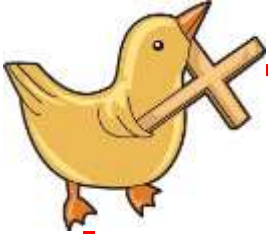




NEWSLETTER
Friday 11th April 2025



Another busy half term at Harvington with lots of trips and activities including our lovely Easter Service. Thank you to everyone that came along to watch the children, they really enjoy performing to you.

This half term we have welcomed Miss Finch into Reception to job share with me and next half term Mrs Whillock will return from her maternity leave and will go into teach in Year 2 on a Monday and Tuesday. It will be Mrs Poole's last half term with us as she finishes maternity cover at the end of May, we are really grateful for all of the brilliant work she has done with the children. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 28th April.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we have been completing work on 'Being Healthy'. It provided the opportunity for the children to think about how we can keep our minds and bodies healthy on the inside and outside. Each year group looked at different topics. Some of the topics included learning about a balanced diet, ways to keep fit, how to keep our bodies safe, 'safe' medicines and how to look after others.



Written by Mrs Cooper



Understanding Christianity - Salvation

On Monday 24th February we celebrated Salvation Day. The children learnt all about the Easter story. Each of the classes took part in different activities and explored the Easter story and its meaning. Each class also prepared something ready for the Easter service. In Year 3, we wrote prayers while the children in Year 1 made some art work ready to show. The Year 4 children decorated prayer stones and in Year 5 they have used words to describe Jesus.



Written by Mrs Magee



Reception and Nursery celebrate Easter

The Reception and Nursery children had a great morning celebrating Easter during their together day. There were lots of different Easter activities within both classrooms and outside in the reception garden, from making rocking chicks, 5 hot cross buns in the bakers shop, decorating egg shapes, egg and spoon races and glue the fluffy tail on the bunny. We even had an Easter Bonnet parade around the large school playground and to our surprise the Easter bunny even found time to deliver some eggs.



Nursery and Reception Trip

On March 26th Nursery and Reception went to 'All Things Wild' in Honeybourne. We had the perfect weather to enjoy our day exploring the animals and dinosaurs. Nursery completed a workshop called 'Animal Encounters' where they met an armadillo, a corn snake and a rabbit.

Reception learnt about feathers, fur and scales, meeting a snake, a hawk and a reindeer. In the afternoon we all enjoyed a ride on the Dino train.



Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

On Friday 14th March, Year One went on an amazing trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. We had the best day looking at all of the animals in the park, we even got to hear some interesting facts about the different African animals. We were all very excited to see our favourite animals.

Written by Mrs Cooper



Year 2 First Aid Workshop

On Tuesday 25th March, Year 2 had a visit from Kellie and Ted to learn all about First Aid. We found out how to deal with cuts, grazes, head bumps and how to call 999 to ask for help in an emergency. We also practised putting someone in the recovery position. Afterwards, the children had the chance to pretend to be a doctor or a nurse and treat their 'patients'! We had a lot of fun with bandages, slings, thermometers, stethoscopes and masks.

Written by Mrs. Poole



On Tuesday 18th March Year 3 visited the Hindu Mandir in Oldbury. This was part of our RE learning all about Hindus. We visited the Balahji temple and were surprised to find out that it is the biggest Hindu temple outside of India!

Throughout the morning we explored the shrines and learnt stories about the Hindu deities and why they look like they do. We even got to use the water and the smoke from the candles to take part in our version of the worship.

We learnt lots of interesting facts and the children showed great respect and behaviour whilst there.

Well done Year 3!

Written by Mrs Magee





Year 4 Almonry Workshop Day

On Thursday 13th March, we spent the day learning all about the Anglo Saxons. We had a special visit from a historian at the Almonry Museum who came in to tell us all about how the Anglo Saxons lived. We got to look at and try on the clothing, armour, weaponry and roles of individuals living in the Saxon age. Then we took part in a re-enactment of the last month of Harold's army. After lunch we made clay burial pots and tiles and learnt about how the Anglo Saxons would often be buried with their treasured, personal items kept in the pots!

The children had a fantastic day, engaging well with the sessions and asking/answering lots of questions! Well done Year 4!

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy



Year 5 Trip to the Islamic Exhibition Centre

On Tuesday 18th March, Year 5 travelled to Small Heath in Birmingham to visit the Islamic Exhibition Centre. As part of our RE topic on Islam, the trip was a fantastic way to learn more about beliefs and important events in the Islamic calendar. The children were incredibly enthusiastic and were very knowledgeable during a question and answer session to start the tour. After visiting the prayer hall, we moved around a series of exhibitions on: history and beliefs, key figures in the Qur'an, Islamic art and architecture (including some incredible mosques) as well as other areas in which Muslims have been influential throughout history, including art and science.

It was a brilliant trip that helped the children to understand a great deal more about their subject in RE this term. A huge well done to all of the children for how engaged they were and for the impeccable behaviour and manners.

Written by Mr Morris





Book Fair



A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our school book fair, it was busy every day! We raised an enormous **£760** in commission and have managed to buy a selection of new books for the classrooms and library.

These are some of our new books:



Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our moving Easter Service on Wednesday led by Reverend Thorniley. The children were amazing.



Swimming Gala

On 10th April, some KS2 children took part in the 2025 First Schools Swimming Gala. They took part in different styles and ended with a relay race against. All the children swam very well and did Harvington School proud. The children set an amazing example and cheered everyone on, including other schools.

Well done Harvington!

Written by Mrs Cooper



Parent Consultations

We hope you found the recent meetings informative.



After School Clubs

Clubs start again week commencing 28th April

Class Catering Lunch Menu

The new summer menu will be available from 28th April.

Please see the website for details.

There is also a separate **special diets menu** available for those children with allergens.



We wish to thank Golls Aquatics at Pitchill for lending nursery a fish tank for our study of frogspawn.



Year 5 will begin swimming lessons on 1st May for 10 weeks

If you choose to pay weekly for swimming lessons, please pay each Thursday via ParentPay.

Thank you



Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability – week commencing 12th May 2025

You should have received a letter regarding Bikeability for Year 5. Please complete the online consent form as soon as possible.

Thank you.



SEN (Special Educational Needs) Drop in

You are welcome to join us for our SEN parent drop in on **Wednesday 14th May, 8:50am-10:00am** in school. Come along if you would like to discuss your child with me as SENCo or to have a cup of tea and chat to other parents.

I look forward to seeing you.

Becky Enstone



Community Public Access Defibrillator

The defibrillator is mounted onto the front wall of the school to enable access to the whole community if necessary.

NEW - TRAUMA KIT

We also have a trauma kit held in school which is a first aid pack that anyone can use without training. It comes with instructions to help stabilise someone with serious injuries, like heavy bleeding, until professional help arrives.

These kits are important in emergencies and can save lives.



Please share this information – thank you



Music Concert



This year's music concert will be held on **Wednesday 21st May** at 6pm in the school hall.

Further details to follow soon



Sponsored Walk



This year our sponsored walk will take place on **Friday 23rd May**. Reception-Year 5 will complete different routes around the village and Nursery will do their walk on the school grounds.

We are raising money for both the PTFA and Cancer Research in memory of Mrs Fishbourne.

The children should have brought home a sponsor form and the letter emailed out has the payment details.

Thank you in advance for your support with this event.



PTFA News

A huge thank you to all of the parents/carers and staff who supported with the Chocolate Bingo evening – what a great night it was!

Coming soon ...

The summer disco will be held on **Friday 9th May** – full details can be found on ParentPay.



KS1 disco from 5pm to 6pm
KS2 disco from 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Class Attendance

04.09.24 to 11.04.25

★ Year 3 96.9% ★

Year 4 96.4%

Year 5 96%

Year 1 96%

Year 2 95.3%

Year R 95.3%

Whole School overall 96%

Attendance Matters

There are **190** school days a year. This means there are **175** days that you are not in school.

This leaves plenty of time to go on holiday, take appointments, go shopping and celebrate special occasions.

Mrs McCaugherty



Word of the Month

Vibrant - Adjective

Meaning: Full of life, energy or enthusiasm or bright striking colour.

In a sentence: "The daffodils were a vibrant shade of yellow."



Smile Please!

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 29th April to take the Year 5 Leavers' Photos

They will also be taking nursery graduation photos on Wednesday 21st May at gam.



Nursery, Breakfast Club and Wrappers Bookings for September 2025

We have issued new booking forms and terms and conditions for September – please ensure you return these as soon as possible as places are limited.
Thank you.

Come along and see our outstanding Nursery – bookings now being taken for September 2025

**Places available now for children aged from
2 years 9 months**

“Outstanding in all areas” Ofsted July 2023

For further information or to arrange an individual tour of the nursery or school please call us on 01386 870412 or email office@harvington.worcs.sch.uk



Did you know?

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and the Pupil Premium Grant

If you receive any of the benefits below then you may be entitled to Free School Meals and the school could also receive funding for your child:

You can still apply even if your child is already entitled to Universal Free Schools Meals (children in Years R, 1 & 2)

- Universal Credit provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

If you think you may be entitled please click on this link to take you to the application

https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Any family eligible for this funding will be entitled to a 50% reduction to school trip costs, including the Year Five residential, and also a reduction to the cost of after school clubs (excluding Early Birds and Wrappers)

Vision and Values

Our school vision is... Together we
Love, Learn and Grow.
You should try to 'love your neighbour
as yourself'
Whilst 'turning your ear to
understanding'
And 'growing in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord'.
We try to do all of this together!



Trips/Workshops

Please remember to check
ParentPay regularly for
trips/workshops and complete the
necessary online paperwork for
your child.
Thank you.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**During the course of the year if
there are any changes to medical
needs, allergies or contact
numbers please inform the office.**

Safeguarding

Please may we advise parents
to not use their mobiles when
on the school grounds
because of the camera and
video functions, thank you.



First Aid Incident and Medication Administration Notifications

We use an online medical service called
Medical Tracker which informs
parents/carers of first aid incidents and
medication administration by email
(except parents of Nursery children who
will still receive a SchoolApp notification
for headbumps).

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 28th April.

Becky Enstone

Acting Headteacher

Information home this week:

Free local information for families
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/hereford-andworcester/spring2025/>



Half Term Craft



*Inspired by
Lulu Loves Flowers
by Anna McQuinn*

PERSHORE LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY 16/04, 11AM-1PM

EVESHAM LIBRARY
TUESDAY 22/04, 11AM-1PM

BROADWAY LIBRARY
FRIDAY 25/04, 1PM-3PM

Family Film

PLEASE ASK STAFF FOR FILM DETAILS

EVESHAM LIBRARY
TUESDAY 15/04 10:30AM

PERSHORE LIBRARY
FRIDAY 25/04 10:30AM

**SNACK AND DRINK
AVAILABLE FOR £1**



For latest updates visit **Worcestershire Libraries** at:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

 **worcestershire**
county council

April 2025

Friday 11th - End of Spring term
Monday 28th – Summer term starts for pupils
Monday 28th – After school clubs start this week
Tuesday 29th - Year 5 Leavers Photos



May 2025

Thursday 1st - Swimming starts for Year 5 (10 lessons)
Thursday 1st – PTFA Meeting at 8pm in the school hall
Friday 2nd – Year 1 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Monday 5th – May Day school closed
Friday 9th – Summer Discos (KS1 5pm-6pm and KS2 from 6.15pm-7.15pm)
Monday 12th – Bikeability Year 5 all week
Tuesday 13th – Nursery Parent Share session – Forest School – 9am-11am
Wednesday 14th – SEND drop-in 8.50am-10am – all welcome
Tuesday 20th - KS2 trip to We the Curious!
Tuesday 20th – Year 2 Parent Share Session 2pm-2.45pm
Wednesday 21st - Nursery Graduation Photographs at 9am
Wednesday 21st – KS2 Art Museum in school hall – 2.30pm-2.50pm
Wednesday 21st - Music Concert 6pm
Friday 23rd – PTFA Sponsored Walk
Friday 23rd – Summer 2 term finishes
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May Half term holiday

**Please note dates
may be subject to
change -
new/amended dates
will be shown in red.
Please check
newsletter for
updates**

June 2025

Monday 2nd – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd – PSHE Jigsaw Day/Understanding Christianity Kingdom of God
Wednesday 4th – Grounds Morning all welcome
Thursday 5th – Maths Day
Friday 6th – PE Enrichment (Years N-5)/Online Safety
Wednesday 11th – CAMEO teas at St James' Church
Friday 13th – Dress down day for a tombola prize for the PTFA summer fair
Monday 16th – Year 5 trip to Mary Arden's Farm
Tuesday 17th – Year 4 trip to London
Wednesday 18th – Nursery visit to St James' Church
Monday 23rd – Last week of after school clubs
Wednesday 25th – Transfer Day
Wednesday 25th – Reception New Parents Meeting 7pm-8pm
Thursday 26th – Year 2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare
Thursday 26th – Year 3 trip to Chedworth Villa
Friday 27th – Dress down day for a jar filled with goodies for the PTFA summer fair
Friday 27th – EYFS Together Day

July 2025

Tuesday 1st - Nursery Trip Sandfield Farm
Tuesday 1st - Book Look for parents 3pm
Wednesday 2nd - In school transfer morning
Friday 4th - Reports sent to parents
Friday 4th - Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting)
Friday 4th - PTFA Summer Fair 5pm-8pm
Monday 7th July- Year 1 Parent Workshop Forest School 9:15am
Tuesday 8th - Reception trip Lower Smite Farm
Wednesday 9th - Nursery Graduation - parents invited 10am
Wednesday 9th - CAMEO Teas in school
Monday 14th - Presentation Morning (invitation only)
Wednesday 16th - KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6pm
Friday 18th - Leavers' Service - 9am school hall Year 5 parents welcome
Friday 18th - Summer term ends
Monday 21st - Staff Training Day - school closed to pupils



September 2025

Monday 1st - Staff Training Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd - Staff Training Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 30th - School Portraits

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