

# HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Nurtured We Flourish

Dear Families,

**16th February 2026**

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break. It's a shame the weather has been so temperamental, but, let's hope the sunshine will make an appearance again this term.



We have some exciting things to look ahead to this term - from Book Week with the grand opening of our new Library and Science Week with lots of exciting workshops booked in, to our next Classroom Open Afternoon, Red Nose Day and our Year 4 Easter Show. We are excited to introduce the children to their new Topics this term - we are sure they will enjoy the learning we have planned for them. We also officially welcome Mrs Harris to the Early Years Team this term. Please do keep an eye out for her on the classroom door and make her feel welcomed to our Harrietsham Family.

**Safer Internet Day:** Thank you to all of the families who attended the afternoon of our Safer Internet Day. The children enjoyed spending time in the day learning how to keep themselves online and we launched the introduction of our new Online Safety curriculum. We are aware that the online world is rapidly changing for our children and we are committed to supporting them to navigate it safely. Our thanks to Mr Hyder for organising the day.



We also enjoyed another amazing Valentines Disco, with thanks to Mrs Mannering for organising. We will let you know soon what we have spent the proceeds on - it will all go towards new resources for OPAL play.

In addition, we were blown away by the very generous donations from you all for the ECHO Heart Charity, in recognition of their support for one of our families. We loved the children's red outfits. Watch this space for an update on the amount raised.



Kind regards,  
**Jackie Chambers**  
Headteacher

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



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

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



## Term 4

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

**TERM STARTS: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

<u>February</u>	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent Focus Group Meeting 2:15pm – 3:15pm (Focus: Inclusion with Mr Gambell and Mrs Evans)</b>
<u>March</u>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Prayer Group Meeting at School 2:45pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March:	Year R Cycle Ready Session
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March:	World Book Day (Dress-up as fairy-tale character) Masked Reader and Book at Bedtime
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	<b>Library Grand Opening</b> Parents Welcome to visit the Library at 3:30pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	<b>British Science Week</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March:	<b>Two-week window for SEND reviews with Teachers (Teachers will invite relevant parties)</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	<b>Classroom Open Afternoon 2:45 – 3:15</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March:	<b>Red Nose Day (Dress-up Theme: Colourful)</b> Prayer Group Meeting at School 2:45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	<b>Year 4 Trip to Hever Castle</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Year 4 Easter Show – 9:30am (with KS2)</b> <b>Year 4 Easter Show – 4pm</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March:	<b>National Epilepsy Awareness Day:</b> Children may wear purple in recognition
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March:	<b>I-Rock Concert at 2:30pm</b> <b>Year 6 Parents KS2 SATs Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Sessions <b>Year 2 Class Worship 9am</b>
<u>April</u>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Interim Reports Home Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Sessions <b>Year 4 Parents Multiplication Tables Check Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April:	Easter Service in school (children only) <b>Year 1 Parents Phonics Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm</b> <b>End of Term Disco for the children</b>

**TERM ENDS: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

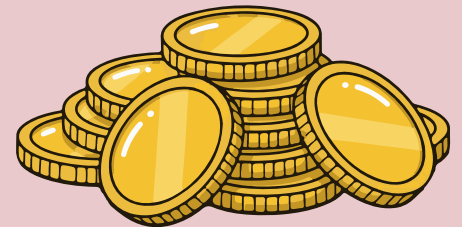


# Well Done



## Wilder Kent Awards:

A huge well done to Miss Bradley and Miss Roberts who have successfully gained Harrietsham a silver award in the Wilder Kent Awards for the work they have been doing at Forest School and with sustainability. We are hugely proud of their work and thankful for their ongoing commitment to the school and its work with creating environmentally sustainable future solutions for our young people.



## Donations / Grants Received:

### Harrietsham Parish Council Grant:

Miss Bradley has secured a donation of £750 from Harrietsham Parish Council for some raised beds at Forest School. She is planning to make a rabbit-proof raised allotment for the children to grow some vegetables. If there is anyone willing to help with this, please do get in touch.

### KCC Combined Member Grant:

Mrs Weeks has secured £1750 from the Kent County Council Combined Member Grant for further development of the Nurture Room. Mr Young is currently replacing the old carpeted floor after we were donated some vinyl flooring tiles and Mrs Weeks has lots of sensory resources on order which will appear very soon.

## PE Days this Term:

**Monday:** Year 1, Year 4, Year 5

**Tuesday:** Year 3, Year 4 Swallows, Year 6

**Wednesday:** Year R, Year 1, Year 4 Nightingales, Year 5

**Thursday:** Year 2, Year 6

**Friday:** Year 2, Year 3

<b>Forest School</b>					
<b>Term 4</b>					
<i>Please note: This timetable is subject to change throughout the term. Any changes will be communicated with as much notice as possible.</i>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> W/C 23.02.26	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM CYGNETS - PM	HERONS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	KESTRELS - AM
<b>Week 2</b> W/C 02.03.26	JAYS - PM	ROBINS - AM DUCKLINGS - PM	HAWKS - PM	World book day NO FOREST SCHOOL IN CLASS ACTIVITIES	EAGLES - AM
<b>Week 3</b> W/C 09.02.26 SCIENCE WEEK SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WORKSHOPS	SPARROWS - PM SCIENCE WEEK SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WORKSHOPS	WOODPECKERS - AM CYGNETS - PM SCIENCE WEEK SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WORKSHOPS	HERONS - PM SCIENCE WEEK SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WORKSHOPS	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM SCIENCE WEEK SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WORKSHOPS	KESTRELS - AM SCIENCE WEEK SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WORKSHOPS
<b>Week 4</b> W/C 16.03.26	JAYS - PM	ROBINS - AM DUCKLINGS - PM	HAWKS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	EAGLES - AM
<b>Week 5</b> W/C 23.03.26	SPARROWS - PM	WOODPECKERS - AM CYGNETS - PM	HERONS - PM	KINGFISHERS - AM SWALLOWS - PM	KESTRELS - AM
<b>Week 6</b> W/C 30.03.26	JAYS - PM	ROBINS - AM DUCKLINGS - PM	HAWKS - PM	WRENS - AM NIGHTINGALES - PM	EASTER HOLIDAYS



# 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.



# Term 3 Attendance Data - Year-to-date



Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	94.1%
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Our school target is 96%. We need more children to be in school every day to reach this target.

The learning of children who are not in school regularly is impacted - gaps are developed and these children do not achieve as well as their peers with better attendance.

As per Government Guidance, all holidays during term-time will be unauthorised.

## 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%	95%	94%	93%	95%	95%	95%	95%	96%	94%	93%	95%	94%	92%

## Class Punctuality

Well done to all of those children who have been on time every day. Being on time means children get to complete Early Morning Work and vital 'Keep-up' sessions with their teacher.

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
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.

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## 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:



- 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.