

HARRIETSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nurtured We Flourish

Dear Families,

23rd March 2026

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Classrooms last week. It was lovely for our children to be able to share their learning with you all. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to our Red Nose Day collections. We will let you know as soon as we can how much we raised. Our thanks to Miss Frazier for organising the day.

This week we are looking forward to two school trips. Our Year 4 cohort are off to Hever Castle on Monday and our Year 3 cohort are visiting a local Gurdwara. We are extremely thankful to our staff who spend a lot of time and energy organising these wonderful learning opportunities for our children - opportunities beyond the classroom to really bring their learning to life.

We also have a Year 4 Show to look forward to on Wednesday 25th March. Our Year 4 children have been working hard, and I have heard lots of singing coming from the hall, so we hope lots of Year 4 families can come along to see it.

I am pleased to let you know that our last OPAL disco raised a grand total of £1440.02. Our huge thanks to Mrs Mannering for organising and to the staff for giving up their time to run the event. Thanks also to everyone who sent their children along to enjoy the fun. Watch this space for new additions to the playground.

Reminders this week:

- School Photo Day - Tuesday 24th March 2026.
- Year 3 Gurdwara Trip - Tuesday 24th March 2026.
- Year 4 Easter Show - Wednesday 25th March 2026.
- National Epilepsy Awareness - Thursday 26th March 2026.

I trust that everyone received my email regarding the Meningitis outbreak in Canterbury. I was pleased to see that newspapers are reporting that the peak of the illness has now been reached. KCC have asked all Headteachers to share the following website with you all - for further information on Meningitis.



[NHS Kent and Medway's Meningitis Information Hub](#)

Kind regards,

Jackie Chambers
Headteacher

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



Below is a summary of some key dates this term. For a more detailed calendar, please see our website here:

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

U P C O M I N G

Monday 23rd March:	Year 4 Trip to Hever Castle
Wednesday 25th March:	Year 4 Easter Show – 9:30am (with KS2) Year 4 Easter Show – 4pm
Thursday 26th March:	National Epilepsy Awareness Day: Children may wear purple in recognition
Monday 30th March:	I-Rock Concert at 2:30pm Year 6 Parents KS2 SATs Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm
Tuesday 31st March:	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Sessions Year 2 Class Worship 9am
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Wednesday 1st April	Interim Reports Home Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Sessions Year 4 Parents Multiplication Tables Check Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm
Thursday 2nd April:	Easter Service in school (children only) Year 1 Parents Phonics Info Evening 3:30pm – 4pm Disco Cancelled

TERM ENDS: Thursday 2nd April 2026



OPAL Raffle Winners

The following children have won our raffle this week for showing our school rules in their play:

- Belle T - Year R
- Callum - Year 3
- Elliott E - Year 3
- Jorgie - Year 4
- Annie - Year 4



Expectations Focus

**STRONG ON
BOUNDARIES**
**BIG ON
HEART**



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Today, in worship, we had a focus on expectations in and around the school. We spoke about our school rules and about our school value of Fellowship.



We will be focussing on the following key things within school this week ...

- **Wonderful Walking in the corridors:** Walking in silence when in corridors / cloakrooms so as not to disturb others learning.
- **Tidy Cloakrooms.**
- **Lunch Hall:** A tidy lunch hall after eating and great use of our manners.

To help us with this focus on our expectations, please can I ask that you all ensure your children are sent to school with the correct uniform every day.

Please remind yourselves of the expectations below:

[Harrietsham Church of England Primary School - School Uniform](#)

(Optional) Active Uniform for Years R, 1 and 2:



Traditional Uniform for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:



Please Note: Black Hoodies should not be worn on either PE or Forest School days. PE kits (with black joggers) should be worn on Forest School days.

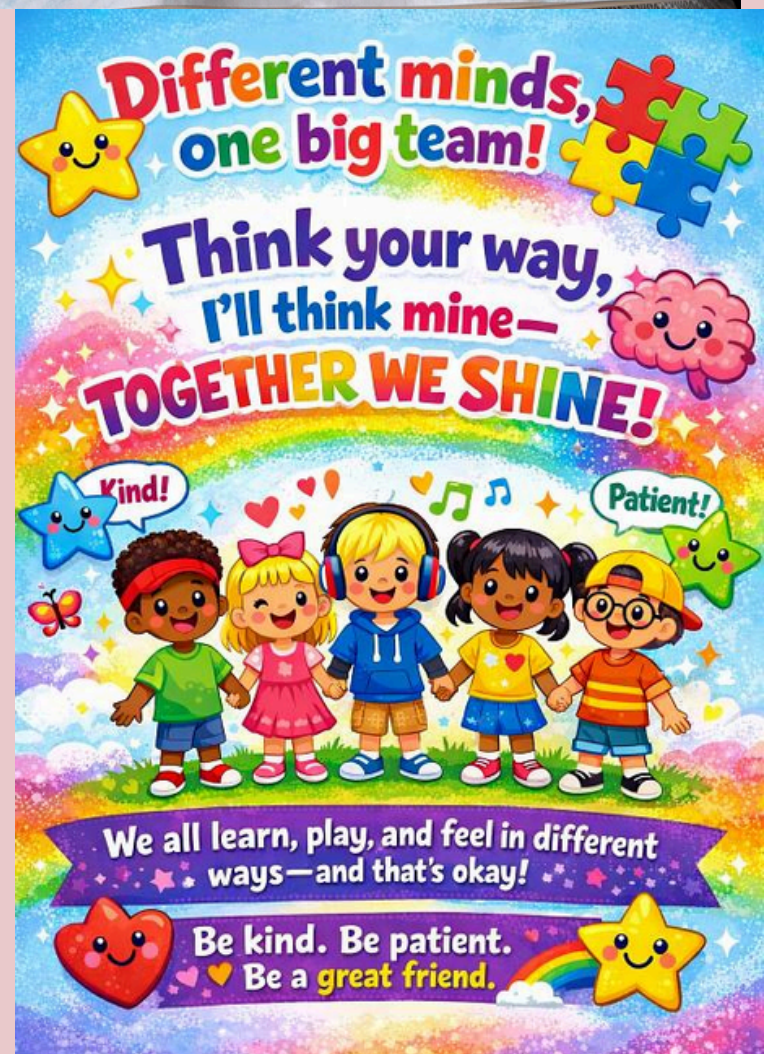
Autism Awareness Day

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I do love it when children in our school are so passionate about something that they take positive action.

This weekend, Rainbeau emailed me to ask me if we could hold a 'rainbow day' for Autism Awareness on Thursday 2nd April.

Rainbeau has organised the day herself, made the below posters and she will be letting the children know all about why this day is important for her.



We were in the News ...

Creating space to thrive: Bedfont® supports school library revamp

A collective community effort helps breathe new life into a much-loved school space.

Bedfont® Scientific Limited, a local med-tech business located in Harrietsham, was pleased to help create a tranquil woodland-themed library for children at [Harrietsham Church of England Primary School](#). The library space, which had been used as a flow-through area with no real purpose until 2 years ago, was created for children to enjoy during lunchtime; however, it lacked a certain magic. With tight educational budgets, the school asked for help and set out to revamp the school library.

When the school reached out to local businesses for support in revitalising its library, Bedfont® was proud to step forward. Over a couple of weeks, a dedicated team of Bedfont® volunteers worked side by side with school staff and family members to transform the space with a fresh coat of paint. The collaborative effort not only refreshed the physical environment but also helped create a brighter, more welcoming space that inspires students and encourages a love of reading.



"The physical environment plays a significant role in supporting young people's wellbeing," said **Claire Dadswell, Wellbeing Manager at Bedfont®**. "By helping to refresh the library, we've contributed to a space that encourages creativity, focus and a love of reading. It's wonderful to know that students will benefit from this transformation for years to come."

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Much of the library's transformation was made possible through generous community support. The furniture was kindly donated by a library that was closing its doors, while the greenery used to bring the woodland theme to life was provided by online retailer Blooming Artificial. After discovering a striking feature tree on Facebook Marketplace, the school organised a 'Wear It Green Day' to raise the funds needed to purchase it. Additional proceeds from the school's summer fundraiser, 'HotDogs and

Cool Music', helped to fund the Accelerated Reader programme.

Staff and parents also volunteered to scan and label the library's collection, while additional items, including the astroturf, were sourced through donations from the local community via Facebook Marketplace.

Jackie Chambers, Head Teacher at Harrietsham Primary School, said, "The school are extremely grateful for the very kind support of Bedfont® and the other members of our local community who have supported us with our library revamp. They have really helped to bring the children's vision for their new library to life. Our thanks also to the staff who have helped and to Mr Walker and Mrs Mannering for their vision and hard work with this project. This joint project has meant that our children now have the most magical and engaging space to enjoy reading."

Supporting local initiatives is a key part of Bedfont's commitment to community engagement, and the company was delighted to contribute to a project that will benefit pupils for many years. To learn more about Bedfont® and its community commitments, visit the website [here](#).

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

Come and join us on 1st Tuesday of every month, from 2pm – 4pm, 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.

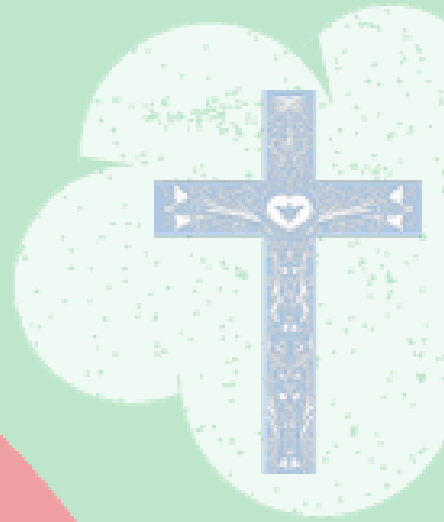
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Harrietsham CEP School Prayer Group

Please do come along and join our Prayer Group who meet in school at 2:45pm on the following dates:



- Mon 20th April
- Fri 15th May
- Mon 15th June
- Fri 10th July



JOIN OUR FUN



EASTER MESSY CHURCH

Harrietsham Church

SATURDAY 28TH
MARCH 3PM-5PM

EASTER EGG
FOR EACH
CHILD

Hunt the Easter Character,
Crafts, Games, Easter Story and
Singing, Visit the Lambs (tbc)

Please be on time for the schedule

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AT MESSY
CHURCH LVB



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.

Free Schools Out! Easter Club 2026

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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MEET THE TEAM

Thursday 9 April
11am to 12.30pm
Gallagher Stadium

- 🌀 Watch a first team training session
- 🌀 Meet the players and get their autographs
- 🌀 Take some selfies with your favourites
- 🌀 Visit the club shop

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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>