



NEWSLETTER

Monday 23rd June 2025

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sunshine and Sun Safety

This week's weather forecast suggests much more comfortable temperatures for us in school - what a relief! However, please ensure that your child continues to come to school every day with:

- a **named sun hat or cap**;
- their **school water bottle**, filled with fresh, cold water; and **long-lasting sun cream, applied at home**.

If you feel your child would benefit from wearing a **lightweight, long-sleeved white top** for added sun protection, they are very welcome to do so. A gentle reminder that **school shoes with socks** should be worn every day. Due to the inadequate protection and hazards caused by **flip flops, Crocs, and sliders, these should not be worn by children to school**. Thank you for your support with this.

Reception Farm Visits and ♂ Sports Festival Fun

This week, our Reception children are off on their **farm visits** to meet the animals they've been learning about in class. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

Meanwhile, Annex children from Reception to Y5 will compete in their **Sports Festivals** on Thursday and enjoy some additional fun events (the wet sponge race is proving very popular!).

DIY Day at MS – Sunday 29th June

A huge thank you in advance to the **Friends, parent volunteers, and staff** who will be joining us this Sunday for **DIY Day at the Main Site**. Your time and energy will help us mend, rejuvenate and improve many areas across the school grounds. We are so grateful for your support!

Assemblies: Exploring Tolerance

In assemblies this week, we're focusing on the **Fundamental British Value of 'Tolerance of Others'**. To support the children in considering and developing tolerance, here are some suggested questions to open further conversations at home, about empathy, curiosity, and open-mindedness:

- What makes people different from each other?
- Have you ever made a new friend who was different from you? What did you learn from them?
- How can you show kindness to others?
- Why is it important to listen to other people's ideas, even if we don't agree?



Next week: **Class Photos &** **Moving Up Day**

- **Class Group Photos** will be taken on **Monday 30th June** - please ensure your child is in full school uniform and looking smart!
- **Moving Up Day** is on **Wednesday 2nd July**. This is a key part of our transition programme to help prepare children for the next school year.
- Most of our **Year 6 pupils** will be visiting their new secondary schools - how exciting; we are confident that they will make a great first impression.

Other pupils will spend the day with their **new teaching staff, in their September classrooms**. Please collect your child from their usual exit at home time then, you are warmly invited to come into school with your child (between **3:30–4:00pm**) to **visit your child's new classroom** and meet their teacher (where possible). If this time is not possible for you, please speak to your child's future teacher to arrange an alternative.

In addition to this, you will be able to watch a **recorded induction presentation** from your child's next **Year Group Leader** on our website from early next week. This will include key information and expectations for the year and address lots of FAQs: [Harborne Primary School - Year Pages](#)

Class Group Changes for Y2 & Y4

As in previous years, we will be **mixing the Main Site Year 2 and Year 4 cohorts** into new class groups for September. Children have been consulted and staff have trialled different arrangements for this already. We've found the approach has a **positive impact on social, emotional and academic outcomes**, and we're confident it will benefit the children again this year.

Ofsted Visit – A Note of Thanks

As you know, Ofsted recently visited us for a graded inspection. Whilst we are not permitted to share the outcome until the report is officially published, we want to say how **incredibly proud** we were of the children. They were their usual **well-mannered, kind, and articulate selves**, and represented our school beautifully.

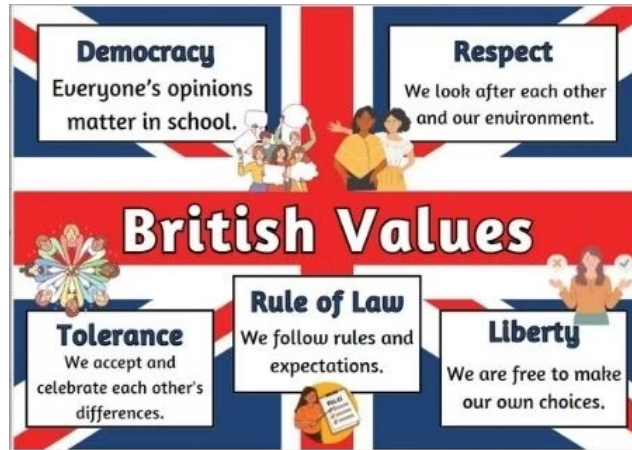
At HPS, we are committed to continuous improvement and always welcome feedback from external partners to help us grow and thrive.

And Finally...

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. These final weeks of term promise to be full of excitement, reflection, and celebration (with some mixed emotions and happy tears as the end of the year inevitably brings about some changes!).

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

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



Twinkl Go!

As a school, we now have access to 'Twinkl Go!' This is Twinkl's digital platform, hosting a variety of interactive content such as videos, games, audiobooks and more. Twinkl Go! enables digital content to be streamed to your device, rather than downloaded. You may see your child coming home with a login for Twinkl Go! over the coming months. This will allow them to access books as well as phonics activities linked to their learning in school.

Many thanks, The English Team.

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:

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

In an emergency...



CALL
999



IF YOU'RE IN
TROUBLE FLOAT AND
CALL FOR HELP



Achievement Certificate Winners—W/E 20/06/25

RH	No Assembly	
RP	No Assembly	
RS	No Assembly	
RA	No Assembly	
1H	Yousef	Anas
1P	Freddie	Maysoun
1S	Blake	Elaine
1A	No Assembly	
2H	Reeva	Deeka
2P	No Assembly	
2S	No Assembly	
2A	No Assembly	
3H	Teuta	
3P	Zara	
3S	Henry	
3A	No Assembly	
4H	Marie-Lys	Sedra
4P	Noura	
4S	Elena	
4A	No Assembly	
5H	Pollyanna	
5P	Yassen	
5S	Minnah	
5A	No Assembly	
6H	Sofia JP	
6P	Ella	
6S	Mayar	
6A	No Assembly	



Dates in the Diary

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—Meet the Teacher Parent/Carers invited into school 3:30-4:00pm to meet their child's teacher (where possible) for September and see the classroom that their child will be based in
Thurs 3rd-4th Jul	Y3 Woodland Adventure Trip
Wed 9th Jul	2.00pm and 5.30pm Y6 Performance
Thurs 10th Jul	5.00pm Y6 Performance
Thurs 10th Jul	Y4 Black Country Museum 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	12.30pm—9.30pm Youth Proms at Symphony Hall
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.

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

