

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Monday 3rd November 2025

Dear Families,

It has been great to have the children back this week. There has been a real buzz around the school as all children have been finding out their new Topics of study this term. This term's Topic Trees will be sent home soon - watch this space. We know that families had asked us for more information about what their children are learning, so we hope these will be useful.



This week we held our first Parent Focus Group Meeting. Thank you to the parents who came along. We had some great discussions around our new behaviour policy, about our curriculum and our parents also 'test drove' our new website and gave us some extremely valuable advice. It really was a great meeting. We would love to see more people at future meetings and so we have set the year's dates in advance.

Please see below for the dates of each meeting this school year:

- Wednesday 7th January 2:15 - 3:15pm
- Friday 27th February 2:15 - 3:15pm
- Tuesday 21st April 2:15 - 3:15pm
- Friday 5th June 2:15 - 3:15pm

We have also been joined by some secondary school pupils this year, as they have returned to Harrietsham to complete some work experience with us. The teachers, and children, have loved having them in their classes - they have been a super help. Our thanks to Darcey, Erin, Lexi, Nicholas and Anya.

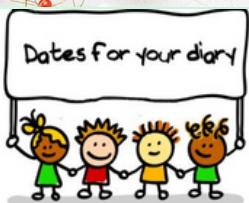
Kind regards,
Jackie Chambers

Plea for helpers!

We will be running our Christmas Fayre after school on Friday 12th December.

We would love to make it a special one.

If there are any families who would be willing to help our staff team organise it, please do let me know by emailing: headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk



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

Date Changes to Note:

Thursday 11 th December:	DATE CHANGE: Year R Christmas Show – 2:30pm Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December:	Christmas Fayre after school
Thursday 18 th December:	Christmas Jumpers allowed Carol Service in school (children only) Year 1 Nativity – 2pm CANCELLED: End of Term Disco for the children

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



Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket for the disco on Thursday - we are sure it will be a fun event for all!

Children will be dropped off and picked up via the main playground gate and through a year group classroom door, as follows:

- Yr R – Ducklings Classroom
- Yr 1 – Kingfishers Classroom
- Yr 2 – Sparrows classroom
- Yr 3 – Robins classroom
- Yr 4 – Robins Classroom
- Yr 5 – Kestrels Classroom
- Yr 6 – Hawks Classroom

Please note: No child will be permitted to walk home alone after the disco - all children must be collected by an adult.

Children are welcome to bring loose change in a named purse or envelope to purchase items at the disco.

Please note: No child will be allowed to have their mobile phone during the disco. All phones brought into school, must be handed in.



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!



Online SafetyTalk - 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

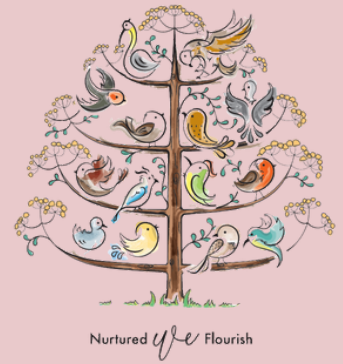
We are still looking for parents or carers who can represent the following communities on the committee:

- 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.





Whole School Attendance Last Week	95.39%
Number of Children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%) Last Week	311 of 384 = 81%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.67%

31 children had at least 1 unauthorised absence last week.
 24 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
96%	99%	96%	97%	94%	93%	96%	96%	98%	96%	93%	94%	99%	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
100%	97%	91%	97%	91%	92%	93%	93%	93%	92%	87%	97%	96%	94%



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