

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Dear Families,

9th February 2026

I can't believe it is now only one week until half term. I don't know where this term has gone!

We have enjoyed another week of wonderful learning and lots of fun. The week began with an exciting Worship delivered by Year 3 - we really enjoyed sharing their learning about volcanoes. Year R have enjoyed their time learning how to ride Balance Bikes with the Bikeability team. We have had great reports back about their focus and determination. We then finished the week with a wonderful Number Day, planned by Ms Pittam, where the children took part in a variety of number related activities and games. A huge thank you to Ms Pittam for organising and to Mrs Frost for making our Number cake. Well done to Rosie for winning the cake... I wish you could have all seen the look of delight on her face when it was announced - a truly magical moment.

It has come to our attention that some of our families may be missing out on the opportunity to apply for extra funding for their child. Please see our poster on Page 2 for more information. As well as the school receiving extra funding to support your child educationally, you could receive holiday club vouchers and supermarket vouchers through Kent County Council.

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher



Winners of our OPAL Raffle

As part of a new playtime behaviour incentive, we are collecting raffle tickets for showing Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviours.



Last weeks raffle winners were:



Olivia Year 1
Vienna - Year 2
Elliot - Year 2
Lilley - Year 3
Olive - Year 5

REMINDER:

Please only send your child to school with an item from home (toy or fidget) if this has been pre-agreed with their teacher.

Please do not send your child to school wearing a smart watch.



Follow us on Social Media:

Harrietsham
Primary
School TikTok:



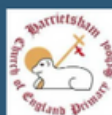
Follow our OPAL
Progress:



Forest
School
News:



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



PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Support Your Child • Support Your School

☀️ What Is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is extra government funding that helps schools support children from low income backgrounds to achieve their best.

💡 Could Your Child Be Eligible?

You can apply if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit Support under Part 6 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit, and income under £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on

✍️ How To Apply

Applying is quick and simple!

🔗 Apply for Free School Meals (FSM) here:

👉 <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Your application automatically checks Pupil Premium eligibility.

➡️ **Even if your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception–Year 2), you should still apply as they can receive extra support.**

🎁 What Extra Support Does My Child Receive In School?

We use Pupil Premium funding to support individuals and groups of children. Some of the extra support that we provide includes:

- ☀️ Extra learning support
- ☀️ Support with school trips and uniform
- ☀️ Access to clubs, tuition and wellbeing support
- ☀️ Enrichment opportunities

🌳☀️ Access to Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Clubs!

Children eligible for benefits-related FSM can join the national HAF Programme, which offers FREE:

- 🍷 Healthy meals
- ⚽ Sports & outdoor activities
- 🎨 Arts, crafts & cooking
- 👉 Fun sessions with friends

🛒 Supermarket Vouchers

Kent County Council also provide digital supermarket vouchers for eligible families during school holidays via the HAF platform.



Tuesday 10 th February:	Safer Internet Day: Families invited to attend at 2:45pm
Thursday 12 th February:	End of Term Disco for the children

TERM ENDS: Friday 13th 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

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th February

All families are welcome to visit to share our learning with us at 2:45pm.
Please sign in via the tick lists at the school office.

Disco - Thursday 12th February



Timings:

- Year R, 1, 2 and 3: 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- Year 4, 5 and 6: 5.15pm - 6.15pm

£3 per ticket on Arbor

As well as awesome music and plenty of dancing, we will also have some purchases available for the children for small change, such as:

- Tuck shop with sweets and drinks
- Face paints, glitter and tattoos
- Glow sticks, glasses, bracelets and more!

Children will enter and be collected from the classroom doors that they use for normal collection.

Wear Red Day - Friday 13th February



Connecting the
**Children's Heart
Community**

Wear Red Day
Friday 13th February

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





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Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



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Whole School Attendance Last Week	92.7%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.2%



ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children are expected to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 96%.

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		94%	94%	88%	84%	96%	95%	96%	96%	93%	91%	93%	96%	91%	90%
Year to Date		94%	95%	95%	93%	94%	96%	94%	95%	96%	93%	93%	95%	94%	92%

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%	100%	98%	100%	98%	99%	98%	100%	98%	98%	99%	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: 3rd 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:



- 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 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

14th
February 2026
3pm-5pm

St John the Baptist Church,
Harrietsham

Join us on Facebook at Messy Church LVB

Schools Out!

Holiday Club

Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 13 to participate in a range of sports and arts & craft activities.

Places are provided on a first come basis and charged at £5.00 per day. Payments are non-refundable.

Dates: Tue 17 Feb • Wed 18 Feb • Thu 19 Feb

Greenfields Community Primary School Shepway, Maidstone	Archbishop Courtenay Primary School Tovil, Maidstone	Leigh Academy Tree Tops Brishing Lane, Parkwood, Maidstone
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Sessions run for 4 hours between 10:00 - 14:00.

Visit stonesinthecommunity.org/programme/schools-out-holiday-club to book a space at one of our locations.

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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](#)