



NEWSLETTER

Monday 12th May 2025

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

The sun shone, the music played and the food was absolutely delicious! EidFest was a huge success on Friday and it was a real delight to see our school community starting the weekend together, in such a happy way. This was one of our lovely events when families and staff from both sites are able to come together, as one school. We look forward to more of these opportunities this term with sports afternoons, DIY day, the Summer Fair and Y6 celebration events. I particularly enjoyed chatting to some of our ex-pupils who visited for EidFest. It was great to hear about their new secondary school experiences (even if more than one of them pointed out to me how small the HPS hall feels now!).

Thank you very much to the great team of volunteers who made EidFest possible and organised so much before, during and after the event (Friends and staff). Your enthusiasm and joy shone! As-salamu alaykum and, may peace be with everyone.

This week, our Y6 pupils have their statutory assessments and we will all support them in doing their very best. We are immensely proud of their keen attitudes and effort already. I popped in to see each Y6 class on Friday and they shared with me that they felt calm and ready to get the job done. Yes Y6! I politely reminded them of the importance of sensible bedtimes, kindness to each other and SATs Breakfasts (8:30-8:45am Mon-Thurs) this week.

It has been a pleasure recently to meet some of our new families with children starting at HPS in Reception, in September 2025. There are lots of sessions planned for these children and their parents/carers to come into school this Summer Term to familiarise themselves with our school and routines – we welcome them all and are thrilled that they have chosen HPS for their children.

The School Disco this Friday promises more fun for the children (end of school until 5pm), please see further details below and I wish you all a great week.

Kind regards,

Tamsin O'Brien
Acting Headteacher





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. 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.



No

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

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)



Many Thanks
Friends Group

Use of Social Media by children

As we support our children in developing the skills necessary to become safe, successful independent citizens, it is worth checking the age ratings for social media sites and apps that the children may be keen to use.



Facebook has an age-rating of 13+ years meaning that children in primary school should not have their own FB accounts or be using the FB account belonging to someone else without supervision

Please follow the link below to find comprehensive information from the NSPCC on how to help children stay safe on social media.

[What is social media? | NSPCC](#)



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.

End of Year Reports

This year, we will be sharing the End of Year Reports electronically, on Friday 4th July. For this operation to be successful, please can you ensure that the School Office has the up-to-date email addresses for all parents/carers to be sent reports for their child/children, by Friday 20th June.

Kind regards,

Tamsin O'Brien
Acting Headteacher



Multiplication Tables Check 2025



Dear Parent / Carer,

After the half term break, Year 4 children will be taking part in the multiplication tables check (MTC). The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which can be beneficial for future success in mathematics.

What is the multiplication check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions, similar to Times Table Rock Stars that we set for your child's homework. Following some practice questions, your child will have 6 seconds to answer each question. The whole test should not take any longer than 5 minutes per child.

How will the results be used?

School will have access to all pupil's results, so like with all assessment, we can identify where the strengths are and if any children need support in the future.

Will you receive feedback on your child's check?

Yes. Your child's score will be included in their end-year-report. However, there is no official pass mark for the check.

Do you need to do anything to prepare for the check?

You don't need to do anything additional to prepare for this check, above the regular opportunities to play on TTRS. We will have opportunities for your child to practice on screens in school, as well as our weekly multiplication tables challenge.

We ask that your child has chance to relax over the half term holiday and come back feeling enthusiastic for their learning!

Further information about the MTC can be found at:

www.gov.uk/STA

Thank you for your support

Regards

Mr Williams and the Year 4 Team



'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 09/05/2025

RS	No Assembly	
RH	No Assembly	
RP	No Assembly	
RA	No Assembly	
1A	No Assembly	
1H	Leone	Nils
1P	Atrina	Rosie
1S	August	Evolet
2P	No Assembly	
2H	No Assembly	
2S	No Assembly	
2A	No Assembly	
3H	Ellie	
3P	Wali	
3S	Seb	
3A	No Assembly	
4H	Luqmaan	
4P	Yashi	
4S	Gayatri	Ella
4A	No Assembly	
5H	Pollyanna	
5P	Mehrsam	
5S	Vali	
5A	No Assembly	
6H	Lenatte	
6P	Matilda	
6S	Jehmima	
6A	No Assembly	



Dates in the Diary

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

Fri 16th May	School Disco 3.30pm - 5pm — both sites
Thurs 22nd May	Y6 Residential Trip Presentation
Fri 23rd May	TED Day—School closed for all children
Mon 2nd Jun	School re-opens for all pupils
Fri 6th Jun	Y4 Futures Day
11th-3th Jun	Y6 Residential Trip
Sat 14th Jun	Summer Fair — Annex
Mon 16th Jun	Y5 visit from Planetarium
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-4th Jul	Y3 Woodland Adventure Trip
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 Day—School closed for all children



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