



NEWSLETTER

Monday 24th March 2025

Notes From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Renewal, hope and prosperity were celebrated by many of our families last week at Nowruz - the Persian New Year. We hope that these celebrations were enjoyed by all. At school, we are also looking ahead to new growth and rejuvenation. Our Friends are kindly paying for a gardener to come and tidy up the Secret Garden at Main Site and we are planning DIY sessions at Annex and Main, when we will aim to get a list of repair and redecoration jobs completed. Please look out for the dates to be advertised soon, when we hope many of you will be able to volunteer your time and skills to help us.

We are very proud of our older children who are observing Ramadan at school. Every day, they are leading prayers and collaboratively creating truly tranquil and focused spaces for their worship. Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families during this month.

Another ray of hope for me this week, was when I found four named pieces of lost property on our Lost Property trolleys. A big thank you to all of our families who do label their children's property for school (a name written in biro on the label is sufficient). One child's estimate is that there are another one hundred and forty-two pieces of unnamed lost property on our trolleys waiting to be claimed! Please take any pieces from the trolleys that you can use and label every item coming into school.

Staff last week were concerned when several children were left at Main Site by families/collecting adults, to play unsupervised on the playgrounds, after school had finished. During the school day, our children know and follow the playground rules that keep them safe. These include not playing on the concrete steps to the canteen, not climbing on the railings leading to the kitchen door and not jumping off the wall. The children must continue to follow these rules after school has finished and, as they make their way off the site with you please. Our sites routinely close at 3:40pm so that our After School and sports clubs can use the playground spaces.

The highlight of this week coming is sure to be our Mothers' Day Assemblies when EYFS parents/carers are warmly invited to join us in school to share the love and cuteness that our youngest children ooze in infinite quantities! Please see dates below for when your child's class will be performing.

Kind Regards

Tamsin O'Brien
Deputy Head Teacher

Navigating through parked cars is dangerous.

Please avoid parking on verges, in No Stopping zones, across footpaths and on crossings to ensure we stay safe.





Important Information

We would like to remind all parents/carers and visitors to Harborne Primary School that we take safety very seriously. We politely remind everyone of the following:

Please do not park or wait obstructing driveways.
Please do not park or wait on double yellow lines.
Please do not park or wait on yellow zig zag lines.

Going forward, the Police and Civil Enforcement Officers will continue to attend both of our school sites weekly, at both drop off and pick up times. This is to monitor the roads, road users and parking around school, as well as ensuring that all who attend Harborne Primary School and members of the public are safe on the roads and public footpaths.

Many thanks, in advance, for your support in ensuring the safety and respect of our families and community.

Kind Regards

Dan Sewell
School Business Manager



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

Attention Parents of Peripatetic Music Students.

Please be aware that there will be no peripatetic music lessons in the last week of term (**7th–11th April**).

Many thanks

Mrs Mitchell



Key Stage Two SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)

Calling all Year Six parents!

We will be hosting a parents' meeting on:

Thursday 3rd April at 9.15am in the Main Site Studio.

Come along and find out how we are preparing your child for their SATs, what happens in SATs week and ways you can support your child.

We look forward to seeing you there, but if you are unable to make it, we will be sharing the slides on the Year Six page of the school's website.

Mrs Khand and Mrs Walters

Can You Help?

Would any parents having a spring clean at home have something like this they could gift to our Reception please? We could make very good use of it!



Thank you EYFS Team.



You are invited to join our Inclusion Team so that we can introduce our newest staff team members and share updates to our SEND provision at HPS with you.

This meet will also provide an opportunity for you to chat with other parents/carers of children with SEND, share your experiences, offer school feedback and ask us questions.

Date: **Thursday 3rd April**

Time: **2.00pm — 3.00pm**

Place: **Annex Site**

We hope that parents/carers from Main Site and Annex will join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Neelam Chamba (Inclusion AHT) and Mrs Tamsin O'Brien (DHT)

Teddy Plea

Do you have any teddies like the one in this picture?

If you do and you are looking for a new loving home for them - the staff and children in the nest would love to have them.

Please hand them to the school office or a member of staff - Thank you HPS





Please Read—Manga Books

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are starting to see an increase in Manga books in school that children are bringing in from home. These books are graphic style novels, originating from Japan. Often, the covers of these are quite comic book like in appearance and they can appeal to children as the next step up from Dogman and Bunny vs Monkey. However, sometimes the content of these books is highly inappropriate for our children and the age ratings can be above primary school age. Please can you ensure that these books are not brought into school or shared with peers.

For your awareness, some of the more popular titles are the 'Demon Slayer' series (rated age 14-17 years) and 'One piece' series (also rated age 14-17 years). If you need further help with the age ratings of books you can find them on Amazon or, try these websites below for book recommendations.

<https://www.common sense media.org/book-reviews>
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

Many thanks for your support.

Dear Parents/Carers of children with SEND,

If you are a parent/carer of a child/children with SEND at HPS, please could you complete the survey linked below. The information you provide will inform our understanding of the lived experiences of children and parents/carers of children with SEND at school. We value your input and will use the results will guide our next steps and priorities for school SEND and Inclusion development.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Th5AfRhxe3>

The survey will be available until the end of Monday 7th April.

Many thanks for your time.

Pastoral Team

This week, I am very pleased to introduce to you, our two newest members to join the Pastoral Team at HPS. Mrs James and Miss Hall are working full-time, across both sites. Please look out for them at drop-off and pick-up; they are really enjoying meeting our children and families.



Mrs James

Hello, my name is Mrs James. I have lived in Birmingham all of my life. I have worked in primary, secondary and SEN schools in different roles over the years. I love spending time with my husband and children, going to the cinema, days out and travelling. My main hobby is going to the theatre and I especially enjoy musicals. I look forward to getting to know the children, parents and staff at school and becoming an integral part of the HPS team.



Miss Hall

Hello, I'm Miss Hall and I'm excited to be joining Harborne Primary as part of the Pastoral Team. I have experience supporting children and families in schools, nurseries, and care settings, and I'm passionate about promoting well-being and creating a positive environment where young people can thrive. In my spare time, I enjoy staying active, cooking and exploring creative hobbies. I'm eager to contribute to the school's mission and I look forward to getting to know everyone.



Achievement Certificate Winners — W/E 24/03/2025

RS No Assembly
RH No Assembly
RP No Assembly
RA No Assembly
1A No Assembly
1H No Assembly
1P No Assembly
1S No Assembly
2P Innes Eadie
2H Jamila Yash
2S Robert Livleen
2A No Assembly
3H Arshiya
3P Mason
3S Cassius
3A Penelope Iylah
4H Jad
4P Kirat
4S Karam Marcus Clara
4A No Assembly
5H Mehtaab
5P Ethan
5S Ward
5A No Assembly
6H Niya
6P Whole Class
6S Mujtaba
6A No Assembly



Dates in the Diary

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 28th Mar	Mothers Day Assembly RS @ 9:15am Infant Hall MS
Thurs 3rd Apr	KS2 SATs meeting for Parents @ 9.5am Studio MS
Mon 7th Apr	Infant Easter Bonnet Parades
Mon 7th Apr	KS2 Eggstravaganza
Wed 9th Apr	Year 5 Assembly (performed at MS) 14:30
Thurs 10th Apr	Year 5 Assembly (performed at MS) 09:15
Thurs 10th Apr	Break the Rules Day
Thurs 10th Apr	School closes to pupils for Easter Break



Break the **EASTER** Rules day



**Thursday
10th
April**

1

**Wear non
uniform**

2

**Wear
bunny ears**

3

**Swap
playgrounds**

4

**Have squash in
your water
bottle**

5

**Crazy hair or
painted nails**



Have fun breaking the Easter rules, suggested donation £1 for every rule you break, or donate what you can.

QR code payments or pay online via
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QN16X004>

