

Nurtured We Flourish

4.7.25

Dear Families,

I am struggling to comprehend how quickly this year has gone! As we inch ever closer to the summer holidays, the business of life at Harrietsham CEP School seems to increase!

We are extremely thankful for the very kind donations sent in for our OPAL donation day on Wednesday. Mrs Mannering was overjoyed with the amount that had been sent in and she cannot wait to get it out onto the playground for our children to enjoy - thank you. If you missed the letter sent out yesterday about OPAL now being on social media, please see here: [OPAL Social Media Letter](#).

We are also so happy that we have managed to raise enough money from the 'Wear it Green' day for our Library Tree (and to get Mr Gambell wet in the Ice Bucket Challenge!). The delivery of the tree has been confirmed and we are hoping to have the new library ready to show you in September.

Last week saw lots of key transition events occurring. Our Year 6 children visited their new secondary schools - some for the entire week. We are so proud of how they took this giant step in their stride and it was lovely to see some of them on the gate as they picked up younger siblings. We also welcomed our new EYFS cohort for a Stay and Play without their parents! We are pleased to report that they all seemed to settle in excellently and enjoy their time with us.

Your child may have told you that they have been having some Year 6 children helping as "LSAs" in their classes. Some of our Year 6 children have applied to become LSAs this term as they take on some "work experience". This initiative seems to have had a really positive effect on both our Year 6 children and the children in the classes they are helping. We are proud of the Year 6 children for their work with this.

Our Year 2 children also enjoyed a wonderful trip to the seaside on Thursday. I was pleased to hear that they enjoyed their time, behaved impeccably and learnt lots at the same time! Thank you to all of the adults who attended to help with the trip - without you all, the trip could not have gone ahead.

Kindest regards,
Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

Y2 beach trip
CAN YOU HELP?
Y6 work experience

School Projects - Do you know a company who can sponsor us?

We have a number of great ideas for some fantastic school projects, which will enhance our school, our curriculum and the offer for our children. We have motivated and enthusiastic staff who are willing to put them into action. However, in order to achieve these, we would need to find sponsors.

If you know of any charities or companies who may be willing to sponsor us for any of the projects below, please do let me know (headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk).

Harrietsham CEP Prayer Group

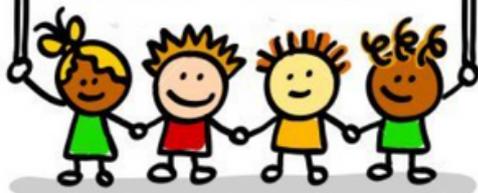
Please do feel free to join our Prayer Group at the school when they meet.

They will be meeting this term on the following dates at 2:45pm.

Wednesday 9th July at 2.45pm



Dates for your diary



THIS WEEK

Monday 7 th July:	Year 4 trip Year R worship to parents 2:45pm
Wednesday 9 th July:	Prayer Group at 2:45pm – Parents Invited
Thursday 10 th July:	Transition Day 1 (EYFS Home Visits) Meet the teacher after school 3:20 – 4pm
Friday 11 th July:	Transition Day 2 (EYFS Home Visits)

Transition Day Plans

Children in current Years R - 5 will visit their new classes on **Thursday 10th July and Friday 11th July.**

Please drop them off to their new classroom in the morning - class bird names will remain in the same place, so, for example, if your child is going into Robins Class, they will need to be dropped off at the current Robins classroom door in the morning.

Please collect your children from their new classrooms at pick-up time at 3:20pm.

For anyone dropping off to Nightingales or Swallows please drop off at the small door in the corner of the playground. Collection for Nightingales will be from Hawks Classroom and collection for Swallows will be from Herons Classroom.

For anyone dropping off to Eagles, please drop off at Kestrels Classroom. Collection will also be from Kestrels.

For a reminder of which class your child will be in next year, please see letter here: [Letter for September](#).

Meet the Teacher

For children moving to Year 1 - Year 5, there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher between 3:30pm (after they have finished dismissing the class) and 4pm on Thursday 10th July. This will be an informal chance for you to pop into the classroom and to say hello.

For parents of the new Year 6 cohort, you will be able to meet Ms Pittam and Mrs Pickering on Friday 11th July between 3:30pm and 4pm.

Current Year 6 Cohort

Children in the current Year 6 cohort will spend Thursday 10th July and Friday 11th July with different adults on different days. The adults will consist of: Miss Bradley, Mrs Mannering, Miss Lawlee, Mrs Wells, Mr Saye and Mrs West. Please send your child to school on these days in suitable clothing for Forest School, as they will be spending some of their time in the Forest School completing various projects.



Monday 14 th July:	Mobile Library Visit Non Uniform Day – House coloured raffle donation Year 3, 4 and 5 Bastille Day Picnic Year 6 End of Year Show Dress Rehearsal to school – 1:30pm
Tuesday 15 th July:	Year 6 End of Year Show – 1:30pm
Wednesday 16 th July:	Year 6 End of Year Show – 5pm
Thursday 17 th July and Friday 18 th July	OPAL Parents Lunchtime Visits
Friday 18 th July:	Year R Graduation Assembly to parents New Year R Transition Picnic 3:30 – 4:30pm
Monday 21 st July:	Reports sent to parents
Tuesday 22 nd July:	Year 6 Leavers Service at Church – 1:30pm Hot Dogs and Cool Music 5pm – 8pm (tickets available on Arbor)

HOT DOGS AND COOL MUSIC - TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

REMHINDER

Non-Uniform Day for a House Coloured Item



JOIN US FOR

HOT DOGS & COOL MUSIC

JULY 22 17:00 - 20:00

£5 PER PERSON

BUY YOUR TICKETS ON ARBOR!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

Price includes a burger or a hot dog!

Bar
Face Paint
Ice Cream
Disco
BBQ

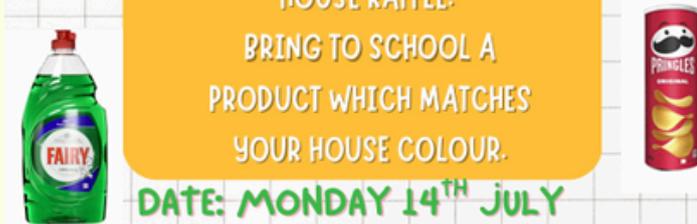


NON UNIFORM DAY

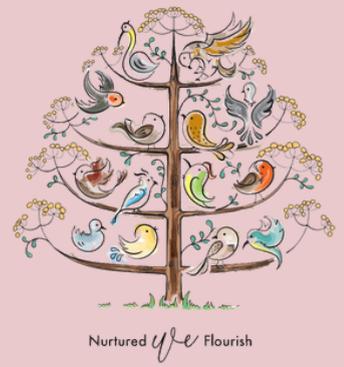
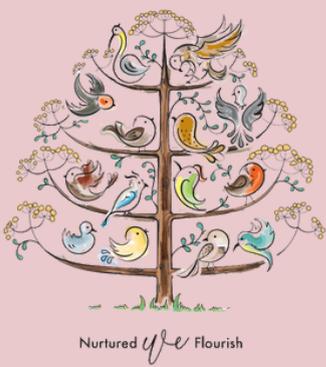
PLEASE DONATE TO OUR HOUSE RAFFLE.

BRING TO SCHOOL A PRODUCT WHICH MATCHES YOUR HOUSE COLOUR.

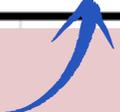
DATE: MONDAY 14TH JULY



In association with Hot Dogs and Cool Music!



Whole School Attendance for the Week	93.57%
Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%)	277 of 341 = 81%



Well done to the children with 96% or above attendance this 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	
Ducklings	Cygnets	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles
91%	93%	91%	85%	94%	95%	98%	93%	97%	91%	98%	95%





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	
Ducklings	Cygnets	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles
89%	96%	91%	97%	86%	93%	90%	85%	94%	91%	91%	81%

ENGLISH UPDATES

Reminder: Mobile library visit on 14th July.
Don't forget your library cards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maidstone LitFest Young Authors Competition 2025

Open to all children aged 5–18 in Maidstone and the surrounding areas

Key details:

Theme: “Magic in Maidstone” – perfect for sparking the imagination!

Age categories & word limits:

Years 1–2 – up to 400 words

Years 3–6 – up to 500 words

Deadline: midnight, Friday 25 July 2025

Prizes: Book vouchers, VIP festival tickets, certificates, author readings, goodie bags – plus winning stories published on our website!

You can find full details and the entry form at:

👉 www.maidstonelitfest.org/youngauthors

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OR

Scan the QR Code to Register!



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Rewards & Recognition:



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Harrietsham Church of England Primary School

For any queries contact at support@bribooks.com

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Big Summer Book Swap Book Bingo

Find and write the names of books which match the following:

has a bird on the cover

published by Bloomsbury

has a male main character

set in space

about a historical event

has a hard cover

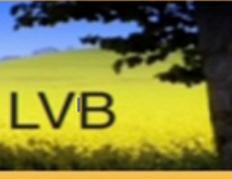
your favourite book

has over 100 pages

authors surname begins with R

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.



ST. John's Harrietsham

Games Afternoon



Come and join us
from **2pm – 4pm in the Church Room**
(there is a door into this at the back of Harrietsham Village Hall)

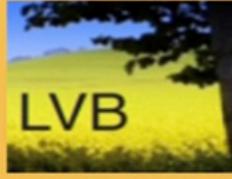
Please bring any games you would like to play
(donations of games much appreciated)

Tea and coffee will be served
Please join us on the day
or contact Pamela Cuerden on
01622 859442 to find out more.

Everyone is welcome.

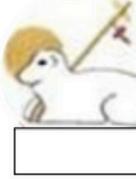
(We meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month but may move venue and/or time if we grow in number so do look out for further posters, flyers, notices in Network, and on the Harrietshamites Facebook page).

Sponsored by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham



ST. John's Harrietsham

Community Choir



Come along to our
fun singalong community choir
for adults, singing popular songs for all!

fortnightly on
Monday evenings
9th and 23rd June and 21st July *(not 7th July)*
in the church between
7pm and 9pm
Tea and coffee will be served.

Everyone is welcome

For more information please phone Claire Jane on 01622 853819.

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AFFOR:)ABLE REFURBISHED BICYCLES

BUY a BIKE
Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

DONATE a BIKE
Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a 20% discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

BIKE SALE EVENT
Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT)
Saturday 24th May (10.00-13.00)
FREE bike checks during the event and bookable Learn-to-Ride sessions
info @CycleCommunity.org



www.CycleCommunity.org



Canterbury Safe Haven

Are you feeling distressed, overwhelmed, or that things are too much for you?

We are open every day, 6pm-11pm

We offer free mental health support to anyone aged over 18, in a safe, comfortable and supportive environment.

You can visit for a chat, or to access one-to-one emotional support from our trained staff. We offer face-to-face and virtual support.

Contact us or drop in:
Visit: 22-23 North Lane, Canterbury, CT2 7EE
Call: 07876476703 / 07483163953
Email: canterbury.mhm@nhs.net

Learn more:

