

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Monday 10th November 2025

Dear Families,

What an exciting week we have had - lots happening and lots more to come next week!

Our Governors were in school monitoring on Wednesday and they were very impressed by what they saw - happy and engaged children taking part in some lovely learning opportunities. Well done children.

We began the week with lots of excitement for Guy Fawkes Night and we ended the week with an amazing disco planned by Mrs Mannering - the first of this academic year. My huge heartfelt thanks to Mrs Mannering for pulling out all the stops and organising such a wonderful disco for our children, to Tim for the amazing music and lights (although we will avoid the smoke machine next time!) and to the many staff who helped out on the night. We hope your children had an amazing time.



I also had the pleasure of attending my first school trip since being at Harrietsham with Year 6. We took part in the Cathedral Schools Day at Canterbury Cathedral, and to say it was a wonderful day is an understatement. I was so very proud of the whole of Year 6 - for their respect shown, for their thoughtfulness and for their reflections throughout the day. To finish the event, two of our children led worship (in Canterbury Cathedral - wow!!) and others paraded our school banner and took part in the choir. It was incredible and I am so thankful that I got to go along. My thanks to the teachers for organising and to the parent helpers who came along on the day.

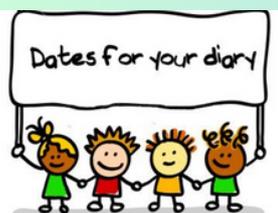
In addition to this, we now have the grand total raised for our Kent Air Ambulance Coin Trail... A HUGE thank you must go to Imogen for organising and for helping to count the money with your team of helpers.

We can announce that we managed to raise a grand total of: **£333.48**
Many thanks to everyone who donated.

Kind regards,
Jackie Chambers
Headteacher



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

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

Remembrance Day - Children who belong to Cubs, Scouts, Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides etc are able to wear their uniform to school on Tuesday 11th November 2025 for our two-minute silence on the playground. Our Shining Lights will be leading us in prayer and song following the silence.

Anti-Bullying Week - Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. All children are able to wear odd socks to school next week to celebrate and to help stand up to bullying.

National Diabetes Day - Friday 14th is National Diabetes Day. We have several children and staff members who have Diabetes and to show our support, children are able to come to school with their nails painted blue if they wish to.

Children in Need - Friday 14th is also Children In Need. Children are invited to wear Spotty Clothes to school and we will be holding a cake sale after school. Please feel free to bring in donations of cakes on Thursday 13th November to Miss Frazier in Sparrows. Dance Dash will also be visiting, so please do send children in with any loose change that you would like to donate.



Let's get spotty for Pudsy!

Children are invited to wear their spottiest clothes to school.

Friday 14th November

LET'S DRESS UP!

We will hold a cake sale after school please bring cake donations to Sparrows classroom on Thursday 13th or Friday 14th November.



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.



Staffing and a new Vacancy:

After working at the school since March 2013, Karen Furmidge has decided to leave and will not be returning. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Karen for her hard work and contribution to the school, as well as wishing her the very best for the future.

We are advertising for a Finance Assistant to work part-time in the school office. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please see the advert below:

Finance Assistant - Administration at Harrietsham CEP School, Maidstone

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.**

**As you know, we cannot run these events on our own - we rely on the
generosity and support of our parental community.**

**If there are any families who would be willing to help our staff team organise
the fayre (contacting companies to run stalls, contacting businesses to donate
raffle prizes, organising the raffle, or running a stall on the evening), please do
let me know by emailing: headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk**

**There will be a Working Party Meeting in the staff room at school on Friday
14th November 3:30 - 4pm - please do come along.**

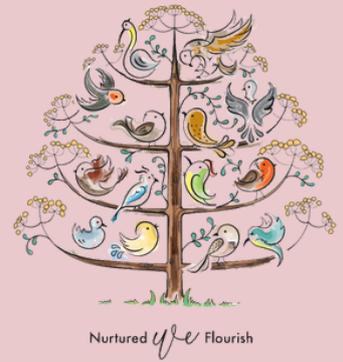
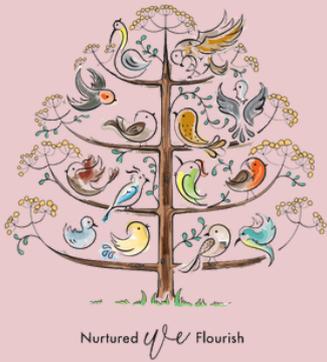
WALK TO SCHOOL

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!



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!



Whole School Attendance Last Week	95.3%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.8%

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
Last Week	98%	98%	97%	98%	96%	98%	98%	89%	95%	93%	95%	94%	94%	93%
Year to Date	95%	96%	96%	94%	94%	96%	95%	95%	97%	94%	93%	94%	94%	94%

Class Punctuality

Well done to all of those children who have been on time every day this week.

Punctuality % for each Class (% of marks on time)														
	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%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	98%	99%	98%	98%	97%

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

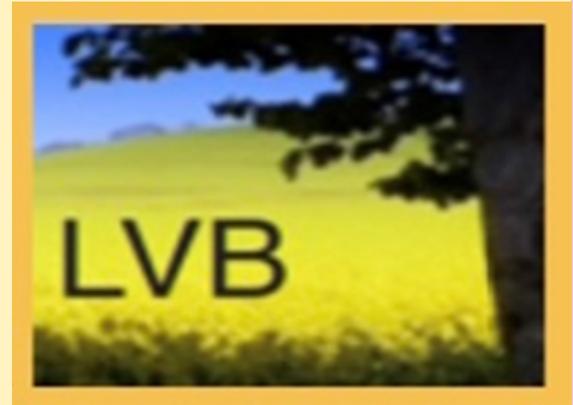
Come along to our fun singalong community choir for adults, singing popular songs for all!

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.



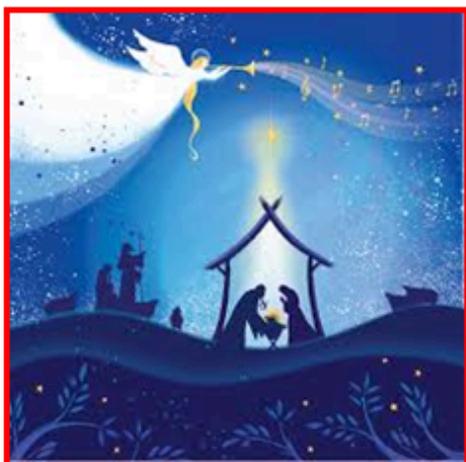
Crib Service

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



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

