

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

27.6.25

Dear Families,

We have had another excitingly busy week at Harrietsham.

On Monday, a local Headteacher came to visit our school. Together, we spent time in each class, looking at the teaching and learning. We were very impressed with what we saw - focussed children, challenging learning and calm classrooms.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from the local English Hub. We are excited that they have agreed to take us on as a partner school. This means that we will work with them to ensure that our Phonics and Early Reading provision is the best that it can be for all of our children.

On Wednesday, our Year 2 children visited Lenham Primary School for 'The Big Summer Dance'. They enjoyed learning Zumba routines with the children at Lenham, taught by the wonderful Mrs McCluskey. Thank you to Lenham Primary for hosting such a wonderful day for our children.

On Thursday, Lenham Primary Year 1 and 2 children then joined our Year 1 and 2 and Musical Theatre children at Harrietsham for 'The Big Summer Sing'. I was lucky enough to be in the performance and I was blown away by the children's enthusiasm and confidence when singing - we even had a number of solos. A HUGE thank you to Miss Frazier and Ms Kelly for their organisation of the event and to Miss Thorne and Mrs Walker for their support of the event. Also, thank you to Lenham Primary for working with us in collaboration to make the event as wonderful and joyous as it was.

We then finished the week with our Classroom Open Afternoons and the Year R film night on Friday. Our huge thank you to all of the adults who visited on Friday afternoon to share your children's learning with them before they move onto their new year group.

As we move closer to the Summer Holidays, we are busy preparing behind the scenes our new curriculum, our new behaviour policy and some new and exciting learning environments for September. We can't wait to share these with you all.

Kindest regards,
Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

CAN YOU HELP?

School Projects - Do you know a company who can sponsor us?

We have a number of great ideas for some fantastic school projects, which will enhance our school, our curriculum and the offer for our children. We have motivated and enthusiastic staff who are willing to put them into action. However, in order to achieve these, we would need to find sponsors.

If you know of any charities or companies who may be willing to sponsor us for any of the projects below, please do let me know (headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk).

Harrietsham CEP Prayer Group

Please do feel free to join our Prayer Group at the school when they meet.

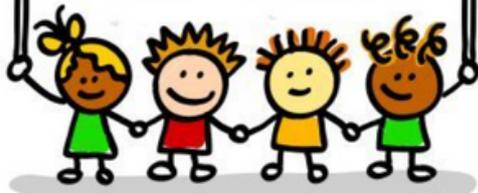
They will be meeting this term on the following dates at 2:45pm.

Monday 30th June at 2.45pm

Wednesday 9th July at 2.45pm



Dates for your diary



THIS week

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July:

School recognition of Children's Art Week

Monday 30th June:

Prayer Group at 2:45pm – Parents Invited

Wednesday 2nd July

Non Uniform Day – OPAL donation

Thursday 3rd July

Year 2 Beach Trip

Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July:

New Year R Stay and Play Session 2 (afternoon session 1-3pm)
15 ~~ch~~ per class

(Friday 4th July - INSET Day – School Closed to all children)

Donation Day

WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY

ROLE PLAY

- Home Phones
- Keyboards
- Tills
- Microphones
- Dolls
- Puppets
- Teddies
- Beanbags
- Ice cream tubs, cereal boxes etc
- Pots, pans and trays
- Utensils and cutlery
- Plastic cups, plates and bowls



ARTS

- Colouring books
- Pencils & pens
- Scissors
- Acorns, pinecones, conkers
- Instruments



WEIRD AND WONDERFUL



- Suitcases
- Crutches
- Road signs
- Traffic cones
- Road barriers
- Pool noodles

BUILDING

- Cable reels
- Tarpaulin
- Shower curtains
- Sheets
- Blankets
- Pillows/ cushions
- Pegs
- Guttering
- Wood
- Carpet tiles



SPORTS

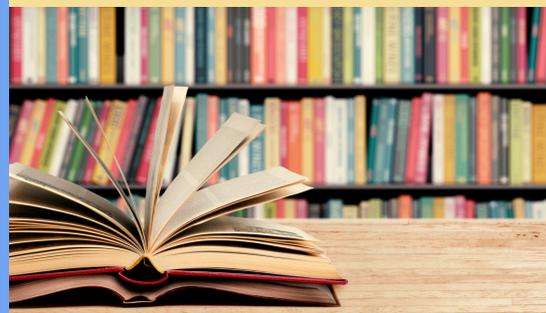
- All types of balls
- Wheeled items
- Rackets
- Bats
- Pop up nets

SALE

Book Sale

Our Librarians are selling books to raise money for our new library.

**Before and After school
£1 per book**



NEW!

Our children set us the challenge of creating a Forest Themed Library for them....

Loving the challenge, we have set about creating this new and exciting space for them.

We have found this beautiful 4m high artificial Oak Tree, which we would love to make a centrepiece for our new library:



It costs **£550** on Facebook Marketplace.

If we can raise this money, we can buy it.

So, we propose a 'Wear it Green for our Library Tree' day on Thursday ...

Children are invited to wear anything green to school on Thursday 3rd July in return for any cash that you are able to donate towards the cost of this new tree for our library.

FYI – This will be the day after the non-uniform day for the OPAL donations on Wednesday 2nd July.



Monday 7 th July:	Year 4 trip Year R worship to parents 2:45pm
Wednesday 9 th July:	Prayer Group at 2:45pm – Parents Invited
Thursday 10 th July:	Transition Day 1 (EYFS Home Visits) Meet the teacher after school 3:20 – 4pm
Friday 11 th July:	Transition Day 2 (EYFS Home Visits)
Monday 14 th July:	Mobile Library Visit Non Uniform Day – House coloured raffle donation Year 3, 4 and 5 Bastille Day Picnic Year 6 End of Year Show Dress Rehearsal to school – 1:30pm
Tuesday 15 th July:	Year 6 End of Year Show – 1:30pm
Wednesday 16 th July:	Year 6 End of Year Show – 5pm
Thursday 17 th July and Friday 18 th July	OPAL Parents Lunchtime Visits
Friday 18 th July:	Year R Graduation Assembly to parents New Year R Transition Picnic 3:30 – 4:30pm
Monday 21 st July:	Reports sent to parents
Tuesday 22 nd July:	Year 6 Leavers Service at Church – 1:30pm Hot Dogs and Cool Music 5pm – 8pm (tickets available on Arbor)

HOT DOGS AND COOL MUSIC - TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW VIA ARBOR

JOIN US FOR

HOT DOGS & COOL MUSIC

JULY 22 17:00 - 20:00
 £5 PER PERSON
BUY YOUR TICKETS ON ARBOR!
 ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

Price includes a burger or a hot dog!

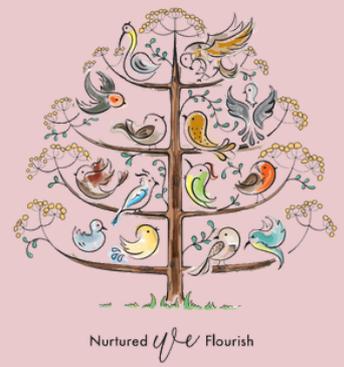
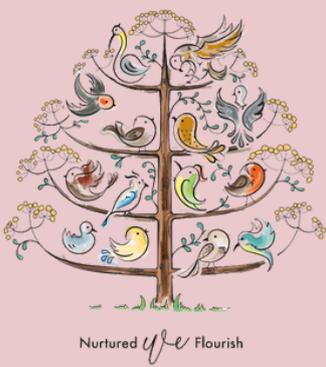
Bar
 Face Paint
 Ice Cream
 Disco
 BBQ

NON UNIFORM DAY

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR HOUSE RAFFLE.
 BRING TO SCHOOL A PRODUCT WHICH MATCHES YOUR HOUSE COLOUR.

DATE: MONDAY 14TH JULY

In association with Hot Dogs and Cool Music!



Whole School Attendance for the Week	93.38%
Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%)	319 of 397 = 80%



Well done to the children with 96% or above attendance this week.

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
91%	93%	98%	90%	92%	95%	97%	93%	92%	97%	96%	92%	86%	93%



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
85%	100%	91%	97%	93%	97%	90%	93%	94%	84%	85%	93%	88%	96%



ENGLISH UPDATES

Reminder: Mobile library visit on 14th July.
Don't forget your library cards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maidstone LitFest Young Authors Competition 2025

Open to all children aged 5–18 in Maidstone and the surrounding areas

Key details:

Theme: "Magic in Maidstone" – perfect for sparking the imagination!

Age categories & word limits:

Years 1–2 – up to 400 words

Years 3–6 – up to 500 words

Deadline: midnight, Friday 25 July 2025

Prizes: Book vouchers, VIP festival tickets, certificates, author readings, goodie bags – plus winning stories published on our website!

You can find full details and the entry form at:

👉 www.maidstonelitfest.org/youngauthors

FOR SALE

Bookcases for Sale
£20 each



BriBooks[®] Presents



Participation is completely
FREE

Calling All Aspiring Young Writers!

Your Story, Your Voice! Join the The Summer Book Writers Festival 2025.
Showcase your creativity using AI and become a published author.

How to Participate:



Scan the QR code below to register



Start writing your book and unlock your potential!



Publish your book



Why Wait?

Get started today and share your story with the world!

Use the link to participate:

www.camp.bribooks.com/events/student/signup/sc-uk-2025?add=166104

OR

Scan the QR Code to Register!



SCAN ME ↗

Rewards & Recognition:



Promote your book & earn Author Royalties



Trophies to Top 10 Best-Seller & Jury Winners



Participation Certificate to everyone

Harrietsham Church of England Primary School

For any queries contact at support@bribooks.com

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Big Summer Book Swap Book Bingo

Find and write the names of books which match the following:

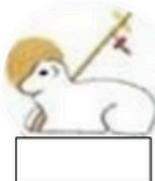
has a bird on the cover	published by Bloomsbury	has a male main character
set in space	about a historical event	has a hard cover
your favourite book	has over 100 pages	authors surname begins with R

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.



ST. John's Harrietsham
**Games
Afternoon**



Come and join us

from 2pm – 4pm in the Church Room

*(there is a door into this at the back of
Harrietsham Village Hall)*

Please bring any games you would like to play

(donations of games much appreciated)

Tea and coffee will be served

Please join us on the day

or contact Pamela Cuerden on

01622 859442 to find out more.

Everyone is welcome.

(We meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month but may move venue and/or time if we grow in number so do look out for further posters, flyers, notices in Network, and on the Harrietshamites Facebook page).

Sponsored by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham



ST. John's Harrietsham
**Community
Choir**



Come along to our

fun singalong community choir

for adults, singing popular songs for all!

fortnightly on

Monday evenings

9th and 23rd June and 21st July (not 7th July)

in the church between

7pm and 9pm

Tea and coffee will be served.

Everyone is welcome

For more information please phone Claire Jane

on 01622 853819.

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AFFOR:)ABLE REFURBISHED BICYCLES

BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a 20% discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

BIKE SALE EVENT

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT)

Saturday 24th May (10.00-13.00)

FREE bike checks during the event and bookable Learn-to-Ride sessions
info @CycleCommunity.org



www.CycleCommunity.org

mhm
mentalhealthmatters

NHS
Kent and Medway



Canterbury Safe Haven

Are you feeling distressed, overwhelmed, or that things are too much for you?

We are open every day, 6pm-11pm

We offer free mental health support to anyone aged over 18, in a safe, comfortable and supportive environment.

You can visit for a chat, or to access one-to-one emotional support from our trained staff. We offer face-to-face and virtual support.

Contact us or drop in:

Visit: 22-23 North Lane,
Canterbury, CT2 7EE
Call: 07876476703 / 07483163953
Email: canterbury.mhm@nhs.net

Learn more:

