

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Monday 27th October 2025

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2.

We are looking forward to this term - for some of us the new term marks the start of a new Topic which the children will be excited about. It is also an exciting term as we begin Christmas preparations. We are also excited to be putting on our first disco of the year on Thursday 6th November after school.

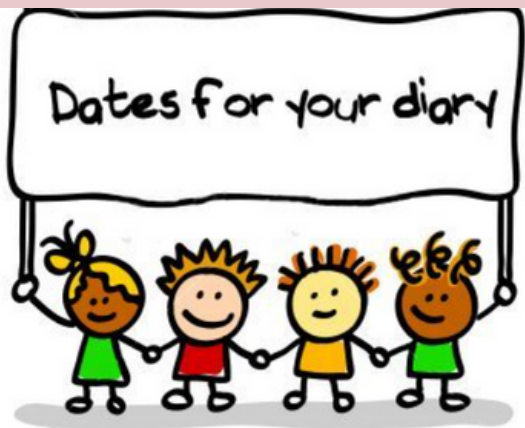
We are delighted to welcome Mrs Weeks and Miss Robertson, new LSAs to the school. We are sure you will join us in making them feel welcome to our school family.

We are also excited to welcome Kelly O'Leary who will be working with some of our children every Thursday morning teaching them Music. Kelly is the founder and director of JUMP - interactive, inclusive music, dance and drama classes for young people of all ages (www.jumpkent.com) and she has appeared in a number of theatre productions, television shows and music performances. She has a wealth of experience with Music and drama and is trained in British Sign Language, something that she brings into her teaching. Kelly will lead Singing Worship for Key Stage Two children on a Thursday morning and they will be learning singing and signing. She will then teach Year 4 Ukulele, Year 1 Singing and Year R Music and Movement. We are sure your children will love these sessions. In addition, Kelly will run a lunchtime Key Stage Two Choir. Please do let your children know that this will run every Thursday this term at 12pm and they should meet Kelly in the Key Stage Two communal area. We hope lots of them will want to join.

Kind regards,
Jackie Chambers

Great News Received this Holiday

Summer Reading Challenge: We are extremely pleased to announce that Harrietsham came 4th in the league table for the Maidstone District for the Summer Reading Challenge, compared with 23rd last year. This is a brilliant achievement - very well done to everyone who took part. Mr Walker is incredibly pleased about this and couldn't wait to share the news with you all. We are pleased that so many of you managed to enjoy reading over the summer.



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

UPCOMING

AVAILABLE NOW



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



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!



WALK TO SCHOOL

CAN YOU HELP US PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT BY WALKING, SCOOTING OR BIKING TO SCHOOL INSTEAD OF DRIVING?

EVEN IF YOU LIVE TOO FAR AWAY TO WALK THE WHOLE WAY, PARKING A LITTLE BIT AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL AND WALKING DOWN, CAN HELP YOU TO JOIN IN!

ECO WARRIOR



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:

- People/ families from ethnic minority backgrounds
- 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.



Term 2 Forest School Timetable

Forest School Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 w/c 27.10.25	JAYS - PM	ROBINS - AM DUCKINGS - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 2 w/c 03.11.25	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM CYGNETS - PM	NO FOREST SCHOOL TODAY	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
Week 3 w/c 10.11.25	JAY - PM	ROBINS - AM DUCKLING - PM	HAWKS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 4 w/c 17.11.25	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM CYGNETS - PM	HERONS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
Week 5 w/c 24.11.25	JAYS - PM	ROBINS - AM DUCKINGS - PM	HAWKS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 6 w/c 01.12.25	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM CYGNETS - PM	HERONS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
Week 7 w/c 08.12.25	JAYS - PM	ROBINS - AM DUCKINGS - PM	HAWKS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 8 w/c 15.12.25	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM CYGNETS - PM	HERONS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM



As the weather turns colder, don't forget your winter clothing for OPAL and Forest School.

Children need a change of footwear (ideally wellies) for the OPAL field and a warm, waterproof coat every day.

WHY DO I NEED DIFFERENT CLOTHING FOR OPAL PLAY?

- Waterproof coat**
With my waterproof coat on, I can access and enjoy all that the great outdoors has to offer. I can play outside and return, warm and dry, to my classroom afterwards. I bring my coat to school every day as I know the weather can change very quickly.
- Wellies**
When I have my welly boots on, I can access all of the areas outside. I can go in the nature area, play with the sand and jump in puddles. It means my feet stay nice and dry.
- Trainers**
When I put my trainers on I can play football on the Opal field with my friends. I can safely climb on the trim trail and the gym equipment because I have more grip. I like leather trainers because they keep my feet dry. I always change my shoes before and after play so I don't walk mud into my classroom.
- Waterproof Trousers**
When I wear my waterproof trousers or all-in-one puddle suit, I don't have to worry about my school clothes getting dirty when I'm lifting tyres whilst I'm making my den or wet when I jump in puddles.
- Spare Clothes**
When I have spare clothes in my bag just incase, I know that if I do get a bit carried away outside and forget to manage my mess, I can quickly get changed and be clean and dry ready to go back to my classroom. It doesn't matter if these aren't my school uniform, I just like to be prepared - just incase!

"There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing"

26.5°C: Shorts, tank top, sneakers, hat
21°C: T-shirt, socks, shoes, cap
15.5°C: Long-sleeved shirt, socks, shoes, cap
10°C: Long-sleeved shirt, jacket, shoes, cap, gloves, socks
4.5°C: Long-sleeved shirt, jacket, shoes, cap, gloves, socks, boots
-1°C: Long-sleeved shirt, jacket, shoes, cap, gloves, socks, boots, scarf
-6.5°C: Long-sleeved shirt, jacket, shoes, cap, gloves, socks, boots, scarf, hat
-12°C: Long-sleeved shirt, jacket, shoes, cap, gloves, socks, boots, scarf, hat, mittens

natural learning

Term 2 PE Timetable

- Monday: Year R, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5
- Tuesday: Year 5, Year 6
- Wednesday: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4
- Thursday: Year 2, Year 6
- Friday: Year 2, Year 3



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.



Crib Service

We will be holding our crib service at St John's Church in Harrietsham

at **3pm**

on **Christmas Eve.**

Come and dress up if you want to, and bring your mum, dad, aunties, uncles, grand-parents, brothers, sisters and friends!



We would love to see you all.
Everyone is welcome!

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.



Girlguiding
Len Valley District



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

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

