



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 6th May 2025

Notes from the Head

Welcome to Summer Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of this week we will be half-way through this exceptionally short half-term. Every session counts and we thank all of you who are working with us to support the children to be at school, and on time, every day, to maximise their learning, access to school life and enrichment activities.

Next week we have the statutory SATs scheduled for our Y6 pupils. The children are very well prepared and have worked incredibly hard to hone their test technique and time management skills in readiness. We are super proud of every one of our Y6 pupils – their positive attitude to learning, resilience and commitment to do their best. We wish them lots of luck (and fair test papers!) but want the children to know that already, they have done exactly what is expected of them and we applaud their hard work, effort and focus. Well done Year 6!

All of Y6 are invited to arrive at school (An and MS) from **8:30 – 8:45am next Mon-Thurs** for a free breakfast and opportunity to start the school day in a calm, relaxed way with friends and staff. These breakfasts have become a real rite of passage for Y6 and our staff team also, really enjoy joining the Y6 group to share memories from the past and reminisce. Emerson and Court Oak Road gates will be open at 8.30am for Y6 children only to come in for this next week.

Before all of that, there's lots to experience and enjoy this week at HPS. On Wednesday, a group of KS2 children will meet Cressida Cowell, author of the highly acclaimed book series and film 'How to Train Your Dragon'.

On Thursday 8th May, all KS1 and KS2 children will commemorate VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) marking the end of World War II in Europe with special assemblies. On this day in 1945, the Allies formally accepted Germany's unconditional surrender, bringing an end to nearly six years of conflict across the continent. As a school, we will consider the sacrifices made during the war and honor those who fought for peace.

This week will finish with a celebration event to which all families are warmly invited – EidFest. At the MS, in the Junior Hall and on the playground, there will be food and drinks from around the world, craft stalls, activities for children and a lovely chance to socialise with other HPS families and celebrate all that we bring to our truly multi-cultural school. Please join us 3:30-5:00pm. No entrance fee.

Finally, our Governors are busy over the next few weeks with several committee meetings and visits to school planned. We really appreciate the time, energy and skills that our Governors provide, on a voluntary basis – thank you!

Kind Regards

Tamsin O'Brien
Deputy Head Teacher





EIDFEST 2025

We are planning a whole school community Eidfest event on Friday 9th May, straight after school.

All families, from both sites, are warmly invited to join us for this, at Main Site. The event is organised by a team of volunteers who are hoping to recruit some additional adults to help with set-up on the day, supervision during the event and the clear-up operation at the end (5:30pm).

If you are willing and able to offer you help, please email Enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk by Friday 2nd May and we will forward you offer.

Many thanks in advance.

SCHOOL DIY DAY— WE NEED YOU!



Dear parents of Harborne Primary School

We hope you all had a wonderful break and are enjoying the return of the sunshine! The Friends are really excited to provide more details on the school DIY day which Mrs O'Brien mentioned in the last newsletter.

The day will be an exciting opportunity for parents of the school to come together and help maintain the outside space at Main Site. The jobs will include a general tidy up and clean of outside provisions, painting and planting. No specific skills are required and The Friends would be grateful for any amount of time parents can volunteer to help make this day a great success for the School — without parents, the day just won't be possible.

If you are interested in volunteering on the day please join the event Whatsapp group via this [link](#) or if you have any questions please contact Georgia via the Friends email (friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com)

Thank you
The Friends



Details:

- Sunday 29th June at Main site, 9.30am-4pm
- No skills required, just your support and whatever time you can spare
- Refreshments will be provided
- Due to health & safety no children under 14 will be allowed on site
- A full Risk Assessment will be carried out by School and shared with all volunteers

Peri Music lessons will not take place during SATS week (12-16th May)

Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting

We are pleased to invite you to an information meeting regarding the upcoming Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL, Boreatton Park. The meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday 22nd May

Time: 9.15am – 10am

Location: The Studio, entrance and exit from Wentworth Road

This meeting is an opportunity for us to share important details about the trip, including:

- Dates and travel arrangements
- Accommodation and daily routines
- Activities and safety measures
- What to pack and what to leave at home
- Behaviour expectations and support
- How we'll keep in touch while away



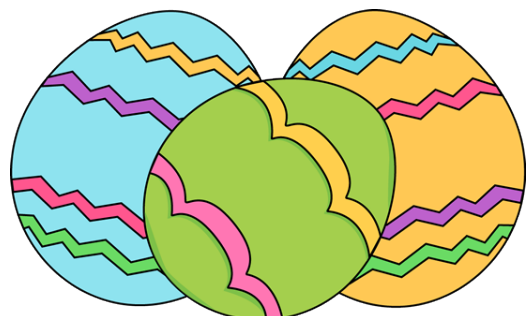
There will also be time for you to ask any questions.

We believe this residential will be a fantastic experience that builds independence, confidence, and teamwork as your child prepares for the transition to secondary school.

Eggstravaganza Easter Winners — Annex

Congratulations to the following children at the annex who won the Eggstravaganza competition.

- 3A James
- 4A Callum
- 5A Joey
- 6A Sienna





'Happy Pupils Succeed'

These are some of the 'Playful Parrot' behaviours that we aim to encourage and develop on the playgrounds at Harborne Primary.



To support happy and collaborative play we would like to refresh our provision of 'Loose Parts' at both sites. We are again asking for donations of loose part materials that the children can use to combine, construct, manipulate, imagine and experiment - the possibilities are endless!

If you are able to supply anything from the list below (or similar items) or, have a business contact that might be able to help, please bring them to school or contact enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk FAO Mrs O'Brien. All materials will be checked for safety before being put out but please be aware that we cannot use any glass, sharp or broken objects. We can however, re-use lots that would otherwise be destined for landfill!

What are the loose parts?

pine cones

conkers

pebbles/shells

feathers

plastic bottle tops

corks

old keys

small metal parts

e.g. washers,

Allen keys

cable reels

pipes/guttering/

tubes/hoses

tyres

plastic bottle

crates

tree circles &

trunk slices

small logs &

wood

large pieces of fabric/blankets

pegs

beads and buttons

chalk

wicker baskets

metal pots, pans, jugs & cups

kitchen utensils & spoons

small world animals

curtain rings & empty cotton

reels

picture frames





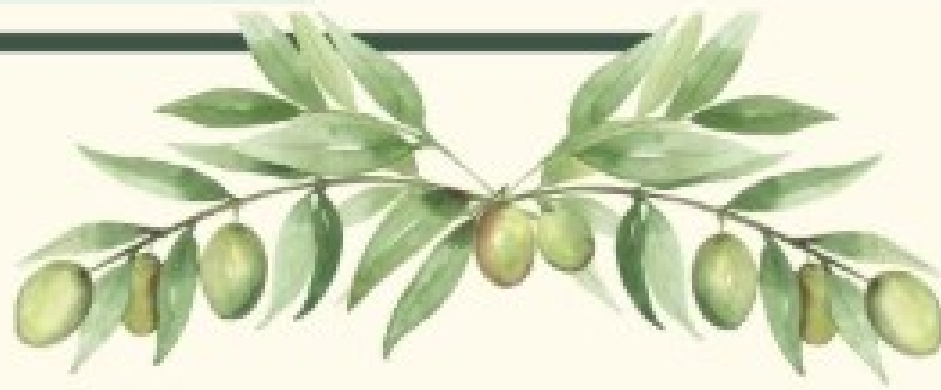
Achievement Certificate Winners—W/E 02/05/2025

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| RS | No Assembly | |
| RH | No Assembly | |
| RP | No Assembly | |
| RA | Hafsa | Waleed |
| 1A | Jagroop | Belle |
| 1H | Molly | Anas |
| 1P | Max | Liyana |
| 1S | Ada | Waead |
| 2P | Whole Class | |
| 2H | Whole Class | |
| 2S | Asher | Henry |
| 2A | No Assembly | |
| 3H | Simone | |
| 3P | William | |
| 3S | Mya | |
| 3A | Dharaa | Sanjana |
| 4H | Na'Jayah | |
| 4P | No Assembly | |
| 4S | No Assembly | |
| 4A | Whole Class | |
| 5H | Monica | |
| 5P | Siena | |
| 5S | Lexi | |
| 5A | Henry | |
| 6H | Layla | |
| 6P | Eva | |
| 6S | Carmen | |
| 6A | Kenzie | Ashley |



Dates in the Diary

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| Fri 9th May | 3.30pm-5pm EidFest — Main site |
| Fri 16th May | School Disco 3.30pm - 5pm — both sites |
| Thurs 22nd May | Y6 Residential Trip Presentation |
| Fri 23rd May | TED 4 Day—School closed for all children |
| Mon 2nd Jun | School re-opens for all pupils |
| Fri 6th Jun | Y4 Futures Day |
| Weds 11th Jun- Fri 13th Jun | Y6 Residential Trip |
| Sat 14th Jun | Summer Fair — Annex |
| Tues 17th Jun | Sports Day PM MS EYFS and KS1 |
| Thurs 19 th Jun | Sports Day PM All of KS2 |
| Fri 20th Jun | Y1 Fairytale dress up day |
| Mon 23rd Jun | EYFS Farm Visit - RS 8.50am—12.30pm/ RH 11.30am - 3.20pm |
| Tues 24th Jun | EYFS Farm Visit - RA 8.50am—12.30pm/ RP 11.30am - 3.20pm |
| Thurs 26 th Jun | Sports Day PM Annex EYFS and KS1 |
| Sun 29th Jun | 9.30am-4.00pm School DIY Day (Main Site) |
| Mon 30th Jun | School Class Photos — both sites |
| Wed 2nd Jul | Moving Up Day |
| Thurs 3rd Jul- Fri 4th Jul | Y3 OAA Tripa |
| Fri 4th Jul | Reports Home (Electronically) |
| Fri 11th Jul | Break the Rules Day |
| Tues 15th July | 2.15pm — Y1 Assembly (main site and annex) |
| Wed 16th July | 2.15pm — Y1 Assembly) (main site) |
| Thurs 17th Jul | Youth Proms |
| Mon 21st Jul | TED 5 Day—School closed for all children |



Harborne Primary Eid Fest 2025

Join us in a joyful celebration filled with
creative crafts, delectable cuisines, and
delightful Eid treats!

Friday 9th May
After Pick up till 5pm
Main Site





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*

Ticket sales close Tuesday 13th May.

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.COM/FRIENDSOFHARBORNEPRIMARY

WE NEED YOU!



HARBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL DIY DAY



Sunday 29th June

09:30 - 16:00 at Main site

Scan QR code to join WhatsApp group

Or email Georgia at friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com for more details





SUMMER FAIR

**14TH JUNE, 1-4PM
AT THE ANNEX**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Bouncy Castle

Games

Biscuit decorating

Face Painting

Crafts & plants

Food & drink

SEE YOU THERE!



Dates for your CALENDAR



We would love to see you at these events.

If you want to help make them possible please email friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com or join us at the meeting dated above 8pm, upstairs at The Plough, Harborne



Communication and Autism



**Access to
Education**

Communication and Autism Team - Parent Workshop / Drop in Session

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM– Rednal Hill Junior School, B45 8QY.

Come along and meet Wendy and Lisa from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT).

This is an opportunity for you to meet other parent carers with autistic children, or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

- **For parent carers of children / young people of all ages**
 - **Find out a bit more about autism**
 - **Ask questions**
- **Have some time to reflect and share ideas and experiences**



The session will be held at:

Rednal Hill Junior School
B45 8QY.

Date and Time:

Tuesday 6th May 2025
9.30 - 11.00am

(Please note there are no childcare facilities at the venue.)

Just turn up on the day - there is no need to book. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Bantock and Lisa Walmsley