!!! Our thanks to Mrs Frost for organising this for our children.

### Christmas Fayre:

Thank you to all families who donated pre-loved gifts / chocolate / money for our 'break the uniform rules day'. The donations will all be used at our Christmas Fayre.

**PTFA Plea:** We are desperately in need of more helpers for the Christmas Fayre. If you can help at all, please sign the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/eEXykUgj4Gn55qsG8>

### Enterprise Week:

Our children have really enjoyed learning about the value of money this week, whilst becoming mini Entrepreneurs and designing items to sell at the Christmas Fayre. The week ended with a special treat for anyone who had been able to save their 50p. Our thanks to Ms Pittam for planning such an educational and informative week of learning for our children. Thanks also to those parent volunteers who came in to speak to our children about their jobs involving money.

### Multi-skills:

Mrs Frost enjoyed a lovely Multi-Skills festival with a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children this week at the Stour Centre. To find out more, please see link: <https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/year-5-and-6-multi-skills-festival-december-2024/>.

### Forest School Update:

As you know, we are busy developing our outside areas for use by our children. You may have seen that fencing has been added around the Year R garden, so that they now have a dedicated space to play during learning time. We have also had some work done to the back field, which is very soon going to be seeded, with the hope that it will be ready to open as a playing field in the Spring. In addition, we have the fencing being added to the Forest School area over the next couple of weeks. We thank you for your patience whilst this area is being developed as it means we cannot take the children to the site for the next couple of weeks. Instead, Forest School will be held within the school site until after Christmas.

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](#)

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>OPAL Parents Lunchtime Week</b> (Families may attend lunchtimes throughout the week to play with their children)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Year 4 Greek Day</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Year R Christmas Show – 2:30pm</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Year 1 Nativity – 9:30am</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Christmas Dinner – Christmas Jumpers allowed</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Christmas Jumpers allowed</b> YR Trip to Post box – Letters to Father Christmas
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Year 1 Nativity – 2pm</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Christmas Jumpers allowed</b> Christmas Cards sent out

TERM ENDS: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



# OPAL Parents Lunchtime Week

Monday 9th - Friday 13th December

As we start our OPAL journey, we are very excited to invite you to come and share in a lunchtime play with your child/children in the school playground next week. There will be a range of resources available, including the mud kitchen, sandpit and various play equipment.

We recognise that we are very early on our journey to creating wonderful playtimes, but we felt it was important for you to share our journey with us, so that you see the improvements over time.

Please indicate on the link if you are able to attend one of our play sessions, and sign to say that you agree to follow the rules: <https://forms.gle/zC8aojd6f67dfgSX8>

We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all our children!

Harrietsham Church of England  
Primary School presents...

*Early Years  
Christmas Show!*



Harrietsham School Hall 2.30pm  
Friday 13th December 2024

# This Week

**HARRIETSHAM C OF E PRIMARY**

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**COME AND JOIN US!**

ARTS AND CRAFTS

MUSIC

STALLS

SANTA'S GROTTO

RAFFLES

TOMBOLA'S

GAMES

TURKEY ROLLS, MINCE PIES  
& REFRESHMENTS

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

3.30PM-6PM

**JOIN  
US!**

# 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:**

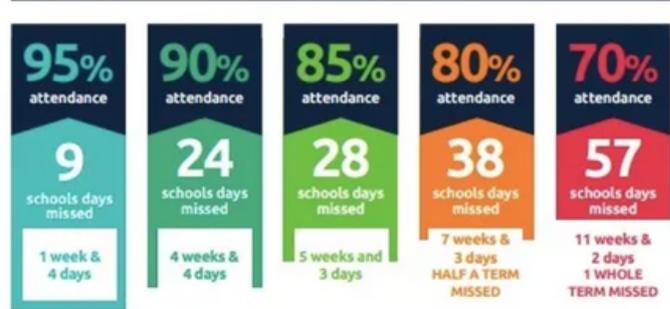


- Cygnets (Miss Ashwood)
- Sparrows (Miss Frazier)
- Woodpeckers (Mrs Giannini and Mr Saye)
- Swallows (Mrs Wells)
- Eagles (Mrs Stroud)
- Hérons (Mrs Pickering)



**If you could help your child's class, please do let me know  
([headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk))**

## Every day in school counts...



## and every minute counts...



## Attendance Matters



We are working hard to improve the attendance of all of our children.

Having all of our children in school means that they are learning and this will improve their life chances immensely.

To recognise our children's excellence in attendance we will be starting the following initiatives:

- Sharing each Year Groups attendance in the weekly newsletter - Attendance Matters section.
- Sharing Whole School attendance and recognising the best class attendance in KS1 and KS2 in Friday Worship with the children.
- Each term, we will recognise all children with 96%+ attendance via a 'thank you' message home for you to share with your children.
- At the end of Terms 2, 4 and 6, we will recognise the year group with the best attendance in the end of term Friday Worship. We will also give out 96%+ attendance certificates and certificates of improved attendance.



## 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 16th December at 2.45pm**

# Church Connections

Please see below details of upcoming services and events at our local, St John the Baptist, church.



## Join us this Christmas

St John the Baptist, Harrietsham

### Carols by Candlelight

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm

### Nativity Fun with Messy Church

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> December, 3pm

### All-Age Christmas Celebration

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 11am

### Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Eve, 11.15pm

### Christmas Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 11am

### Benefice Carol Celebration

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> December, 11am



MERRY CHRISTMAS

## NATIVITY FUN FOR ALL



### Christmas Nativity Fun with Messy Church

St John the Baptist Church,  
Harrietsham  
Sat 21 Dec | 3pm - 5pm

Come dressed up as a nativity character or have fun with our dressing up outfits.

Craft activities, Christmas Nativity, snacks and drinks to enjoy!



### The Pathways Church Christmas Special!

Lenham Community Centre  
Sun 22 Dec | 5:30pm - 7pm

A special Christmas service for young and old.

With Christmas nibbles, carols and a craft for children to make.



**Do bring family and friends. Everyone is welcome!**

# 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.



## Kent County Council

### Admissions Arrangements Consultation for Academic Year 2026/27

#### Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary, Infant, Junior Schools in Kent

Kent County Council is proposing the following changes to the 2026/27 admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary, infant and junior schools in Kent.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- **Sevenoaks Primary School** - reduce Published Admissions Number to 60
- **Woodlands Primary School** - reduce Published Admissions Number to 60
- **Tunbury Primary School** - reduce Published Admissions Number to 60
- **Downs View Infant School** - reduce Published Admissions Number to 60
- **Bodsham CofE Primary School** - reduce Published Admissions Number to 10
- **Herne Bay Infant School** – reduce Published Admissions Number to 60
- **Guston CofE Primary School** - reduce Published Admissions Number to 20 and addition of Service Pupil Premium criterion.

The consultation of the proposed changes will run from Monday 2 December 2024 until Monday 13 January 2025.

If you wish to comment on the proposal, please email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) by Monday 13 January 2025.

Responses will be collated and presented to Kent County Council's Cabinet for determination. Once determined the final admission arrangements will be placed on Kent's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria](http://www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria).



# Schools Out!

## Christmas Holiday Club

Monday 23  
December 2024

Thursday 02  
January 2025

Friday 03  
January 2025

### Locations:

South Borough  
Primary School,  
Tovil, Maidstone

Greenfields Community  
Primary School,  
Shepway, Maidstone

Tree Tops Primary  
Academy,  
Brishing Lane, Maidstone

### Providing free childcare and peace of mind.

Places are for children registered on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) only. To book your place simply log into the HAF website [holidayactivities.com](https://www.holidayactivities.com) to book a space at one of our locations.

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**.

[stonesinthecommunity.org](https://stonesinthecommunity.org)

 StonesTrust  SITC News



**STONES**  
in the community