

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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4th January 2026

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Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with your families and we wish you all a very Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that 2026 is now upon us. We are excited for the year to come and to share with you all the exciting learning that we have planned for your children.

Before we move ahead to the plans for the coming term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect back on the many lovely events that took place in the last week of term.

- **I-Rock:** Our I-Rock superstars performed brilliantly to their families on Monday. Our thanks to Molly and the team at I-Rock for teaching them this last term. A massive well done to all of the performers.
- **Year 2 and 3 Christingle:** Our Year 2 and 3 children held a beautiful Christingle service. It was lovely to be able to join in this with them - their singing and signing was great. Our thanks to Miss Roberts for organising.
- **Christmas Dinner:** Christmas dinner was a huge hit. The kitchen staff did an amazing job of cooking for everyone and the staff team were great - working hard to serve everyone and run playtimes so that all children had a lovely Christmas Dinner afternoon.
- **Christmas Service:** We enjoyed a lovely Christmas service on Thursday morning. We couldn't go to the church due to the weather, but, it did mean we could have all year groups attend, and it was lovely to have the whole school family together. Our thanks to Mrs Wells for organising and to all staff who joined in with the surprise staff song for the children.
- **Year 1 Nativity:** Our Year 1 children definitely had the cuteness factor during their Nativity service. They sang beautifully and delivered their lines with confidence. Well done to all children and thank you to the Year 1 staff team for putting the performance together.
- **Year 6 Genius Hour Projects:** I am hugely proud of our Year 6 children who worked hard last term planning for, and raising money for charities of their choice. The children were set a challenge, and they worked independently to organise how to support their chosen charity. This was a true child-initiated project and the children did not disappoint. From football matches, to sales at the gate, from special 'blue light' events, to an after-school fayre, I am proud of each and every one of our Year 6 children - they are true courageous advocates.

Please do look over the details of this newsletter for upcoming events in the new term.

Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham Primary
School TikTok:

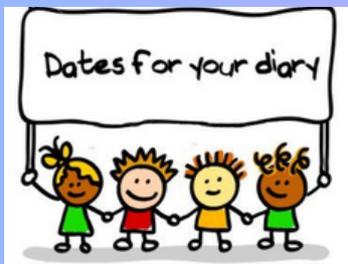


Follow our OPAL Progress:



Forest School News:





All dates for the term can also be found on our website here:

<https://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk/term-dates-1/>

PE Days next term:

- **Monday** - Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5
- **Tuesday** - Year 5, Year 6, Robins and Swallows
- **Wednesday** - Year R, Year 1, Woodpeckers, Nightingales
- **Thursday** - Year 2 and Year 6
- **Friday** - Year 2 and Year 3

Forest School Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 W/C 05.01.26	DUCKS - PM	ROBINS - AM TUCKERS - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 2 W/C 12.01.26	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM DUCKS - PM	HAWKS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
Week 3 W/C 19.01.26	DUCKS - PM	ROBINS - AM TUCKERS - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 4 W/C 26.01.26	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM DUCKS - PM	HAWKS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
Week 5 W/C 02.02.26	DUCKS - PM	ROBINS - AM TUCKERS - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	EAGLES - AM
Week 6 W/C 09.02.26	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM DUCKS - PM	HAWKS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM

Term 3

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

TERM STARTS: Monday 5th January 2026

January	
Tuesday 6 th January and Friday 9 th January:	New EYFS Cohort 26/27 Parent Tours
Wednesday 7 th January	Parent Focus Group Meeting 2:15pm – 3:15pm
Thursday 15 th January:	Deadline to apply for new EYFS Cohort spaces at school for September 2026 Spring Census Day (All infants to have a school dinner unless otherwise notified)
Tuesday 20 th January:	Year 4 Class Worship 9am
Wednesday 21 st January:	OPAL Lunchtime (parents invited in to play)
Thursday 22 nd January:	OPAL Lunchtime (parents invited in to play)
Wednesday 28 th January and Thursday 29 th January:	Parents Evenings
February	
Tuesday 3 rd February:	Year 3 Class Worship 9am
Tuesday 3 rd January and Wednesday 4 th February:	Year R Balance Bike Session
Friday 6 th February:	Number Day Children to wear to school a Maths Hat for a competition
Tuesday 10 th February:	Safer Internet Day: Families invited to attend at 2:30pm
Thursday 12 th February:	End of Term Disco for the children

TERM ENDS: Friday 13th February 2026

UPCOMING

Please attend our second Parent Focus Group Meeting on Wednesday 7th January at 2:15pm. This will be an informal chance to meet with myself and other members of the Senior Leadership team to discuss current events at the school.

If you would like to attend the next meeting, please complete the google link and let me know any agenda items that you would like to discuss:

<https://forms.gle/mtw5cgtkRWUxaJKbA>

REMINDER - ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING!

Please drive and park sensibly on the roads around the school. Breaking the rules of the highways puts our children in danger. Please do not block the entrance to roads, the school carpark or residents driveways and please do not park on the crossing where the drop curb is at the front of the school.

Please help us to look after our children and to keep them safe on the roads.

Free 11+ Preparation and KS2 learning support

Harrietsham Church of England Primary School has partnered with Atom Learning, a Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation website, to provide free KS2 learning to primary school children who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).

There is a 5-day free trial of Atom available for non-Pupil Premium families.

What is Atom Home?

Atom Home is an online learning and exam preparation platform for ages 7-11. Covering English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning, children can practise 11+ questions and explore learning resources, mock tests, video tutorials, and exam preparation materials.

Do you know someone who is eligible?

If you would like to explore this resource further, please visit:

<https://atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/primary-schools>

After completing the form on this page, the school office will receive a notification to verify your child's pupil premium eligibility. Once confirmed, your child's Atom Home account will be created.

How to find out if you are eligible for Pupil Premium:

If you feel your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, but you have not yet claimed this, please visit:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals#tab-1>



Equality Diversity Inclusion

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.

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.

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.



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.

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 12th January
- Fri 6th February
- Mon 2nd March
- Fri 20th March
- Mon 20th April
- Fri 15th May
- Mon 15th June
- Fri 10th July