



# NEWSLETTER

Monday 31st March 2025

## Notes From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

A new day has begun.

We are thrilled to be able to wish the legend that is Mrs Julie Cunningham much fun and happiness when she starts her next chapter, after the Easter holidays. You will be as surprised as us that Mrs Cunningham is of retirement age! She oozes panache and style every day, with the staff team around her always trying to emulate her style and sunny, calm approach to everything. Mrs Cunningham has been part of the Harborne Primary School Team for about 30 years (we can't be exactly sure of her start date as not many other people have served here as long to remember!). Julie has contributed boundless commitment, and attention to detail, in every one of her roles here. Starting out as a Lunchtime Supervisor, then changing roles to become a Teaching Assistant before finding her true calling as a Senior Secretary. Harborne Primary has been a real family affair for the Cunninghams with Julie's two daughters and son attending as pupils and husband coming to the rescue in times of need (our office staff only able to function after he had delivered fans once in a heatwave!). Mrs Cunningham was an Annex pioneer from Day 1, organising the details needed in the everyday life of a primary school that some of us take for granted - tables, registers and cups for a coffee, to list but a few! We love you Mrs Cunningham and will continue all of your hard work and systems. Enjoy every one of your next adventures!

This week, we warmly invite parents and carers of children with SEND to our "Cuppa and Catch-up" at the Annex from 2pm, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please call in if you are able, to meet our newest members of the Inclusion Team and to chat to staff and other parents/carers from our community. Not a "bull in a china shop" but, we do have a bull in the classroom! Please see Mrs Jesson's update below to find out how our exciting ValueBull project is progressing. Also, our Governors will meet tomorrow evening for a Full Governing Body Meeting - we extend our gratitude to them for the great hours of time, thought and attention that they give our school. Several of our Governors have joined us during the school day recently, growing their thorough understanding of what a typical day looks like for our children and supporting us in making continuous progress.

Wishing you all a lovely week,

Kind Regards

Tamsin O'Brien  
*Deputy Head Teacher*



**The Star**  
**Jane Taylor (1783-1824)**



**Alaine Sumner**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,  
When he nothing shines upon,  
Then you show your little light,  
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

Then the traveller in the dark,  
Thanks you for your tiny spark,  
He could not see which way to go,  
If you did not twinkle so.

In the dark blue sky you keep,  
And often through my curtains peep,  
For you never shut your eye,  
Till the sun is in the sky.

As your bright and tiny spark,  
Lights the traveller in the dark-  
Though I know not what you are,  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.



**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





**Key Stage Two SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)**

**Calling all Year Six parents!**

We will be hosting a parents' meeting on:

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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.

**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

**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.



**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



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 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Many thanks for your time.

## Birmingham Hospice

All the children, at both sites, met John Hurley and 'Hettie the Hedgehog' from Birmingham Hospice to learn more about fundraising and Wild West Day.



## Wild West Day

We celebrated Wild West Day in style. We came dressed in our best and raised money for the Hospice. We also created designs for our ValueBull, some of us had a go at line dancing too!

## School Council Meeting

School Council met to look at all the designs that children and they have selected a range of designs that represent all classes at both sites.

| Class | Reception           | Year 1  | Year 2                             | Year 3               | Year 4  | Year 5  | Year 6  |
|-------|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| H     | Rosa<br>Friendship  | Anelia<br>Sharing                                     | Zachary<br>Adventure               | Sophie<br>Creativity | Jodie<br>Love<br>Sienna<br>Friendship                       | Polyanna<br>Teamwork<br>Monica<br>Adventure<br>Khalim<br>Friendship | Louis<br>Resilience<br>Lara<br>Various<br>Zac<br>Teamwork |
| P     | Poppy<br>Friendship | Tata<br>Caring<br>Jasleen<br>Love<br>Henry<br>Bravery | Charlie<br>Success                 | Zara<br>Forgiveness  | Amber<br>Bravery<br>Roshan<br>Kindness<br>Aam<br>Caring     | Indiana<br>Equality<br>Mark<br>Forgiveness                          | Zach<br>Teamwork<br>Emmie<br>Various                      |
| S     | Leona<br>Adventure  | Elias<br>Love<br>Harry<br>Aspiration                  | Finlay<br>Respect                  | Nina<br>Kindness     | Lottie<br>Creativity<br>Clara<br>Various<br>Eric<br>Loyalty | Noor<br>Various   | No entrants<br>submitted                                  |
| A     | Rudiy<br>Happiness  | Zayna<br>Respect                                      | Martin<br>Courage<br>Agnes<br>Mary | Olivia<br>Peace      | Georgina<br>Friendship                                      | Joey<br>Teamwork  | Shreya<br>Shya<br>Sienna<br>Samira                        |



## Achievement Certificate Winners — W/E 28/03/2025

|    |             |          |        |       |
|----|-------------|----------|--------|-------|
| RS | No Assembly |          |        |       |
| RH | No Assembly |          |        |       |
| RP | No Assembly |          |        |       |
| RA | Emma        |          |        |       |
| 1A | Sebi        |          |        |       |
| 1H | Keyaan      | Anthony  |        |       |
| 1P | Leo         | Sara     |        |       |
| 1S | Arthur      | Safiya   |        |       |
| 2P | Harveer     | Janelle  |        |       |
| 2H | Deeka       | Pharrell |        |       |
| 2S | Rupert      | Riya     |        |       |
| 2A | Zayn        | Amelie   |        |       |
| 3H | Angela      |          |        |       |
| 3P | Eliza       |          |        |       |
| 3S | William     |          |        |       |
| 3A | Olivia      | Purneet  |        |       |
| 4H | Musa        | Bilel    |        |       |
| 4P | Ashwin      | Hadi     |        |       |
| 4S | Ezad        |          |        |       |
| 4A | Gurvir      | Theo     | Thomas | Emily |
| 5H | Haadi       |          |        |       |
| 5P | Kitty       |          |        |       |
| 5S | Zaha        |          |        |       |
| 5A | Harry       |          |        |       |
| 6H | Francesca   |          |        |       |
| 6P | Varun       |          |        |       |
| 6S | All of 6S   |          |        |       |
| 6A | All of 6A   |          |        |       |



## Dates in the Diary

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 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>





# Harborne Primary **DISCO**

**16TH MAY 2025**

**SCHOOL HALL - BOTH SITES**

**STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5.PM**

*£4.50 per child  
snack included*

*\*Please email The Friends with any allergy requirements  
[friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com)*

*Ticket sales close Tuesday 13th May.*

[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.COM/FRIENDSOFHARBORNEPRIMARY](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.COM/FRIENDSOFHARBORNEPRIMARY)



# **STREET** Festival of **STADIUM** Para Athletics

**An introduction to Para Track & Field events**

**Saturday 5th April, 12.30pm - 3.30pm**

**Ages 5 to 25**

**University of Birmingham Athletics Track**

**More information & sign up via QR code**

