

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nurtured We Flourish

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Families,

Please see below some updates on events this last week and some notices about upcoming events which are planned.

Kind regards,  
Jackie Chambers

### Parents Evening:

Our thanks to all of the families who attended Parents Evening last week. It helps our children so much when school and home work together to give them the best educational journey possible; we really appreciate you coming along. We hope you enjoyed looking through your children's learning so far and that you found the handouts given on the evening informative. We are aware that parental feedback following our last survey was that families wanted more information about where their children are academically, and how you can support your children, so we hope you felt you were given this information.



### World Mental Health Day:

It was great to see all of our children dressed to express themselves on Friday for World Mental Health Day. Our children's mental well-being is so important to us, so this was an important day to recognise. If you would like any support with your child's mental health, below are some useful websites to visit:

**NHS:** <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/mental-health-support/>

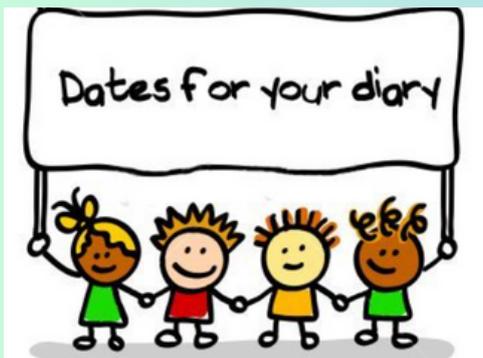
**Young Minds:** <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

**Place 2 Be:** <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

**Barnardos:** <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/mental-health>

### Church Harvest Service:

Our thanks to the children who joined Mrs Wells at Church on Sunday to celebrate Harvest. Mrs Wells was incredibly proud of the children and the congregation commented on how well they spoke. We really appreciate you going along to join our church community for this service. Our thanks to Mrs Wells for supporting our children whilst at the church and to the children and families who attended.



All dates for the term can also be found on our website here:  
<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-1/>

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October:	<a href="#">Year 6 Class Worship – 9am</a>
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TERM ENDS: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Term 2

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

TERM STARTS: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025

November:	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November:	<a href="#">Guy Fawkes Night</a>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November:	Year 6 – Cathedral Schools Day <a href="#">Disco for the children</a>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November:	<a href="#">Antibullying Week:</a> <a href="#">Children may wear odd socks to school all week</a>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November:	<a href="#">Remembrance Day:</a> <a href="#">Children belonging to Guides / Brownies / Cubs / Scouts / Beavers etc to come in uniforms for silence</a>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November:	<a href="#">National Diabetes Day:</a> <a href="#">Children may paint their nails blue in recognition</a>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November:	New EYFS Cohort 26/27 Parent Tours
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November:	New EYFS Cohort 26/27 Parent Tours
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November:	<a href="#">Classroom Open Afternoon 2:45pm – 3:15pm</a>

# UPCOMING



## The week ahead:

**Year 6 Worship - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 6 Families are welcome to attend.

**Raising money for Kent Air Ambulance - Helicopter Coin Trail - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October:**



After witnessing the Air Ambulance land in the field next to our school last week, one of our lovely families has decided to help to raise funds for the Kent Air Ambulance service, and has asked if we can help. Knowing how amazing this service is, we think this would be a great cause. Therefore, on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** (last day of term) we will collect coins to make a coin trail in the shape of a helicopter and see how much we can raise.

**Please bring in any coins that you would like to donate.**

## After Half Term:

**Parent Focus Group - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm**



I would like to begin holding a Parent Focus Group Meeting each term, where we can meet to discuss your thoughts on all things Harrietsham CEP School, whilst enjoying a biscuit and a cup of tea.

These meetings will provide a chance for me to provide you with information, listen to your views and opinions, celebrate with you positive feedback and problem solve potential solutions to concerns raised.

Pre-school children are welcome, but will be your responsibility throughout.

Our first meeting will be held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm**.

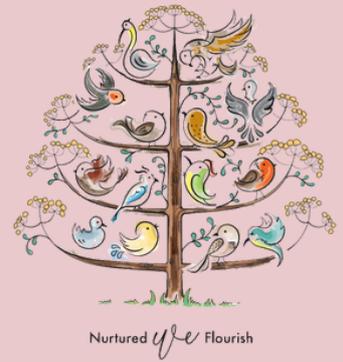
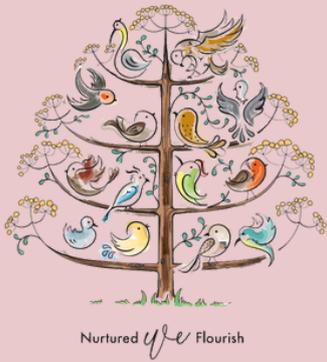
**Please fill in the form on the link below if you would like to attend. The form will also allow you to suggest agenda items. <https://forms.gle/9RWdChkGcc6BZiqg7>**

## 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

# DISCO



**Tickets on sale now on Arbor**



Whole School Attendance Last Week	92.96%
Number of Children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%) Last Week	389 of 392 = 99.23%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.69%

**A big drop since previous weeks!**

51 children had at least 1 unauthorised absence last week.

45 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
93%	92%	95%	90%	92%	96%	92%	94%	94%	94%	92%	92%	97%	90%



# 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
90%	100%	91%	97%	87%	89%	85%	89%	90%	73%	90%	88%	89%	90%



# COMPETITION

WIN!

WIN!

WIN!



CALLING ALL  
CREATIVES!



## 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.



## 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 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.

## 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:



- 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



**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](mailto:lennyvalleydc@gmail.com)

**MAIDSTONE UNITED SOCCER SCHOOLS**

**SCAN QR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!!**

**10AM UNTIL 3PM DROP OFF AT 9:30AM**

**22ND OCTOBER 20TH 21ST**

Adobe Express

**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](mailto:svhc.juniors@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](http://www.kent.police.uk/road-safety)