



NEWSLETTER

Monday 19th May 2025

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 were absolutely brilliant last week and rose to the challenge of their statutory assessments with an exemplary, calm inner confidence and collectively resilient attitude. Very well done! We continue to feel proud of you. The Y6 children had a joyful, and well-deserved, morning at the park together on Friday. The sun shone, they all looked super relaxed and happy and, the ice-cream at the end really was the cherry, no, strawberry sauce on top!

Next week brings the first three opportunities for children joining EYFS in September 2025, to visit school with their grown-up for a 'Stay and Play' session. It is always a pleasure to meet our new recruits and we very much look forward to getting to know these children and their families.

After many years of dedicated service, Mrs Wheway has retired from Harborne Primary School. We thank Mrs Wheway for the commitment that she has brought to us, first as a parent and then as a Teaching Assistant on our staff team. Mrs Wheway has been much loved by the children and adults. With her unwavering kindness and sunny approach, Mrs Wheway always focused on the individual needs of the children. With an artistic flair, Mrs Wheway's excellent creative and design skills have uplifted many a performance and display at school. We wish Mrs Wheway great happiness and health (and some relaxation!) in her next chapter of life. You will be missed.

With continued good weather forecast, please remember to arm your children with good sun protection. A named cap/sun hat is really important for break and lunchtime, an application of long-lasting sun protection cream a beneficial morning routine and, a full school bottle of cold water every day (this can be refilled during the day at school).

We wish you all a lovely half-term holiday (starting on Friday 23rd May when school will be closed to the children for staff training) and look forward to seeing all of the children return on Monday 2nd June.

Kind regards,

Tamsin O'Brien
Acting Headteacher





SCHOOL DIY DAY— WE NEED YOU!



Dear parents of Harborne Primary School

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.

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 16/05/2025

RS	No Assembly		
RH	No Assembly		
RP	No Assembly		
RA	Tawhed	Sophie	Asher
1A	Sebi	Francesca	Bright
1H	Luther	Marco	
1P	Amelia-Rose	Ralph	
1S	Chiu Ming	Norah	
2P	No Assembly		
2H	No Assembly		
2S	No Assembly		
2A	No Assembly		
3H	Eshaal		
3P	Sophia		
3S	Nia	Ruby	
3A	Zoya	Kousha	
4H	Polly		
4P	Nieco	Amelia	Hanen
4S	Bassam		
4A	Joel	Onat	
5H	Ayaan		
5P	Lily		
5S	Aamir		
5A	Lamiek		
6H	Whole Class		
6P	Whole Class		
6S	Whole Class		
6A	Whole Class		



Dates in the Diary

Tues 20th May	9.30-11.00am—Stay & Play Session for new REC intake (main site)
Thurs 22nd May	9.30-11.00am—Stay & Play Session for new REC intake (annex) 1.30-2.45pm— Stay & Play Session for new REC intake (main site)
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-13th Jun	Y6 Residential Trip
Fri 13th Jun	9.30-11.00am—Stay & Play Session for new REC intake (main site) 1.30-2.45pm—Stay & Play Session for new REC intake (annex)
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
Fri 18th July	Last Day of Term for Children
Mon 21st Jul	TED Day—School closed for all children

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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