



NEWSLETTER

Monday 16th June 2025

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week it was at school last week; we are immensely proud of our children in their conduct, display of keen learning behaviours and ability to max out on the fun!!!!

The week began with the MS Hall echoing with the sound of marching feet as our Y3 children deepened their understanding of life in the Roman Empire through an immersive and multi-sensory experience.

The visit from author Nicola Baker, was described as “amazing” by our Year 4 and 5 pupils. Her passion for storytelling has inspired our many budding writers to pick up their pencils with renewed excitement and aspiration.

Children in Year 1, and some Year 2s, completed their Phonics Screening Check. With fierce focus and fabulous fortitude, our fantastic young phonics fans faced this statutory check with calm confidence and commendable concentration. Of course, they would not have realised that this Check was anything different from their usual learning experiences as we do not label it as an assessment to them.

Year 4 performed ‘Beautiful Brum’ collectively and had their audiences fully engaged and entertained, in equal parts. Never before have I seen a reindeer costume so expertly re-purposed as a bull! Please take the opportunity from Wednesday 16th July to view our Value-Bull in ‘Silver and Love’ on Harborne High Street.

Our Year 6 campers returned on Friday from their PGL adventure – obviously tired, but beaming with joy. They had an incredible time developing new skills, building friendships and embracing challenges (despite a deluge of rain on Thursday!). A huge thank you to all of the staff who made this trip possible, committing their personal time and boundless enthusiasm (we loved the matching ‘Camp Plaits’ upon your return). A special mention to Mrs Khand, who impressively outran Mr Clabon in a race!

Saturday’s Summer Fair was a joyful celebration of our school community. The sun shone and the atmosphere was warm. From biscuit decorating, crafts and trike riding to bubble tea sipping, bouncing, dancing, lollipops, planting advice, new books, balloons galore, mini athletics, singing, Tombola wins and glitter tattoos - there was something for everyone! Not forgetting the eagerly awaited samosas and cakes – offering a delicious two-course meal option! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing Friends for their expert organisation and tireless efforts in making the day so special.

Looking ahead, this week promises more excitement with a Planetarium visit for Year 5, Sports Festivals for MS EYFS to Year 5, and all of Year 6 (the Annex Sports Festival for EYFS to Year 5 will follow on Thursday 26th June). We’ll be celebrating all the achievements and great ‘sportspersonship’ in assemblies across both sites, with photos shared on our website for you to view and celebrate your children’s efforts. On Friday, Year 1 will enjoy Fairy Tale Dress Up Day and Year 4, their Egyptian Day.

We still have a good selection of pre-loved uniform available for anyone who can make use of it. This will be put out at the end of school during the week - please help yourselves to anything you need to be ready for September. In addition, please check the Lost Property trollies for any remaining items - there are a few unnamed coats that will no doubt be needed again! Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity after Friday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Tamsin O'Brien
Acting Headteacher



Gate Changes

Dear Parents/Carers,

You have noticed at Main Site that we are now using the pedestrian gates only for entrance and exit, from and to the pavement. This is to slow the people traffic down upon exit and put an extra protective factor in place for the children. They are now less able to run out and on to the road. Happily, it also means that we are able to give every family an individual welcome and greeting as you come and go which is lovely! With extra staff on the gates, parents and carers have greater access to staff to share key messages and queries.

Kind regards,

Tamsin O'Brien
Acting Headteacher

Lost Property from the Summer Fair at the Annex

A pair of glasses and a single key on a keyring were left at the Summer Fair on Saturday. If you think they are yours (and can describe the distinctive key!), they are available for collection from the Main Site Office (or we can bring them to the Annex for you).



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



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.

Safeguarding Notice

In assemblies at school this week, the children will learn about staying safe whilst having fun in water. Water accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment. Here are our tips for staying safe in the water during the summer:

[Parents Resources](#) | [Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)

Follow the Water Safety Code



Stop and Think

Is the area safe? Consider potential hazards—too deep or too shallow, currents, tides, underwater objects.

Enter slowly and carefully, and never jump from heights.

Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. Are you really a good swimmer?

Research local information and conditions - read local signs and speak to locals, including the lifeguards.

Never use inflatables in open water – although they look fun, inflatable water toys can quickly get caught in the wind and be blown out to sea.



Stay Together

Seek lifeguarded areas and always ensure someone is available to raise the alarm.

Don't go too far – enter the water slowly, stay within reach, stay within a standing depth and always be supervised.



To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...



ENTER SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY



STAY WITHIN REACH



ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED





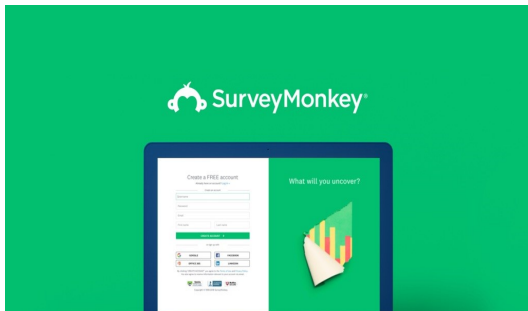
Summer School Fair Information

Competition Winners

Winner of guess the number of Sweets in the Jar: **Polly 2A**

Winner of the Panda Bear: **Margot 1P**

Winner of the Teddy Bear **Zohan-Noor 2P**



Summer Fair - We Need Your Feedback!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RK7CL9T>

Mini Athletics

Many children enjoyed a taster of Mini Athletics at our Summer Fair and we thank them for donating their time to add this feature to our programme. Please follow the link to find out more information about Mini Athletics classes in the local area.

[Mini Athletics - Winning The Gold Medal For Children's Sports Classes - Mini Athletics](#)

Chloe's Dance Empire

We thoroughly enjoyed the dance shows by HPS members of Chloe's Dance Club on Saturday. Please look out for details of Chloe's Dance Club as part of our after-school offer or search for 'Chloe's Dance Empire' online to find out more information.



The most important outcome of the Summer Fair on Saturday was the fun and togetherness that it offered for our school community. However, it is absolutely amazing that the fair has also generated a whopping total of £4,121!!!! Thank you all for supporting this event.



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

RH	No Assembly	
RP	No Assembly	
RS	No Assembly	
RA	RV	Evelyn
1H	Maahi	Daniel
1P	Tala	Onkar
1S	Lucas	Raees
1A	No Assembly	
2H	No Assembly	
2P	No Assembly	
2S	No Assembly	
2A	No Assembly	
3H	Vinnie	
3P	Yusuf	
3S	Penelope	
3A	Jodi	Alexandros
4H	Hoorain	
4P	Kirat	
4S	Anais	Sophia S
4A	Yiqi	Quinton
5H	Mustafa	
5P	Maria	
5S	Mariam	
5A	Jonah	Ravi
6H	No Assembly	
6P	No Assembly	
6S	No Assembly	
6A	No Assembly	



Dates in the Diary

Mon 16th Jun	Y5 visit from Planetarium
Tues 17 th Jun	KS2 Sports Festival —Main Site
Wed 18 th Jun	KS1 Sports Festival—Main Site—REC to wear PE Kit on Wednesday instead of Tuesday for this week only.
Thurs 19 th Jun	Year 6 Sports Festival—Annex - Parents invited from 1.20pm
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	EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Sports Festival—Annex
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:

<i>Available for Years 2 to 6</i>	<i>Available Years 3 to 6</i>
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.

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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

