

## Nurtured We Flourish

6.6.25

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 6. It is lovely to see all of the children back at school and ready for our last term of the school year.

Our Year 4 children have been busy completing their Multiplication Check this week and we have been impressed with how hard they have been trying. Meanwhile, our Year 1 children have been busy preparing for their Phonics Screening check next week. There has been a real buzz of learning around the school this week - our Year 5 children had a fantastic animal dress-up day on Tuesday and our Year 6 children are busy rehearsing for their end of year play. It has been lovely to share learning with Year R whilst taking part in shape hunts, with Year 2 whilst learning about Lighthouses and Year 3 whilst story mapping this week.

A couple of staffing announcements for you:

- We are pleased to welcome Mrs Frost back to school after her operation recovery period. Mrs Frost is excited to be back and is getting stuck in already with the organisation of Sports Day.
- Mrs Mannering has taken on the role of OPAL Leader from this term. Miss Bradley will still be involved in OPAL play, but, she will focus her attentions on Forest School now.

I wish you all a very happy weekend - let's hope the sunshine comes back at some point!

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](mailto:headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk)).

**CAN YOU HELP?**

## Your child's safety

I am writing to ask you all to please help to keep our children safe in and around the school site. I continue to receive emails and comments raising concern about some members of our community who do not show the expected level of respect when driving in and around the school site.

### Please:

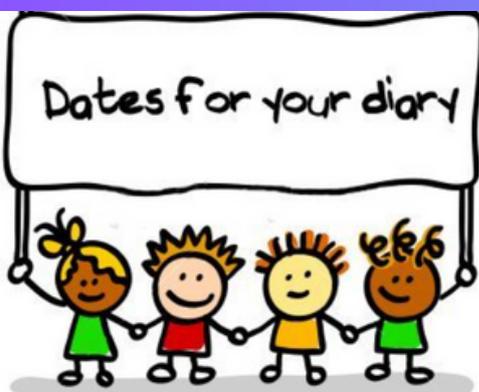
- Take care when driving in and out of the school visitor car park. The entrance and exit are not very visible along with our crossing points for children. Please enter and exit slowly and carefully.
- Drive slowly and carefully on the roads outside our school - keeping an eye out for small children who may be crossing the roads.
- Park sensibly so as to not create blind spots for pedestrians.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

# 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	<b>Family Picnic Lunch</b> (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)	



Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Week</b> Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June:	School recognition of Father's Day 15 <sup>th</sup> June Year R Father's Day breakfast in class
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	School recognition of World School Sports Week
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Sports Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	Sports Day Reserve
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June and Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	New Year R Stay and Play Session 1 (1hr with parent) 15 chn per class
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>Year R Class Worship 2.50pm</b> Classroom open afternoon 2:30 – 3:15
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July:	School recognition of Children's Art Week
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July and Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July:	New Year R Stay and Play Session 2 (afternoon session 1-3pm) 15 chn per class

**(Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day – School Closed to all children)**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 4 local river walk
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Transition Day 1 (EYFS Home Visits) Meet the teacher after school 3:20 – 4pm <b>YR Class Worship 2:45pm</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July:	Transition Day 2 (EYFS Home Visits)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	<b>Slight Change: OPAL Parents Lunchtime Visits</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	<b>Year 6 End of Year Show Dress Rehearsal – 1:30pm</b>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July:	<b>Year 6 End of Year Show – 1:30pm</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July:	<b>Year 6 End of Year Show – 5pm</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year R Graduation Assembly to parents New Year R Transition Picnic 3:30 – 4:30pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July:	Reports sent to parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July:	<b>Year 6 Leavers Service at Church – 1:30pm</b>

**TERM ENDS: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025** Hot Dogs and Cool Music 5pm - 8pm

### 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.



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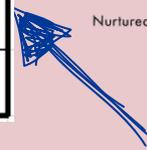
# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



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Whole School Attendance for the Week	93.33%
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. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and children can struggle to catch-up. 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
94%	98%	95%	93%	91%	92%	94%	88%	95%	92%	96%	97%	88%	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
96%	100%	91%	97%	97%	97%	90%	93%	90%	94%	100%	74%	100%	92%



**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

School and future success starts with good attendance.

**DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...**

5 MINS LATE = 3 DAYS LOST

10 MINS LATE = 6 DAYS LOST

15 MINS LATE = 10 DAYS LOST

100%  
Perfect

97%  
Impressive

95%  
Concerning

90%  
Seriously worrying

Our target for all students

6 DAYS ABSENCE = 36 hours of learning lost

10 DAYS ABSENCE = 60 hours of learning lost

19 DAYS ABSENCE = 114 hours of learning lost

Education is important - DON'T MISS OUT!

## National Thank a Teacher Day – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June



The UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back. National Thank a Teacher Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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  
Safety & Standards

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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.



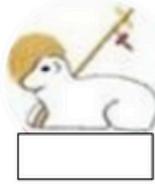
Scan the QR code to find out more

# Community News

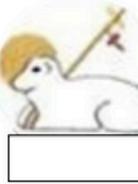
The below are flyers that we have been asked to share by various community groups. Please note that we have no connection with these groups and so cannot endorse them, but we wanted to share the information in case anything was of interest.



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



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



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



Come along to our

**fun singalong community choir**

*for adults, singing popular songs for all!*

**fortnightly on  
Monday evenings**

**9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July** *(not 7<sup>th</sup> 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**  
80<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK)

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## 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  
**07816908237**  
Fully insured