

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nurtured We Flourish

2nd February 2026

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evenings this last week. I hope you found the meetings informative. We moved the location of this terms meetings from the hall to the Key Stage Two classrooms following feedback from our first Parent Focus Group Meeting. If you would like to offer any thoughts as to which format you preferred, please do let me know.

We are seeing an increase in children bringing in personal items from home. More and more children seem to be bringing in teddies, toys and fidgets. **Please only send your child to school with an item from home if this has been pre-agreed with their teacher.** We know some children require a transitional object, and these will continue to be allowed. We will also continue to allow fidgets which have been pre-agreed with the class teacher. It causes a lot of upset if items from home go missing / are damaged and these items can also cause distractions in lessons. We will ensure that any items that shouldn't be in school are promptly sent home.

In addition, **please do not send your child to school wearing a smart watch.** For safeguarding reasons these are not allowed to be worn by children within school and they will be removed immediately and kept safe until we can hand them over to an adult at the end of the school day.

Kind regards,

**Jackie Chambers**  
Headteacher



### A message from Miss Bradley

I would like to thank everyone for their patience as lots of Forest School sessions have been cancelled at the last minute due to the weather this term.

As we are in the middle of winter it is expected that the weather will be unpredictable. My priority is remaining safe, and these decisions are not made lightly. Unfortunately, there is no room in the timetable to allow classes to catch up on missed sessions.

As a school, we are extremely fortunate to be able to access Forest School throughout the year. I am working hard to continuously make improvements to and raise money for shelters and more provision. Forest School continues to be an ongoing project, but we have come a long way in such a short time.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

**Miss Bradley**  
Forest School Lead

### Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham Primary

School TikTok:

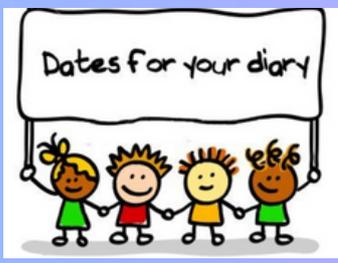


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Forest School News:





<b>February</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:</b>	<b>Year 3 Class Worship 9am</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Year R Balance Bike Session
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Number Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day: Families invited to attend at 2:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>End of Term Disco for the children</b>

**TERM ENDS: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

# UPCOMING

## Year 3 Class Worship on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9am.

All families of Year 3 children are welcome to attend. Please gather in the school office and a member of staff will ask you to sign in before showing you to the school hall.

## Year R Balance Bike sessions.

Our Year R children will take part in some sessions within school where they will be taught to ride balance bikes.

## Number Day - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February



**Number Day 2026**  
NSPCC  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Funds raised from Number Day will help to support vital NSPCC services like Speak out Stay Safe, which visits primary schools across the UK to teach children about the dangers of abuse and what they can do if they need help.

In school children will be engaging in Maths all day!

**CAKE RAFFLE**

School clothes to be worn, no need to donate money.

Instead, there will be a cake raffle to raise money for NSPCC with tickets being sold from 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb on the school gate.

## We are fundraising - Can you help?

Are you a company looking to support a local cause?

Can you support our school in its bid to upgrade our laptops for our children?

We are looking for companies to help us by either:

- 1) Making a monetary donation to the cause.
- 2) Match fundraising with us.
- 3) Matching every laptop we buy, by donating one.

Together, we can make a difference to our children's learning!

If you are able to help, please email the Headteacher, Jackie Chambers, on: [headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@harrietsham.kent.sch.uk)



HARRIETSHAM'S  
**VALENTINES**  
**DISCO**  
12TH FEBRUARY 2024  
*TICKETS FOR SALE  
ON ARBOR*  
PLEASE SEE EMAIL OR SPEAK TO  
MRS MANNERING FOR MORE  
DETAILS



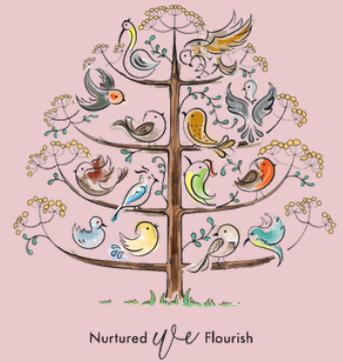
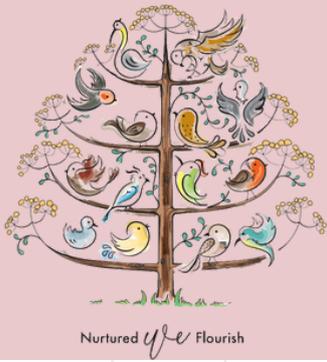
**Connecting the  
Children's Heart  
Community**

## **Wear Red Day** **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Please send children with a donation for ECHO - we will be collecting on the gate.

**WEAR RED FOR ECHO THIS  
NATIONAL HEART MONTH!**





Whole School Attendance Last Week	94.9%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.3%



## ATTENDANCE

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**  
Children are required to be in school 190 days per year. The Government states that every month's attendance should be at least 90%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

**89% & Below**  
Drastic effect on academic achievement



**95%-90%**  
Cause for concern



**100%-96%**  
Excellent



# 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	93%	95%	97%	93%	94%	97%	96%	95%	96%	99%	93%	94%	93%	95%
Year to Date	94%	95%	95%	94%	94%	96%	94%	95%	96%	94%	93%	94%	94%	93%

# 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
Last Week	100%	99%	98%	99%	99%	100%	99%	99%	98%	100%	98%	99%	99%	98%
Year to Date	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%	98%

# 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.

## Prayer Meeting

The Harrietsham prayer group now meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, at 4pm in the Church Room (at the back of the village hall).

Everyone is welcome. Please phone Paul on 01622 859634 or Pamela on 01622 859442 for more details or to ask for prayer, or do just come along to pray about our community and anything on your mind.



## Bible Study

Come and join our Harrietsham Bible Study group on the 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.

Supported by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham

## Games Club - We're Moving!

As we have the great news that we are increasing in numbers attending, we are moving to the Booth Hall (at the front of Harrietsham Village Hall on the left as you enter). Thanks to a generous grant from the Parish Council to cover the hire of the hall, entrance is still free in 2026.

Come and join us on 1st Tuesday of every month, from 2pm – 4pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> February this month.

We supply games but please feel free to bring something you would particularly like to introduce us to, teach us or just 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.

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## 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:



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

## 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](mailto: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.



The Chief Medical Officers recommend that all children are active for 60 minutes a day, with schools being responsible for delivering 30 of these active minutes.

## Active 60 Newsletter - January 2026

Happy New Year - Our resolution is to be Active Everyday!

5 simple ways to stay active every day in the cold

Winter months. ❄️🧡

1. Indoor workouts at home - Try bodyweight exercises like squats, push-ups, yoga, Pilates, or short online workout videos—no equipment needed.
2. Take brisk winter walks - Bundle up and go outside during daylight hours, even if it's just 10–20 minutes. Fresh air helps energy, mood and improves concentration.
3. Turn chores into movement - Clearing snow, walking the dog or even cooking can keep you moving more than you realize.
4. Use active breaks - Stand up every hour to stretch, do jumping jacks, march in place, or climb stairs—especially helpful on cold days at home.
5. Try a winter-friendly activity - Activities like indoor swimming, ice skating, dancing or going to the gym keep exercise fun despite the cold.

“Come and find out how God loves you”

Please join us to celebrate

### Messy Valentine's

Balloon Basketball | Giant Pass the Parcel | Bath Bombs | Crafts for our “Tree of Love” | Heart Hunt | Lego | Hand Print Cards | Decorate a Biscuit | Glitter Tattoos | Karaoke  
And our Famous Messy Party Tea

14<sup>th</sup>  
**February 2026**  
3pm-5pm

St John the Baptist Church,  
Harrietsham



LVB Join us on Facebook at Messy Church LVB

## Winter Feels – A Guide for Young People

See a link to this wellbeing guide for children and young people on our website below.

There are some useful tips included - please do take a look.

[Harrietsham Church of England Primary School - Mental Wellbeing Support](#)