

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Monday 6th October 2025

Dear Families,

Please see below some updates on events at Harrietsham over the last couple of weeks.

This newsletter also includes important updates on events for this upcoming week, our behaviour policy and attendance.

Kind regards,
Jackie Chambers

Harvest Festival - 3rd October 2025:

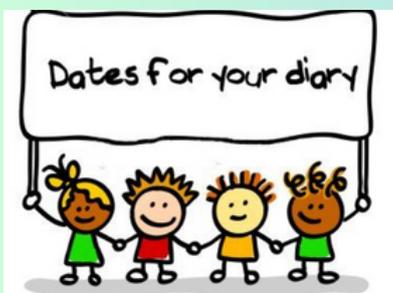
This week, we celebrated Harvest Festival. Mrs Wells and our Shining Lights organised the service for the whole school. Each year group shared some of their Harvest learning. We reflected on how fortunate we are to have food in abundance. We thought about farmers and others involved in the production of our food. We gave thanks to God for our Harvest. We donated the produce that we collected to Harrietsham Food Bank. Our thanks to everyone who donated to our collection. Our thanks also to Mrs Wells and our Shining Lights for organising the service and the collection for the Food Bank.



Year 6 Girls Football Tournament at the Gallagher Stadium - 22nd September 2025:



On Monday 22nd September, a team of girls participated in the yearly football tournament hosted by Stones Community Trust in Maidstone United's grounds, The Gallagher stadium. The girls competed against 35 other schools from the local area, initially in a group stage, which they finished second in. They then moved onto the final 16 teams and were unfortunately knocked out in this round. The girls had a great time and played brilliantly as a team, showing excellent sportsmanship and camaraderie. Mrs Keggans and Mr Russell said that the children were a credit to the school and a pleasure to take!! Thank you to our families for transporting them and supporting them at the event, to Mr Young and Mrs Keggans for leading on the day and to Mrs Frost for organising the opportunity for our children.



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

The week ahead:



Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 7th October: Please be reminded that your children will receive their flu vaccination on Tuesday 7th October.

Parents Evenings - Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October: Please do sign up for an appointment via Arbor. Our parents evenings are a good opportunity for you to find out how well your child has settled into their new year group, to find out about their learning so far, and to discuss methods to support for your child throughout the year.

World Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October: Your child may wear their own clothes to express themselves on this important day as we reflect on how important positive mental health and wellbeing is for us all.

Current vacancies within our school



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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REMINDER

1. Home-School Agreement:

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

2. 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.

3. 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/>



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



Harrietsham's Approach to Behaviour

As a school, we are committed to teaching positive behaviours and supporting your children to meet our very high expectations of behaviour and learning.

Our inclusive learning environment has been created by adult behaviour that is both **strong on boundaries** and **big on heart**.

At our school, we are 'Strong on Boundaries, Big on Heart'

This means that we hold very high expectations of our children's behaviour but we do this using a trauma-informed approach. The emotional health and wellbeing of our whole community is paramount to being a successful school. We promote a caring, supportive and inclusive ethos, which develops respect, self-esteem and gives a sense of belonging and voice for all. We are committed to being an emotionally safe and shame-free school.

Our School Rules:

At our school we have 3 simple school rules. We teach our children to uphold and embody our school rules. These rules are modelled, explained and embedded through staff routines, visible and predictable adult behaviour and shared language.

We proactively teach, model and scaffold our expectations of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Each rule is broken down into observable behaviours relevant to different school spaces and our rules form the language in which we structure all conversations about behaviour. We use the table below to explain to children what Ready, Respectful and Safe mean in different contexts within school.



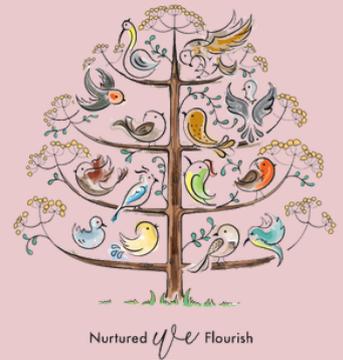
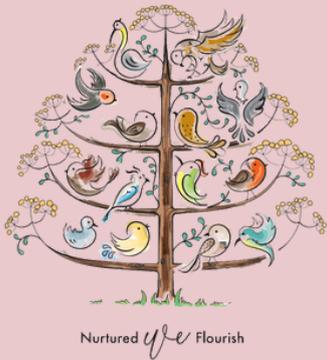
Behaviour Change Programme:

As you know, we are working on a behaviour change programme called '**When the Adults Change, Everything Changes**' and we are delighted that the work we follow in school has been made accessible to our families.

Over the next few months, we will be sharing some ideas in our newsletter with you about how we approach behaviour management in school and how you can support your child at home.

There are also monthly live events you can attend online. There is an hour-long 'Behaviour Book Club' session, hosted by Charlotte Clarke from When The Adults Change, online at 8:00pm on the last Thursday of each month. **You can find the joining link for the Behaviour Book Club [here](#).**

If you'd like to learn more about the approach, you can buy a copy of 'When The Parents Change, Everything Changes' online [here](#).



Whole School Attendance Last Week	94.34%
Number of Children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%) Last Week	387 of 391 = 98.98%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	95.11%

25 children had at least 1 unauthorised absence last week.
 26 children were late at least once last 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	
Ducklings	Cygnets	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Hérons
94%	91%	94%	89%	96%	96%	100%	97%	96%	93%	95%	94%	92%	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	
Ducklings	Cygnets	Wrens	Kingfishers	Sparrows	Jays	Robins	Woodpeckers	Swallows	Nightingales	Kestrels	Eagles	Hawks	Hérons
97%	100%	91%	97%	91%	93%	96%	89%	93%	96%	94%	90%	89%	94%



COMPETITIONS



Design the livery for Maidstone's recycling truck!

We're launching an exciting new art competition in partnership with SUEZ, and we want your designs on the road!

Your Mission

Create bold, imaginative artwork that inspires Maidstone to recycle more and protect our environment. Whether it's food waste, garden waste, or general recycling, your design could help spread the message in a fun and eye-catching way.

The Prize

Winning design will be featured on a real waste collection vehicle with an option of having the winners name included too. The winner will also receive **£200** worth of health and wellbeing or environmental vouchers.

Why Enter?

- Make a real impact in your community
- Promote sustainability through art
- See your creativity brought to life on a moving canvas!

Competition runs between 1 October and 30 November 2025

Want to get involved? To enter download a template from our website XXXX.

Let's get creative for a cleaner,
greener Maidstone!

Terms and conditions apply.



To enter, see the attachment: Vehicle Livery Competition



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CARE HOME



Invite you to join our

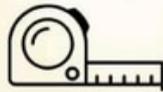
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Scarecrow Competition

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

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,
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)
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 Harrietsham CEP School Prayer Group (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.

**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



Brownies Wed 6.30 – 8.00pm

Rainbows Thurs 5.00 – 6.00pm

Leaders urgently needed!

Can you help give young girls the opportunity to make friends and have adventures that help them grow and thrive?

No experience needed—just enthusiasm!

For more information, please contact **Karen Gambrell, District Commissioner** at lennyvalleydc@gmail.com

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

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