



# NEWSLETTER

Monday 3rd March 2025

## Notes From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year moves on, we wanted to give parents advance notice that some year groups/classes will be mixed into new class groups for the forthcoming 2025/2026 academic year. We will keep you all informed with further details nearer the end of the school year. As usual, staff will plan for this carefully and we will consult children.

We would also like to announce that the former Chair of Governors Karen Mackenzie has recently resigned from her position on the governing body. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge her service to the school over the period of time she volunteered her valuable time and wish her well in her future endeavours.

We would also like to keep reminding parents about Operation Snap as we continue to work with stakeholders on traffic and parking near to the school site. Please see this link for information (<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/operation-snap/>). Police are asking for evidence of driving offences if witnessed. Any footage sent in will be reviewed by specially trained staff.

Kindest Regards,

Mr N. Whitehouse  
Head Teacher





## **Attention Parents of Peripatetic Music Students**

The third instalment of £110 is now required for the Spring Term. To ensure your child retains their place, please make the payment of £110 via ParentPay.

ParentPay will be open for payments from **Wednesday 5th March to Wednesday 2nd April (12pm)**.

Please note: Students may study only one instrument per year: vocal lessons count as an instrument lesson. For example, if your child is taking violin lessons, they cannot also take vocal lessons.

Please note: if payment is not made by the deadline, your child will cease to have lessons for the remainder of the school year.

**If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, please contact the school and speak to Mrs Foley.**

Thank you.  
Mrs Mitchell

## **Book Fair**

Thank you so much to everyone who came to visit the book fair before half term. We have raised £1620 in free books for our school. The children have been putting their book suggestions into a box in school and we will be ordering some of these books for the children to borrow from their classroom libraries.

We would also like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to run the book fairs, it is very much appreciated.

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Killarney



## Ramadan

Dear Parents/Carers,

The holy month of Ramadan is due to start around the beginning of March this year. This is a very important time for many of our families. Some of our children may wish to observe this period of Ramadan and we respect their commitment to their faith and commend the dedication and resilience they show by wishing to participate.

Prayer rooms will be set up at both sites to provide children, who wish to say their Duhr prayers, an opportunity to pray. We ask that they bring in their own prayer mat and are responsible for its safe keeping.

If your child is in Y5 or Y6, and would like to fast on any of the days within Ramadan, we ask that you let us know in writing. This is important so that staff can monitor children who are fasting, in case they become unwell.

If we have concerns about any pupils who are fasting, the school has an overriding safeguarding duty and will apply judgement and common sense, to support a child is unwell or otherwise in distress.

With our kindest regards,  
Harborne Primary School



## Achievement Certificate Winners — W/E 28/02/2025

RS	No Assembly	
RH	No Assembly	
RP	No Assembly	
RA	Rudy	Fern
1A	Henry	Chimamanda
1H	Maryam	Lilah
1P	Henry	Eywa
1S	Owen	iyana
2P	No Assembly	
2H	No Assembly	
2S	No Assembly	
2A	Lily	Vani
3H	Lok Ching	
3P	Marin	
3S	Clara	
3A	Harry	Iris-Gray
4H	Sofia	
4P	Ethan	Zara
4S	James	
4A	No Assembly	
5H	Zoe	
5P	Yasar	
5S	Vali	
5A	No Assembly	
6H	Joe	
6P	Jaylen	
6S	Zijun	
6A	No Assembly	



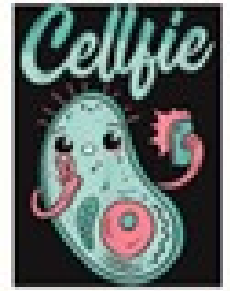
## Dates in the Diary

Thurs 6th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 10th Mar	9.10-10.00am Meeting for Y3 Residential Trip in Sept 2025 <b>**For parents/carers with children currently in Year 2**</b>
Tues 25th Mar	REC Eye screening checks (main site)
Wed 26th Mar	REC Eye screening checks (annex)
Wed 26th Mar	Mothers Day Assembly RH @ 9:15am Infant Hall MS
Thurs 27th Mar	Mothers Day Assembly RP @ 9:15am Infant Hall MS
Thurs 27th Mar	Mothers Day Assembly RA @ 9:15am Annex Hall
Fri 30th Mar	Mothers Day Assembly RS @ 9:15am Infant Hall MS
Thurs 10th Apr	Break the Rules Day
Thurs 10th Apr	School closes to pupils for Easter Break



## HPS Science mini-newsletter

Science Selfies! Calling all budding scientists!



A big thank you to all the young scientists who have sent in their Selfies already! They have shown us all the fun that they have had with Science outside of school. The Science Selfie Challenge is still running so if you'd like to showcase your scientific skills in a future edition of our newsletter, then email us a photo to the address below. Remember that you have to be in it too, and don't forget to ask your grown up to give consent. We're very excited to see what you're up to!



Charlie in Year 4 with his fizzy drink and must challenge



Ottilie in Year 2 making lemonade at the Science Museum in London



Callum in Year 4 is busy designing a poster all about warmholes



Thomas in Year 4 on a visit to The Lapworth Museum of Geology (Roar!)

### March 2025

White Rose EDUCATION

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3 World Wildlife Day	4 Mars Day	5	6	7 British Science Week	8 British Science Week	9 British Science Week
10 British Science Week	11 British Science Week	12 British Science Week	13 British Science Week	14 International Day of Mathematics	15	16
17	18	19	20 Spring Equinox	21	22 The Great Big School Clean	23 The Great Big School Clean
24	25	26	27 The Great Big School Clean	28 The Great Big School Clean	29 The Great Big School Clean	30 The Great Big School Clean
31 The Great Big School Clean						

Have a look at the important dates for Science for this month.

If you take part in any of the activities, or do some research, then let your class teacher know.

This Summer, we are planning to bring back our Futures Day. This is where we can find out all about the different STEM careers that are open to the children in their future. We have already had lots of parents offering up their valuable time and expertise. If you know anyone who has a job with a connection to Science or Engineering, in any way, and who would be happy to come in and talk to us, we would love to hear from them. Please drop us an email at [enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk), and mark it for the attention of Mrs Miller or Mr Williams. Thank you to those grown ups who have already offered their time.

# Exciting News

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Wild West Day

Come to school dressed in your best 'Wild West' outfit.



Harborne Primary School  
are proudly supporting  
Birmingham Hospice and  
becoming part of the Herd.

This halfterm, the children will be part of designing and decorating a Bull which is going to be part of 'Bulls in the City' Arts Trail. More information about the Arts Trail can be found:

[Bulls in the City Art Trail](#)



## The Launch: Designing our Value- Bull

John Hurley, the leader of the Herd from Birmingham Hospice, will be leading an assembly, at both sites, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to introduce the 'Bulls in the City' to the children and the trail.

The children will then be coming to school on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March** dressed as characters/ animals from the 'Wild West' and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 which will contribute towards the art materials for decorating the bull and fundraising for Birmingham Hospice .

The children will all create their Bull designs in class. The designs will be based on **Values**. School Council will meet on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March to choose the designs from across school that will be transferred onto the Bull.

# We're celebrating World Book Day® & you're invited!

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

**When:**  
**Thursday 6th March**

**Where:**  
**Harborne Primary School  
Main Site and Annex**

**How we're celebrating:**

**Enjoy a day of fun reading activities in school, that will celebrate what's great about books! If you'd like to, you can dress up as your favourite book character!**

**Contact info:**

**0121 494 2705**



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