



NEWSLETTER

Monday 30th June 2025

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

First and foremost, a **huge thank you** to the incredible team of volunteers who gave their time and energy yesterday at Main Site. From demolishing and painting to weeding, relocating, and sorting, your efforts have made a real difference to our school environment. There was a fair bit of satisfaction in wielding a crowbar and lump hammer to some very tired, old items! We're sure you'll notice the uplift around the site—it's looking brighter, fresher, and more welcoming thanks to their hard work. The planters have been weeded and refreshed, and we'd love to fill them with life. If you have any surplus plants - flowers, herbs, or anything cheerful and hardy - we would be gratefully appreciative of your donations.

Tomorrow, we're looking forward to welcoming many of you to our '**Cuppa and Catch Up**' sessions for parents and carers of children with SEND. Please do join us for the opportunity for school and families to collaborate and, inform our next steps:

- **8:30–10:15am at Main Site**
- **5:00–6:00pm at the Annex**

Our **Year 6 children** are working incredibly hard on their end-of-year production, and rehearsals are really taking shape. There's a real buzz of excitement in the air as they polish their lines, songs and stage directions. We can't wait to share their performance with you soon - it promises to be better than the Glastonbury stages!

On **Wednesday**, the children will be spending the day in their **September classrooms**, with their new staff teams. Please see details attached. Looking ahead to the transition and next stage in their learning journey, we know, it can rouse a mixture of emotions for the children. Over the coming weeks, we will guide the children in getting ready for change and provide them with opportunities to familiarise themselves with new people, places and expectations, ask questions and consider their feelings. We warmly invite you to pop in between **3:30–4:00pm on Wednesday**, to visit your child's next classroom and meet the staff too.

To round off the week, **Year 3** will be heading off on their **Outdoor Adventures trip** - a brilliant opportunity for exploration, teamwork, and fun in the great outdoors. We can't wait to hear all about it!

The forecast this week predicts soaring temperatures. Please continue to:

- **Apply long-lasting sun cream** to your child before school each morning;
- Send your child with a **full, named water bottle** (these can be refilled during the day);
- Provide a named **sun hat/cap**;
- Children are welcome to wear **shorts** and a **looser, lighter white top** if this will help them stay cool and comfortable.

Finally, a gentle but important reminder that we are an entirely **nut-free** school. Please check all food labels carefully when packing lunches or bringing snacks onto site, to ensure they are all nut-free. This is vital to keep all of our children safe. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Kind Regards,

Tamsin O'Brien

Deputy Head Teacher



Safeguarding at Harborne Primary School

At HPS, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We are committed to creating a safe, nurturing environment where all children feel **secure, valued, and heard**.

How You Can Support Us:

Speak up: If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak in confidence to a **Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Francis, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Walters, Ms Kyereh, Mrs Chamba or Mr Sewell)**.

Encourage openness: Remind your child that they can always talk to a trusted adult—whether at school or at home—if something is worrying them.

Stay connected: Ensure your contact details are up to date so we can reach you quickly if needed.

Online safety: Talk to your child about staying safe online. If you need support or advice, we're here to help.

Together, we can ensure every child feels safe, supported, and ready to thrive.

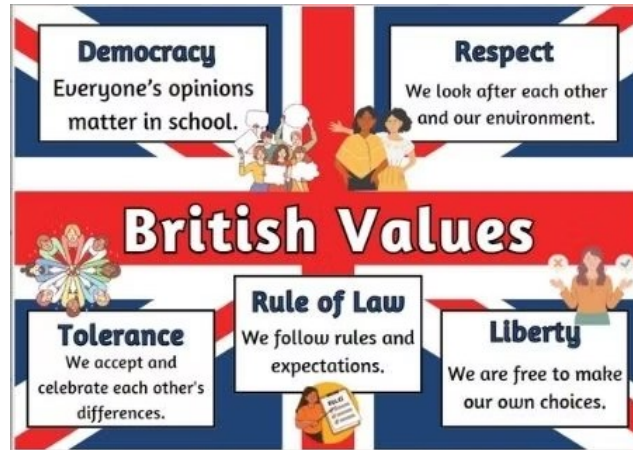
Kind regards,

Tamsin O'Brien

Deputy Head Teacher

Class Names and Staff Teams 2025-26

Year Group	Main Site Class H	Main Site Class P	Main Site Class S	Annex Class A
EYFS	RH Mrs Darcy (YGL) and tbc	RP Mrs Cheel	RS Miss Clifford	RA Mrs Terrana and tbc
K S 1	Year 1 1H Mrs Morris To receive Class RS	1P Miss Stansfield To receive Class RP	1S Mrs Oakley M-W and Mrs Robinson Th-F To receive Class RH	1A Mr Williams (YGL) To receive Class RA
	Year 2 2H Miss Oulton (YGL) To receive Class 1H	2P Mrs Miller To receive Class 1S	2S Miss Cottam To receive Class 1P	2A Miss Stevenson To receive Class 1A
K S 2	Year 3 3H tbc To receive NEW Class C	3P Mrs Evans To receive NEW Class B	3S Miss Begum To receive NEW Class A	3A Miss Davis (YGL) To receive Class 2A
	Year 4 4H Mrs Gaynor (YGL) To receive Class 3H	4P Mrs East To receive Class 3P	4S tbc To receive Class 3S	4A Mrs Jesson To receive Class 3A
Year 5	5H Mrs Brown (YGL) M-W and Mr Down Th-F To receive NEW Class C	5P Mrs Dalzell To receive NEW Class A	5S tbc To receive NEW Class B	5A Mrs Vines and tbc To receive Class 4A
Year 6	6H Mrs Mitchell M-W and Miss Ball Th-F To receive Class 5P	6P Miss Kessedjian To receive Class 5H	6S Mr Clabon To receive Class 5S	6A Mrs Khand (YGL) M,W, Th & F and Miss Ball Tues To receive Class 5A



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
Deputy Head Teacher

Vocal Lessons

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to offer a fantastic opportunity for Year 3 pupils based at our main site: **four spaces are now available for vocal lessons** starting this September, provided by Services for Education.

- **Lesson Format:** Small group sessions (3-4 children)
- **Duration:** 20 minutes per lesson
- **Cost:** £110 per term
- **Commitment:** Full academic year (minimum of 30 lessons)

Please note that these vocal lessons count as an Instrumental lesson. Therefore, children enrolled will not be able to take up a second instrument.

If you would like to register your child, please email enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk as soon as possible. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a **first come, first served** basis. Deadline for registration is Friday 11th July 2025.

If your child is entitled to **Pupil Premium**, please contact **Mrs Foley** in the school office directly to discuss support options.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Mitchell



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



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Achievement Certificate Winners—W/E 27/06/25

RH	No assembly		
RP	No assembly		
RS	No assembly		
RA	Frank	Besa	
1H	No assembly		
1P	No assembly		
1S	No assembly		
1A	Zayna	Henry	
2H	No assembly		
2P	No assembly		
2S	No assembly		
2A	No assembly		
3H	Lamah		
3P	Yash		
3S	Lucas	Stuti	
3A	Olivia	James	
4H	Halimah		
4P	Fayrouz	Respina	
4S	Zhuoya		
4A	Joel	Elijah	
5H	Eythar		
5P	Mark J		
5S	Iker	Anna	
5A	Chloe	Wren	Zain
6H	Taranjot		
6P	Pippa		
6S	Maryam		
6A	No assembly		



Dates in the Diary

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

