

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

16th March 2026

Dear Families,

Science Week:

What an amazing couple of weeks we have had! Firstly Book week and then last week saw our children enjoy a wonderful Science Week. The children loved their time with Birdman - even if the birds did not quite behave as they should have in the hall! They also enjoyed their workshops with Dr Ken, learning about how fun Science can really be. The children decorated their 'lab coats' to celebrate the scientific knowledge that they had learnt as they took part in Science learning to encourage their curiosity, questioning and exploration. A huge thank you to Ms Kelly for organising the amazing week of learning for our children and to all of our teaching staff for including so much wonderful Science learning in their weeks planning.

Road Safety:

You may not be aware that in the last week, two of our children have had accidents on the roads in Harrietsham. Whilst, luckily, neither were seriously harmed, it feels important to please ask you to speak to your children about road safety, including their safety whilst crossing the road. We will be covering lots of this learning in school too, but, we would like it covered from all angles to ensure our children are as safe as possible.

Classroom Open Afternoon:

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Classroom Open Afternoon on Thursday. Our children are planning on sharing their Ramadan learning with you. Please enter via the main office where we will ensure you are signed in. We kindly ask you to leave at 3:15pm so that we can ensure a safe dismissal for all children at 3:20pm.

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. We are beginning to get collectors cards brought into school (Football and Pokémon). **Please do not allow your child to bring these in under any circumstances.**

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



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

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

U P C O M I N G

Monday 16 th March – Friday 27 th March:	Two-week window for SEND reviews with Teachers (Teachers will invite relevant parties)
Thursday 19 th March:	Classroom Open Afternoon 2:45 – 3:15
Friday 20 th March:	Red Nose Day (Dress-up Theme: Colourful) Prayer Group Meeting at School 2:45pm
Monday 23 rd March:	Year 4 Trip to Hever Castle
Wednesday 25 th March:	Year 4 Easter Show – 9:30am (with KS2) Year 4 Easter Show – 4pm
Thursday 26 th March:	National Epilepsy Awareness Day: Children may wear purple in recognition
Monday 30 th March:	I-Rock Concert at 2:30pm Year 6 Parents KS2 SATs Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm
Tuesday 31 st March:	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Sessions Year 2 Class Worship 9am
April	
Wednesday 1 st April	Interim Reports Home Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Sessions Year 4 Parents Multiplication Tables Check Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm
Thursday 2 nd April:	Easter Service in school (children only) Year 1 Parents Phonics Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm
Disco Cancelled	
TERM ENDS: Thursday 2nd April 2026	

Thank you from Miss Bradley

This week Miss Bradley has received two donations which she would like to say a huge “thank you” for.



Thank you to Mrs Tiritas for our new table and chair set.

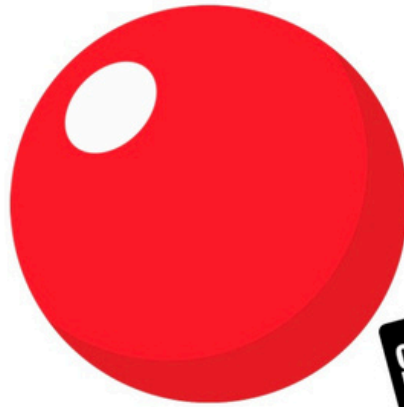


Thank you to Mrs Griffiths for our pizza oven and work bench.

COMING SOON

'Red to Toe'

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FRIDAY 20 MARCH

We are fundraising for Comic Relief! This year we will hold a bake sale where we are kindly asking parents to bring in cakes from Thursday 19th March to Sparrows classroom.



Children are invited to wear 'red to toe' and will be participating in a fun filled Comic Relief afternoon, with Task Master challenges and a class swap quiz! We kindly suggest a £1 donation for this.



The cake sale will take place on the playground after school!

Please anticipate a queue. We will try to manage this as best as we can, but, we appreciate your patience. If any parents would be able to help with selling cakes after school on Friday (20/03), please let Miss Frazier know.

The Comic Relief Theme this year is 'Red to Toe' Children may follow this theme or wear any colourful clothes. There is no need to buy anything new for this.

Traffic, Parking and Road-use - Reminder:

Please be reminded:

- To only park in designated spaces in our visitor car park - please do not block entrances and exits.
- To leave the zig zag area outside the school clear - this includes the grass bank.
- To leave the crossing at the front of the school clear.
- To leave residents' driveways clear.
- To ensure you follow the rules of the highway in terms of parking. Please do not park in a location which will reduce visibility for other drivers.



We would prefer to hold onto your child past 3:20pm while you park safely, than for an accident to occur outside our school involving our families.



Whole School Attendance Last Week	93.6%
Whole School Attendance since beginning of School Year	93.9%



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
Last Week		98%	96%	94%	77%	87%	95%	97%	98%	95%	95%	93%	94%	93%	97%
Year to Date		93%	95%	94%	91%	94%	95%	95%	95%	96%	94%	93%	95%	94%	93%

Class Punctuality

Well done to all of those children who have been on time every day.

		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		99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	98%	99%	100%	100%	98%
Year to Date		100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%	98%



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.

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

Come and join us on 1st Tuesday of every month, from 2pm – 4pm: 3rd March this month at the Booth Hall.

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 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.



HolidayActivities



Free Schools Out! Easter Club ²⁰/₂₆

HAF registered children, book your place now!

Mon 13 Apr • Tue 14 Apr • Wed 15 Apr • Thu 16 Apr

**Greenfields Community
Primary School**
Shepway, Maidstone

**Archbishop Courtenay
Primary School**
Tovil, Maidstone

Leigh Academy Tree Tops
Brishing Lane, Parkwood,
Maidstone

Sessions run for 4 hours between 10:00 - 14:00.

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

Places are available for children who are registered on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) and receive Free School Meals. Simply log into the HAF website **holidayactivities.com** to book a space at one of our locations.



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