



NEWSLETTER

Monday 7th July 2025

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we step into the final stretch of this Summer Term, the school is buzzing with energy and creativity. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership – we are committed to moving forward together with you, for the benefit of our children.

Forest Circuit Groundworks Begin

Pentagon should arrive on site today, to begin the groundwork for our brand-new *Forest Circuit* at Main Site. The digger is in position, and the team remains confident that the project will be completed by Friday. We can't wait to see the transformation and the opportunities it will bring for enhanced outdoor play and social activities.

Class Photographs – Rescheduled

Thank you for your patience as we rescheduled class photographs for some classes. These will now take place **tomorrow**. Unfortunately, our photographer Wendy had a fall on the playground last week which prevented the photographs from being completed. We send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and extend our heartfelt thanks to her partner, Adrian, for stepping in to ensure all outstanding classes are captured on Tuesday.

Curtains Up for Year 6 – *Darwin Rocks*

This week marks the much-anticipated Year 6 performance of *Darwin Rocks*! The Y6 children (and staff team) have been working incredibly hard on this production. With 119 pupils involved, it's been a true team effort: learning lines, crafting props, rehearsing songs, and managing the stage. We are so proud of their dedication and can't wait for you to see the result.

SEND Review Meetings

Parents and Carers of pupils with SEND should now have had the opportunity to book a Summer Review Meeting with your child's class teacher. These meetings are a valuable chance to reflect on progress, celebrate achievements, and discuss next steps. If you haven't yet confirmed a time, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports will be shared electronically on **Friday 11th July**. Should you have any questions or comments about your child's report content, please book an appointment with your child's class teacher for **Wednesday 16th July**.

We will continue to work hard with the children until their final day of term (Friday 18th July) - there's still so much to enjoy, achieve and be proud of!

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



Smartphone Safety for Primary School Children

Smartphones **can be** a great way for children to learn, connect, and have fun. However, it's important to help them use these devices safely and responsibly.

Here are some key tips to support your child in staying safe while using a smartphone:

- Consider if your child should have independent access to a smartphone. Consider alternatives to smart phones: [The Alternatives](#)
- Talk regularly with your child about who they might communicate with on a smartphone.
- Set clear rules about screen time and appropriate use.
- Explore real alternatives to screen time with your child. Enforce breaks and non-screen time. Too much screen time can make them tired and/or grumpy!
- Use parental controls to help manage access to apps and websites.
- Remind your child never to share personal information like their full name, address, or school.
- Encourage kindness and respect in all online interactions.
- Make sure your child knows they can come to you if something online makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Keep devices in shared family spaces, especially during screen time.
- Model healthy smartphone habits yourself.

Together, we can help children enjoy the benefits of technology whilst staying safe and confident online.

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.

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.



Reading Books

As we approach the end of term, we are asking that any books belonging to school are returned on **Monday 14th July**. This allows us to take stock of what we have and plan our future provision. Please can you ensure your child's books are returned by this date. Over the summer, HPS pupils will still be able to access their online reading accounts on Oxford Reading Buddy and Harborne Library remains an incredible resource that we encourage you to take advantage of. Some children may also have access to Twinkl Go, which contains books for their level. If your child needs a login reminder, please speak to their class teacher. If you feel that your child is unable to access reading for pleasure books elsewhere, please let your child's teacher know and we will provide some books to go home where we are able. Many thanks, The English Team.

Peripatetic Music

Please note that this week beginning Monday 7th July marks the final week of peripatetic music lessons for this academic year. Your child should have received their end-of-year profile (report) and brought it home. If you have not seen it yet, please check with your child.

Thanks you for your continued support of our music programme. Many thanks, Mrs Mitchell.



DIY DAY

All of the jobs were ticked off on the list and more done in addition!!! Can you identify where the hard work happened?



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

In an emergency...



CALL
999



IF YOU'RE IN
TROUBLE FLOAT AND
CALL FOR HELP



Achievement Certificate Winners—W/E 04/07/25

RH	No Assembly	
RP	No Assembly	
RS	No Assembly	
RA	No Assembly	
1H	Maahi	Halima
1P	Margot	Eywa
1S	Poppy	Seyda
1A	No Assembly	
2H	No Assembly	
2P	No Assembly	
2S	No Assembly	
2A	No Assembly	
3H	Alena	Hugo
3P	No Assembly	
3S	Reuben	
3A	No Assembly	
4H	Hoorain	
4P	Martha	
4S	Aahil	
4A	No Assembly	
5H	Levi	
5P	Mingxi	
5S	Fergus	Noor
5A	No Assembly	
6H	Taranjot	
6P	Jayden	
6S	Seffie	
6A	No Assembly	



Dates in the Diary

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



Break the *Summer* rules day



Wear
non
uniform

Wear your
sunglasses

Have squash
in your
water bottle

Friday 11th
July

Crazy hair
or
painted nails

The Friends of HPS invite you to have fun
breaking the summer rules!

Suggested £1 donation per rule broken or
donate what you can. All money raised
goes towards helping the school.


Pay via QR code or sum up link:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QMJMBQ2A>



**Getting Ready
for Secondary
School**

Is your child or a young person you know  transitioning from year 6 to year 7 this Summer?

Does this young person have  Speech, Language and Communication needs?

Online National Course



Afasic is providing a FREE online Transition Course for Year 6 students across the country with Speech, Language, and Communication Needs (SLCN) who will be starting Secondary School in September 2025.

**Summer
Holidays
2025**

**Get in touch with
Hannah for more
information**

TCC@afasic.org.uk

www.afasic.org.uk

**Or scan QR code
to enroll**



The Regulate to Communicate Approach

Parent Workshop

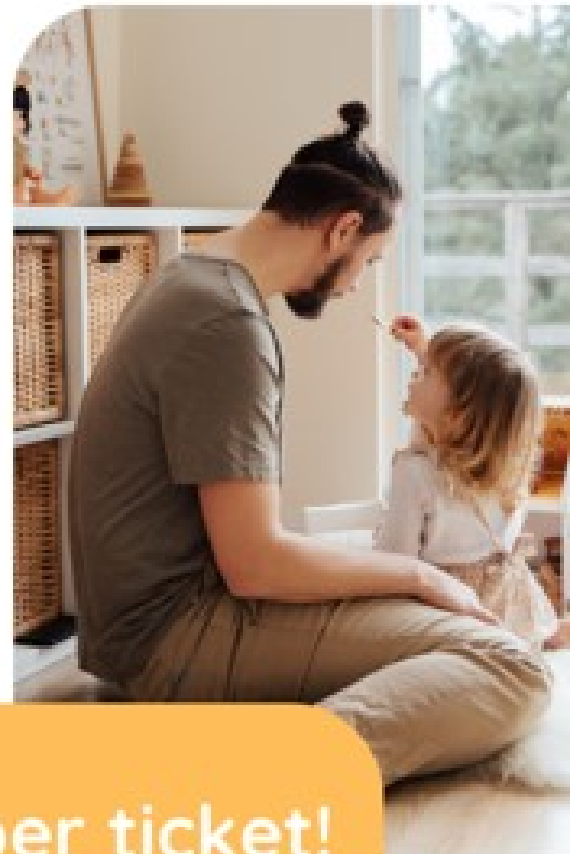
Does your child:

- Become easily overwhelmed?
- Have meltdowns?
- Struggle to communicate?
- Show big emotions?

The Regulate to Communicate
Approach can help you!

Online interactive workshop,
delivered by a Speech &
Language and
Occupational Therapist!
Learn a simple, 3 step
strategy to help your child
become calm and
communicate.

2 dates available:
29th July at 9.30am
13th August at 7pm



£14 per ticket!

Click [here](#) to book your
place now!

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