

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Monday 20th October 2025

Dear Families,

I wanted to thank you all for an excellent Term 1. There has been so much going on within school which I am really proud of. Our new Curriculum has been launched - and the children seem to be really enjoying their topics and learning lots and we have begun putting our new behaviour policy into practice. We have lots more planned for the school year - we are excited to see where the year takes us.

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

I wish you all a very happy half term break. I hope you enjoy some lovely family time.

Kind regards,
Jackie Chambers

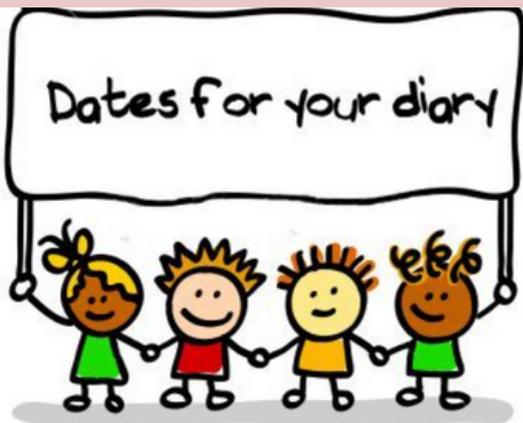
New Staff:

We are pleased to announce that we have two new LSAs joining our team from the start of next term.

- Mrs Weeks: Some of you may already know Mrs Weeks from her time at Harrietsham Pre-School. We are excited that Mrs Weeks will be joining us as an LSA in Year 1.
- Miss Robertson: We also have Miss Robertson joining us in Year 3. Miss Robertson has relocated from Newcastle and has a wealth of experience and expertise as an LSA.

Exciting Events Last Week:

- Our Year 6 children presented their self-directed Genius Hour projects to their classes. We are so proud of them and their enthusiasm with this learning.
- Our Year 5 children enjoyed a great trip to The Science Museum. They represented our school excellently.
- Our Year 4 children enjoyed a fabulous Ancient Greek day with lots of in-role learning.
- Our Year 3 children achieved some wonderful swimming awards, including many personal bests.
- The whole school learnt about Diwali and we presented our learning in Worship on Friday.
- We had our first Equality and Diversity Committee meeting and made lots of plans to improve equality within our school.
- We collected lots of money for Kent Air Ambulance - our thanks to Eli, Amara and their family for coming up with such a great idea. We will announce how much we have raised when all coins are counted!



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

Term 2

Monday 27th October 2025 – Thursday 18th December 2025

TERM STARTS: Monday 27th October 2025

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

Boys Football Tournament at The Gallagher Stadium



On Monday 13th October, a team of Year 6 boys participated in the annual boys football tournament hosted at the Gallagher Stadium, by Stones Community Trust and the team of coaches at Maidstone United Football Club. A total of 36 teams took part in the event. As always, the boys event was fiercely contended, which sadly saw Harrietsham knocked out at the end of the first round. The children worked hard and performed well as a team, demonstrating good sportsmanship throughout the event.

The boys really enjoyed the event and represented Harrietsham brilliantly. Well done boys!!

Thank you to Mr Young and Mrs Keggans for taking the children to the event, to Mrs Frost for organising it and to all the families for transporting the children to and from the event, we couldn't do this without you.



Eco Warriors Update

Our Eco Warriors, led by Miss Roberts, have been busy this term. So far, they have taken part in litter picks, made classroom energy posters and put them all up around the school and made a PowerPoint all about Eco Pledges and asked the teachers to make these with their classes.

Their latest project has been to make a poster to encourage their friends to walk to school to help the environment. They have asked me to share this with you below...



Please do support our Eco Warriors if you can in their pledge to help look after our environment - if you can walk to school (even if just part of the way), it would make them very happy!

UPCOMING



The week ahead:

Parent Focus Group - Monday 27th 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 27th 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/9RWdChkGcc6BZiqq7>



6TH NOVEMBER
DISCO

Tickets on sale now on Arbor



Please do join us at our disco after school on Thursday 6th November.

Years R, 1, 2 and 3: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Years 4, 5 and 6: 5.15pm - 6.15pm



Online Safety - Lenham:

You are all invited to a 'Digital and Online Awareness Briefing for Parents' that will focus on the increasingly complex and potentially dangerous online world that children are growing up in. Mr Gaygan, a fabulous speaker from The Towers School, will deliver the session.

Tuesday 25th November at 2-3pm at Lenham Primary School

Equality and Diversity Committee - Representatives Needed

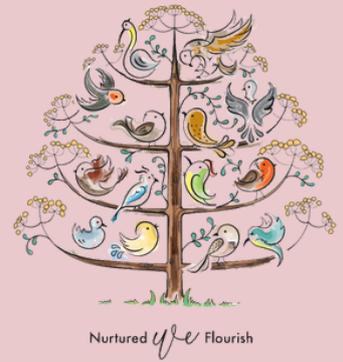
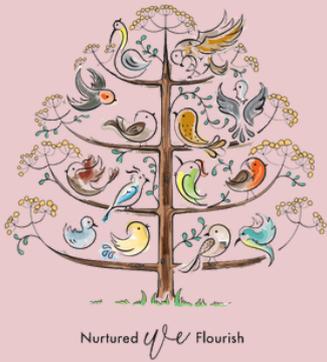
We are still looking for parents or carers who can represent the following communities on the committee:

- BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic)
- Religious backgrounds
- LGBTQ+

If you feel you can bring your perspective and voice to help us shape a more inclusive environment for all our children and families, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Giannini at emma.giannini@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk if you would like to find out more or volunteer to represent one of these communities.





Whole School Attendance Last Week	94.52%
Number of Children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%) Last Week	313 of 390 = 80.25%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.64%



29 children had at least 1 unauthorised absence last week.
25 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
95%	94%	96%	94%	99%	98%	88%	95%	98%	94%	95%	94%	92%	92%



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
100%	100%	91%	97%	100%	96%	96%	96%	90%	88%	94%	88%	85%	87%



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

COMPETITION



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.



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



SCAN QR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!!

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



Schools Out! Autumn Holiday Club



21 - 23 October 2025

South Borough Primary School, Tovil, Maidstone
Greenfields Community Primary School, Shepway, Maidstone
Tree Tops Primary Academy, Brishing Lane, Maidstone

Providing childcare and peace of mind.

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.

Places cost £5 per day and are offered on a first come basis. Visit stonesinthecommunity.org/programme/schools-out-holiday-club to book a space at one of our locations, or simply scan the QR code above.

stonesinthecommunity.org



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