

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Monday 29th September 2025

Dear Families,

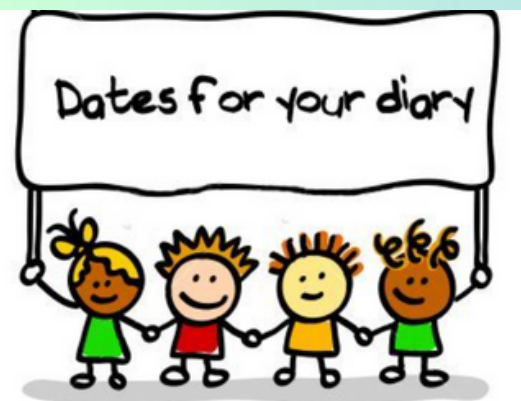
We have had a very busy start to the new term with lots going on in school. It is lovely to be back in the swing of things, though, and it great to hear about how much the children are enjoying their new Topics in class.

Last Monday we had a photographer in school taking photos for our new website. It was fantastic to visit all classes and experience first hand the learning happening. I think you will be impressed when you see the photos. We can't wait to share the new website with you all when it is finished - there will be lots of information contained within it to help you to support your child with their learning.

The week ahead:

This week we have another busy week:

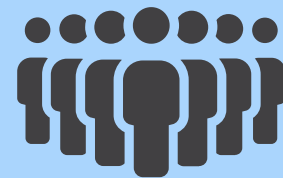
- **Thursday 2nd October - School Census Day:** The Government base our funding for the school year 2026 - 2027 on how many children are in school on Thursday 2nd October; so, please - no absences on that day! Also, they calculate funding according to the number of infant children receiving a school meal on that Thursday. For this reason, all infant children will automatically receive a school meal unless you inform us otherwise.
- **Friday 3rd October - Individual Photos:** Please ensure your children are dressed smartly for their individual and sibling photos on Friday. If they have PE or Forest School on this date, please send them in with their PE kit as a change of clothes.
- **Friday 3rd October - Harvest Festival:** Please remember to send your child with non perishable food items for our Harvest Festival (tins, packets of dried food, foods with a long life). All donations will be sent to the Harrietsham Food Bank.



October: Black History Month	
Thursday 2 nd October:	Autumn Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified) Year 1 and 2 children Author Visit
Friday 3 rd October:	Individual Child Photos Harvest Festival: Donations collected for Harrietsham Food Bank
Tuesday 7 th October:	Flu Vaccinations: School Nurses in School
Wednesday 8 th October and Thursday 9 th October:	Parents Evenings
Friday 10 th October:	World Mental Health Day: Children to wear own clothes to express themselves
Tuesday 14 th October:	Year 6 Class Worship – 9am
Thursday 16 th October:	End of Term Disco for the children

TERM ENDS: Friday 17th October 2025

Staffing Updates:



We have some important staffing updates for you.

- **Mrs Giannini** - We are excited to let you know that we have had some exciting news within the Year R team. Some of you may have noticed Mrs Giannini's growing baby bump - she is expecting her second child in March. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her, and her family, on her exciting news.
- **Mrs Godfrey** - There must be something in the water as Mrs Godfrey is also pregnant with her second child. I think the ladies will end up with a baby bump race - and I'm sure the children will enjoy watching the bumps grow. Mrs Godfrey is due to have her baby in December. I am sure you will join me in also congratulating her, and her family, on this fantastic news.
- **Mrs Andrews** - We are sad to announce that Mrs Andrews will be leaving Harrietsham at the end of this term. Mrs Andrews has been teaching Kingfishers alongside Mrs Walker. From Term 2, Mrs Walker will continue to teach Kingfishers Monday - Thursday and Mrs Cheel will teach them on a Friday. Mrs Andrews has decided that she needs to spend the time with her young family. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Andrews all the very best for her future.



With this news, we have some new positions currently being advertised.

Please see the Kent Teach website if you are interested:

Learning Support Assistant / Teaching Assistant Teaching/Child Support at Harrietsham CEP School,...

Are you looking for a new challenge? Are you able to nurture children so that they flourish? If so, Harrietsham Church of England Primary School could be the school for you.

 kent-teach.com

Higher Level Teaching Assistant Teaching/Child Support at Harrietsham CEP School, Maidstone

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Teacher Position: We will also shortly be advertising for a maternity cover EYFS teacher, so, please do keep an eye out for this advert too.



1. Home-School Agreement:

Please sign and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

2. Flu Vaccinations:

Don't forget to sign up.

3. Winter clothing:

With the weather becoming more wintery, please be reminded to send your child into school with a warm waterproof coat each day and waterproof trousers. All children will also need a change of footwear (wellington boots or old trainers) to access the OPAL playing field.

4. Term Dates - Dates for your diaries:

All dates for the term can also be found on our website here:

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-1/>

REMINDER



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Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



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Whole School Attendance for the Week	94.86%
Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%)	328 of 393 = 83.46%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	95.38%

22 children in total had unauthorised absences this week.
 20 children were late at least once this week
 (this will account for some of the unauthorised absences above).

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	
	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Hérons
95%	95%	94%	92%	98%	97%	97%	98%	93%	92%	95%	91%	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		Year 6	
	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Hérons
100%	91%	97%	96%	93%	96%	89%	90%	92%	94%	94%	93%	97%



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.



Notices from St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham



Community Choir

Come along to our fun singalong community choir for adults, singing popular songs for all!
At St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham,
on 29th September - We meet once every fortnight between 7pm and 9pm.
Tea, coffee and cake will be served. Everyone is welcome.
For more information, please phone 01622 853819.

Games Club

Come and join us in the Church Room (there is a door into this at the back of Harrietsham Village Hall)
on 7th October - We meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month, from 2pm – 4pm.
We supply games but please feel free to bring something you would like to play.
Please join us on the day or phone 01622 859442 to find out more.
Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome.

Bible Study

Come and join our Harrietsham Bible Study group
We meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the Church Room (there is a door into this at the back of Harrietsham Village Hall).
Please join us on the day or phone 01622 859442 to find out more.
Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome.

Andrew French Fencing

07788 971584 or 01622 532818

Andrew French

Fencing, Gates, Decking and Pergolas



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Harrietsham CEP School Prayer Group



Please do come along and join our Prayer Group who meet in school at 2:45pm on the following dates:

- Fri 10th October
- Mon 10th November
- Fri 5th December
- Mon 12th January
- Fri 6th February
- Mon 2nd March
- Fri 20th March
- Mon 20th April
- Fri 15th May
- Mon 15th June
- Fri 10th July

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Kent Police

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

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SUTTON VALENCE CARE HOME

Invite you to join our ...

Scarecrow Competition

Do you have what it takes to build the best scarecrow in town?
£2 donation
Make a homemade scarecrow out of anything - but it must include straw

Height: No taller than 4ft
Open to all: families, individuals and groups
Drop off location: Sutton Valence care home
Prizes awarded for: Most creative, funniest and best recycled scarecrow

For more information please contact Amy or Debbie at 01622 843999 or suttonvalence.activities@barchester.com

Closing date: All scarecrows must be delivered by October 10th to..

Sutton Valence Care Home
Maidstone Road
Sutton Valence
Maidstone
ME17 3LW

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AUTISM AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING ADHD IN THE HOME

Understand, support and thrive.

Join us in an informative and supportive environment. Gain a deeper understanding of autism and ADHD, discuss effective behaviour management and discover strategies to support and empower your family.

Where: Greenfields Family Hub, Rutland Way, Maidstone ME15 8DR

Date: Tue 23/9/25-14/10/25

Time: 9:30-11:30

To book a place please contact:
Telephone: 03000 412987
Email: Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk

For more information scan the QR code

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- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events



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KENT TEST TUITION

Kent Test tutor club based in Harrietsham

75 minute lessons

Saturday mornings

Group session

Maximum of 6



**For more info
Contact Claire on
07816908237
Fully insured**

Sutton Valence Hockey Club Juniors

Sutton Valence Prep School, Chart Sutton, ME17 3RF



We welcome all abilities for fun, games & skills

From Reception upwards

Every Sunday

9:30am
Mini's, U8's, U10's

11:00am
U12's, U14's, U16's

**Returning:
14th September 2025**

For Further details, please contact:
Juniors at SVHC Tel: 07845112514, Email: svhc.juniors@gmail.com