

Nurtured We Flourish

13.6.25

Dear Families,

What a sunny week we have had. The heat has not stopped the children within school, though.

Amongst lots of learning, some key highlights from this week have been:

- Our Early Years children celebrated the Dad's / important male role models in their life with our Fathers Day breakfast today. The team managed to raise £200 towards new resources for the Early Years children to enjoy. Our thanks to the team, and to Mr Smith for cooking such a delicious breakfast.
- Our Year 1 children and some of our Year 2 children completed their Phonics Screeners this week. We are so very proud of how well they have all done with their sounds.
- Several of our Year 6 took part in their Level 2 bikeability. It was lovely to see how sensible and controlled they were on the roads around the school - they were a credit to our school.

I also wanted to let you know about some important roles that we are currently advertising for September. Please do share these with anyone who you feel may be interested:

1) **FLO:** <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=147081>

2) **HLTA:** <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=147077>

3) **Inclusion Assistant:** <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=147094>

I hope you have found our Sports Day communications useful. Please do read through these carefully and share the social stories with your children over the weekend. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Sports Day on Monday - don't forget your money for the ice-cream van at lunchtime!

Kindest regards,
Jackie Chambers
Headteacher



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).

Message from Mr Walker - Bookshelves for sale

Hi everyone!

We are selling some of our old book shelf units from the library.

They may be older but they're by no means at the end of their useful life, they're in good nick!

We have a couple of different sizes, they have a red front on the shelf edges.

We are asking for **£20 per unit**.

If you'd be interested, send me a message! You're also welcome to come and have a look at them.

Mr Walker 😊

Sports Day 2025

Monday 16th June

	Year R and KS1	KS2
9:00 – 10:30		Potted Sports (on the field)
10:30 – 12:00		Races (on the field)
12:00 – 12:45	Family Picnic Lunch (on the playground) All children into classes at 12:45 for registration. Families to make their way to the field.	
13:00 – 14:15	Potted Sports (on the field)	
14:15 – 15:15	Races (on the field)	



A plea from the School Office:

We are seeing an increase in numbers of children being collected from school early, often with little to no prior notice. Please can we ask that you do not collect your child early from school unless it is absolutely essential. If you do have pre-agreed medical appointments etc, please let the office know with as much notice as possible, otherwise please leave collection until 3:20pm.

Term 6

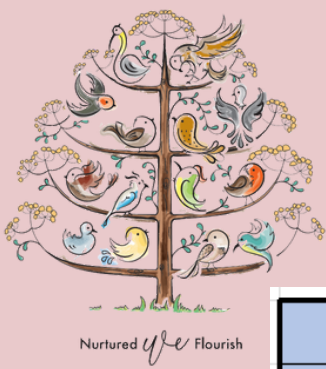
Tuesday 3rd June 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Monday 16 th June – Friday 20 th June:	School recognition of World School Sports Week
Monday 16 th June:	Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th June:	Sports Day Reserve
Wednesday 18 th June	National Thank a Teacher Day National Thank A Teacher Day - Thank a Teacher
Thursday 19 th June and Friday 20 th June:	New Year R Stay and Play Session 1 (1hr with parent) 15 chn per class
Friday 27 th June:	Classroom open afternoon 2:30 – 3:15 Year R Film night in the School Hall
Monday 30 th June – Friday 4 th July:	School recognition of Children's Art Week
Wednesday 2 nd July	Non Uniform Day – OPAL donation
Wednesday 2 nd July and Thursday 3 rd July:	New Year R Stay and Play Session 2 (afternoon session 1-3pm) 15 chn per class

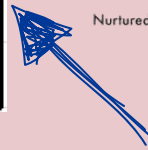
(Friday 4th July - INSET Day – School Closed to all children)

Monday 7 th July:	Year 4 trip Year R worship to parents 2:45pm
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 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)

TERM ENDS: Tuesday 22nd July 2025



Whole School Attendance for the Week	93.60%
Number of children with Outstanding Attendance (over 96%)	226 of 401



Still below target

I have noticed an increase in requests for term time absence this term.

Please be aware that, under Government Guidance, we are not allowed to authorise term time holidays.

A Headteacher is only able to authorise term-time leave under exceptional circumstances and this does not include term-time holidays.

Evidence shows that children who miss school do not achieve as well as those who attend regularly.

For this reason, I ask that you please consider carefully whether any absence requested for your child is absolutely essential.

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
93%	93%	96%	94%	92%	92%	97%	93%	95%	95%	92%	91%	94%	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
89%	100%	91%	97%	100%	87%	90%	100%	97%	94%	97%	96%	100%	96%



READING UPDATES

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



The Spring Tree Read
CHALLENGE!

Climb as many trees, with your favourite books, as you can during half term!

Ask your adults to take some **AWESOME** pictures and send them into school to be displayed in our new library! Ask people to sponsor you!



CAUTION
Always climb safely and ask your adult to pass your book up to you.

DONATE | ❤️



Collect donations~!



There is still time to send in your photos of you reading books whilst tree-climbing.

Photos will be used in our new library.

It would be lovely to see some of our families completing this reading challenge over the holidays!



KENT-TEACH.COM in partnership with BLOOMSBURY EDUCATION

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

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

Price includes a
burger or a hot dog!

BUY YOUR TICKETS ON ARBOR!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

Bar
Face Paint
Ice Cream
Disco
BBQ

Hot Dogs and Cool Music
Tuesday 22nd July

Tickets are now available
via Arbor - School Shop
Products.

Please do come along and
enjoy a BBQ, some ice cream
and our bar!

There will be various stalls - so
please bring along your
pennies!

Please see details of a
non-uniform day for our
house-coloured raffle
here:



**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!

OPAL UPDATES

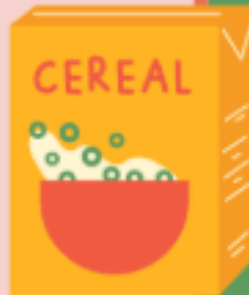
OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) at Harrietsham | Harrietsham Church of England Primary School

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



National Thank a Teacher Day – Wednesday 18th June



The UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back. National Thank a Teacher Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th June!

This event is aimed to celebrate all the amazing staff in our schools. They deserve the spotlight for everything they do.

Want to make someone's day? If you know a special teacher, dedicated support staff member or member of our school staff team, let them know how grateful you are by sending a free e-card on the [Thank a Teacher website](#).


Office for Product
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3V LITHIUM BATTERY

Five top tips to keep children safe from button batteries

Button batteries can badly hurt or kill a small child if they swallow one. They look like a coin.

Follow our tips to keep your child safe:

- 1 LOOK** around your home for button batteries. Think toys, lights, remote controls and more.
- 2 CHECK** for products with loose backs and button batteries that have dropped out.
- 3 STORE** button batteries in a safe place, up high and out of your child's reach.
- 4 DISPOSE** of used button batteries as soon as you can. They are still unsafe.
- 5 ACT** if you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, go straight to A&E or call an ambulance.



Scan the QR code to find out more

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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:



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**



Next Session: 1st July

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

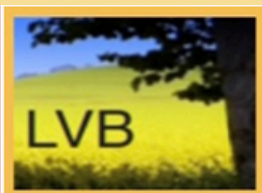
or contact Pamela Cuerden on

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

HARRIETSHAMS BIG LUNCH EVENT



Sunday June 22nd 12-4pm

Glebe Field

Opposite St John the Baptist church (weather permitting)

VE DAY
80TH ANNIVERSARY

All Welcome.... Bring Your own picnic to this free event.



Cake Stall



Childrens Games.... Sack Races, Egg & Spoon Tug of War, Rounders, & Raffle

Marvellous Mutts
Fun Dog Show
Sponsored by Stable Oak,
self catering cottages



stable oak cottages

judged by Karen Bates of
"Tails of Success"



Sixpenny Piece Band



Holigans
Choir



Whizzbang Face
and Body Painting

Organised by Harrietsham Parish Council.
For more information contact Janetta 07891901831

THE HILL 112
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Charity No. 1181345

NORMAL MUSEUM
ENTRY FEE APPLIES

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
Charity No. 1179982

Cosplay Competitions
All Ages

COMICON
AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 14-15 2025
10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

@RAF Manston History Museum
WHAT THREE WORDS - REMARRIED.MORNINGS.PAYE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

KENT TEST TUITION

Kent Test tutor club based in Harrietsham

- 75 minute lessons
- Saturday mornings
- Group session
- Maximum of 6

For more info
Contact Claire on
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