



NEWSLETTER

Monday 9th June 2025

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. What a fantastic time we enjoyed with our children at HPS last week!

Once again, we felt incredibly proud of our wonderful Year 4 children, as they completed their statutory Multiplication Tables Check. Each one of them approached the challenge with a calm confidence and determination, showing just how capable they are. Well done Year 4 – you should feel very proud of yourselves! The knowledge and skills you've shown will continue to support you in your learning journey.

We ended the week on a high with our 'Fabulous Finish' of **Futures Day** for Years 1 to 6. Across both sites, children had the exciting opportunity to meet professionals from a wide range of STEM careers – from zookeepers and surgeons to engineers, dentists, and construction workers and many more. It was a truly inspiring day, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the visitors who generously gave their time, and to our brilliant staff team – especially our enthusiastic Science Leads, Mrs Miller and Mr Williams – for making the day such a success.

For his own personal 'Fabulous Finish' to the week, we also offer huge congratulations to Mr Sewell, our School Business Manager, who got married on Saturday. We wish him and his wife a lifetime of happiness together.

At the same time, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Jheeta, who has been a calm and sunny presence in Year 4 at Main Site this year. We thank her for her dedication and wish her every success and fulfilment in her next chapter of life.

Looking ahead, our Friends of HPS meet tonight to finalise plans for the **Summer Fair**, taking place this Saturday at the Annex from 1:00–4:00pm. Entry is free and there will be something for everyone – come rain or shine! If you have any pre-loved uniform in good condition (and unnamed!), we'd be grateful for donations to stock our stall. Please drop items at either Main Office.

And don't forget – we're also looking forward to **DIY Day** on Sunday 29th June at Main Site. If you have DIY skills (or just lots of enthusiasm!), we'd love for you to join our team of volunteers to help us make a real difference to our school environment.

This coming week is packed with even more exciting opportunities for our children:

- EYFS will welcome the arrival of 'Living Eggs' to observe the magical transformation from egg to chick.
- Year 3 will step back in time for an immersive experience in **Roman Day**.
- Year 4 will perform '**Beautiful Brum**', celebrating our vibrant city and their role as successful young citizens in Birmingham.
- Year 4 and 5 will enjoy a visit from a current published author – Nicola Baker.
- And Year 6 will head off to **Camp**, building confidence, resilience, and teamwork as they prepare for secondary school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Fair this weekend!

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 this [link](#) or if you have any questions please contact Georgia via the Friends email (friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com)

Many Thanks
Friends Group

Safeguarding Notice: WhatsApp Use and Primary-Aged Children

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all families about the **age restrictions and safeguarding considerations** related to the use of WhatsApp.

As of April 2024, **the minimum age to use WhatsApp in the UK is 13 years old**

1. This means that **primary-aged children should not be using WhatsApp**, even with parental permission. The age restriction is in place to help protect children from potential risks, including:
 - **Unmonitored group chats**, where children may be exposed to inappropriate language, images, or behaviour.
 - **Contact from unknown individuals**, especially if privacy settings are not correctly configured.
 - **Peer pressure and online bullying**, which can occur in group messaging environments.
 - **Exposure to disappearing or encrypted messages**, which can make it difficult for adults to monitor conversations.

We understand that messaging apps can be a convenient way for children to stay in touch with friends. However, we strongly encourage families to explore **age-appropriate alternatives** and to have regular conversations with children about **online safety, respectful communication, and privacy**.

For more guidance, please visit the [NSPCC's advice on WhatsApp safety](#) or the [Internet Matters WhatsApp guide for parents](#).

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe both in school and online.





Donations for the Summer Fair Tombola please

Children in EYFS-Y5 are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Friday, in return, we kindly ask that families make a donation for our Summer Fair Tombola please. Donations might include: boxes of chocolates, bottles of wine or non-alcoholic alternatives, gift sets (tea, coffee, biscuits, or themed), fancy toiletries (bubble bath, body lotion, candles), small toys or stationery for kids etc.

Our Y6 pupils will be on their residential trip on Friday so instead, they are welcome to wear their new 'Leavers Hoodies' to school on Tuesday of this week, in return for a donation please. After this, Y6 are welcome to wear their hoodies for school, for the whole of the month of July.

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

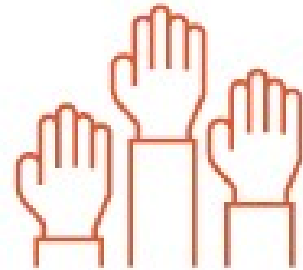
End of Year Reports

This year, we will be sharing the End of Year Reports electronically, on Friday 11th 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.

GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Every school day counts



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

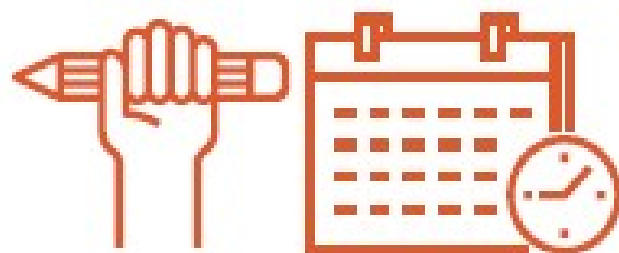
Why is regular school attendance and good punctuality so important for my child?

Regular attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Good punctuality is important. For example, if a child arrives 15 minutes late at school each day, they lose almost 2 weeks of education over the year. Good punctuality also helps your child get into good habits for when they enter the world of work.

Lateness can cause your child embarrassment and, in some circumstances, can count as unauthorised absence.



How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child!

You should:

- ensure they have an appropriate bedtime routine
- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and are properly equipped;
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours
- make time to encourage and show interest in school work, friendships etc.
- attend school open evenings and functions
- Create a calm space for them to do homework, check they understand the homework and that it has been completed.
- share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible
- set realistic boundaries

Holidays/Leave in term time

Holidays in term time are not allowed. Parents/carers must apply for the authorisation of any leave prior to travel or their children could be reported to the council as missing in education.

Leave for other circumstances such as bereavement or family illness abroad may also not be authorised. Informing the school does not mean the leave is agreed. In the event of a genuine family emergency, parents should avoid requesting more than 5 school days absence. Leave due to weddings is unlikely to be authorised.

Two weeks unauthorised holiday/leave means at least 50 lessons missed that will never be repeated.



What does the law say I must do as a parent/carer?

Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. This means your child should not have any unauthorised absence as this would constitute an offence in law.

When attendance doesn't improve after support or, when a minimum of 5 days unauthorised holiday/leave is taken, legal action can be taken.

Courts can fine parents/carers up to £1,000 per child and for repeat offences the court can fine parents/carers up to £2,500 per child or impose a prison sentence of up to 3 months.

In many cases, but not all, parents/carers can discharge an offence by paying a penalty notice of £160 for each parent per child, discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days. For a family of two parents/carers with 3 children that would be at least £480.

Where can I get help and advice?

If you need support in relation to your child's attendance, help is available. Please make an appointment with the school to discuss your concerns.

Most difficulties can be resolved informally, but the staff can also arrange an early help assessment or make a request for support to Birmingham Children's Trust if necessary, with your consent.

School nurses can also be helpful if your child has a medical condition or has a lot of time off due to illness.

Parents/carers are strongly advised to work in partnership with the school to address any difficulties impacting school attendance. For more information about school attendance or if you need help or support, please use these links:

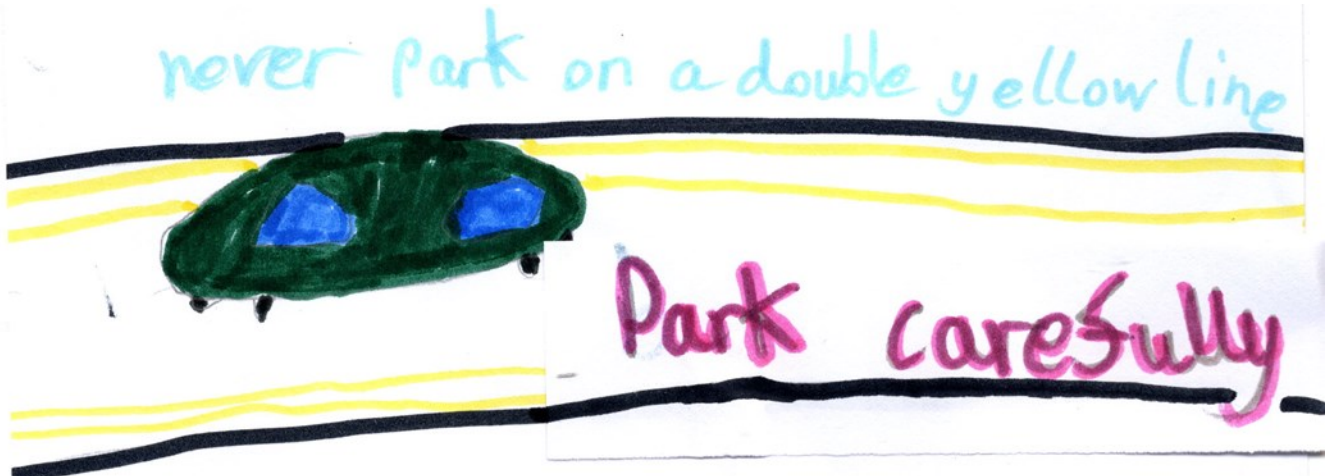
www.birmingham.gov.uk/saap

www.birmingham.gov.uk/love



School Council Parking Alerts

School Council meets every month and discusses matters that are important to the children, and to school. At their last meeting School Council at Main Site talked about how important it is to park safely when dropping off or picking up children. They would like to share these messages for your attention:





Achievement Certificate Winners—W/E 13/06/25

RH	Catherine	Karen
RP	Hadi	Toby
RS	Ekam	Leona
RA	No Assembly	
1H	Joseph	Roman
1P	Zhor	Jesleen
1S	Raena	August
1A	No Assembly	
2H	No Assembly	
2P	No Assembly	
2S	No Assembly	
2A	No Assembly	
3H	Gabriel	
3P	Ari	
3S	Oliver	
3A	No Assembly	
4H	Seranne	
4P	Noura	
4S	Jamie	
4A	No Assembly	
5H	Orrick	
5P	Lamicah	
5S	Simran	
6H	Arjan	
6P	Ainara	
6S	Hasan	
6A	No Assembly	



Dates in the Diary

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 11th Jul	Break the Rules Day
Fri 11th Jul	Reports Home (Electronically)
Tues 15th Jul	2.15pm — Y1 Assembly (main site and annex)
Wed 16th Jul	2.15pm — Y1 Assembly (main site)
Thurs 17th Jul	Youth Proms
Fri 18th Jul	Last Day of Term for Children
Mon 21st Jul	TED Day—School closed for all children





Peripatetic Instrument Lessons
Sign-up for September 2025

Deadline Wednesday 25th June 2025 12pm.
No payment. No place.

Payment, registration and instrument selection

Payment, registration, and instrument selection for lessons should be made via Parentpay. Payment will be required upfront. Fees for the Autumn Term will go onto ParentPay on Wed 22nd April. Fees for each term are £110.

The deadline for payment will be **Wednesday 25th June 12pm.** No payments or applications will be accepted beyond this date and time and refunds will be issued.

Your payment of lessons confirms your acceptance of our Terms and Conditions and registration for lessons.

When you have paid for lessons, your ParentPay receipt will secure and confirm your child's place. Lessons are available for children who will be in Year 2-6 in September 2024. (If your child is Pupil Premium, please contact Dawn Foley in the Main Site office before making any payments).

Lessons will begin in the first two weeks in the Autumn Term. Further updates will be shared in September.

Instruments available are as follows:

<u>Available for Years 2 to 6</u>	<u>Available Years 3 to 6</u>
Guitar Violin Recorder	Woodwind Brass Cello



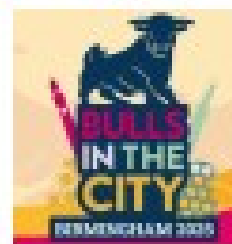
****TERMS AND CONDITIONS- IMPORTANT PLEASE READ****

- I understand that this is my only opportunity to sign my child up for the next academic year.
- I accept the expectation that my child is committed to have lessons for the duration of the entire academic year.
- I understand that payment will be required in advance of each new term.
- I understand that should the payment deadline for the upcoming term be missed, my child will not be able to continue having music lessons for the remainder of the year.
- I understand that my child can only learn one instrument at school.
- I understand that should we choose not to continue with lessons at any point, we will not be refunded for the term already paid for and my child will be taken off the register for the rest of the year.
- I understand that the Music Service **commit** to **offer** 30 lessons across the academic year.
- I understand that Music Service teacher absences will be made up in extra weeks should they fall short of the 30-week minimum. Any refunds due will be issued at the end of the academic year.
- I accept that should my child miss lessons due to illness, trips, TED Days, strikes or unforeseen closures, there will be no refunds.
- I understand that my receipt of payment on ParentPay is confirmation of my child's place.
- I understand that lessons are held in small groups of children, lasting for 20-30 minutes.
- I understand that lessons take place during the normal school day (including breaks and lunchtimes). Please note that school lessons may be missed, and timings are non-negotiable. Lessons are scheduled by the music teachers themselves.

- I understand that all communication and enquiries will be between myself and the instrument teacher via the child's practice diary as well as via email (teacher emails will be shared in September).
- I understand that instruments will be loaned by Services for Education - Music Services free of charge. I will ensure that instruments and cases are clearly labelled with my child's name and class. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to instruments or contents of cases, either privately owned or belonging to Services for Education - Music Services. All repairs and maintenance costs of Music Service instruments are covered by the Music Service. Any borrowed instrument is returned to school, in good condition, at the termination of this agreement.
- I shall encourage my son/daughter to undertake an appropriate amount of practice each week as directed by the instrument teacher and that he/she brings music, instrument and other materials to the lesson as required.

Can you Bull-ieve it?

Harborne Primary's Bull has been completed and returned to Birmingham



Thank you to the whole school community for getting behind this project; from Wild West fundraising success to the children's detailed value planning, careful selection of designs from our school council and our wonderful Harborne Artists.

The children who were selected to add their design to the ValueBull did so with care showing true artistic skill. We are proud of our young artists, we are proud of our ValueBull and we can proudly tell you that on Wednesday 16th July our Bull will be located on Birmingham Arts Trail in Silver and Love, Harborne High Street! It will be part of a herd of 85 calves and 40 large bulls that you will be able to find across Birmingham, following the Bulls in the City Art Trail.

Mrs Jesson. Art Lead.



Value Bull

Harborne Primary School

Our design encompasses the values of the Harborne community; teamwork, friendship, love, bravery, respect. Creativity and resilience.

Our values also reflect our recently passed teacher, friend and colleague, Mrs Sumner, who loved animals and loved Harborne Primary dearly.

For you, Mrs Sumner.

Forever loved. Forever Missed.

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!