



NEWSLETTER
Friday 17th July 2026

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to making Harvington such a special place to learn and grow. Our children continue to inspire us with their kindness, enthusiasm and determination, and it has been wonderful to celebrate so many achievements and memorable moments throughout the year.

This year has been full of exciting learning opportunities, special events and successes, both in and out of the classroom. None of these would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the encouragement of parents and carers, and the support of our governors and volunteers. Thank you for everything you do to help our children flourish.

To our fantastic Year 5 pupils, I would like to wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of your education. You leave Harvington with so many wonderful memories, friendships and experiences. Be proud of all that you have achieved, embrace the opportunities that lie ahead and continue to show the kindness, curiosity and resilience that have made you such valued members of our school family. We know you will achieve great things, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.

Finally, I wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Have a wonderful summer.

Mr Holdstock

Global Christianity Day

On Tuesday 2nd June, the children took part in our annual **Global Christianity Day**. This special day helps children learn that Christianity is a worldwide religion and is followed by people from many different countries, cultures and ethnic backgrounds across the globe.

Throughout the day, each year group explored what Christianity looks like in different parts of the world. Children discovered how Christians worship in different ways and learned about the traditions, customs and celebrations that make each Christian community unique. It was a fantastic opportunity to recognise that Christianity is not just practised in the United Kingdom, but by millions of people from a wide range of backgrounds.

The classrooms were buzzing with creativity as the children completed a variety of art activities linked to their learning. Across the school, pupils created colourful stained-glass window designs, paper plate artwork celebrating togetherness, collaborative murals and beautiful pieces inspired by Christian crosses from around the world.

The day encouraged pupils to think about diversity, respect and the things that bring people together. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by all year groups and the pride the children took in their work. The finished artwork looked fantastic and was a great celebration of Christianity around the world.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we have been completing work on 'Changing Me'. The children have been learning about some of the changes that happen in their life's both within their control and changes that happen, which they can adapt to. Each year group explored different topics linked to looking forward to changes and reflecting things that have happened to them.

Written by Miss Knapton

African Drumming Workshop



On Thursday 4th June, all classes were lucky enough to take part in an African drumming workshop as part of our Music Enrichment Day. The children learned about different drumming techniques, including **bass** and **slap** sounds, and had the opportunity to play the **djembe**.

From Nursery all the way to Year 5, every class was fully engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. It was a wonderful way to explore and celebrate a different culture through music, while developing rhythm, listening, and performance skills.

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy

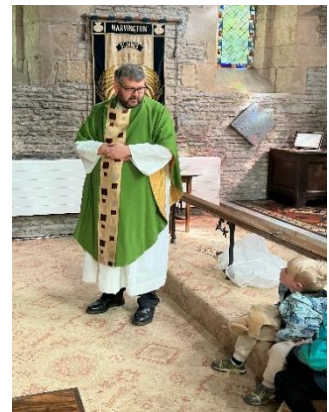


St James the Great, Harvington, Church



To enhance the nursery children's knowledge of what a church looked like inside, we enjoyed a visit to Harvington's local church. Father Glenn was there to greet us, and very kindly showed us around all the different features within it. They learnt that the church was ~ 900 years old, the font is where Christians are baptised into the Church of England, and many more interesting facts. We had a lovely morning and would like to thank Father Glenn for our tour, Mrs Phipps and Mr Powell for helping to keep us safe on our walk.

Written by Anita Wood



Nursery Graduation

Nursery celebrated their graduation on 8th July, 2026. The children loved singing their special song that they had been practising called 'Better Place' and the nursery team were very proud of them singing it so beautifully.

They wore a mortar board and received a special scroll from the nursery.

We finished our celebration with a special treat of cake and a drink.

We would like to say thank you to everyone whom attended, making this a real special occasion the children won't forget.

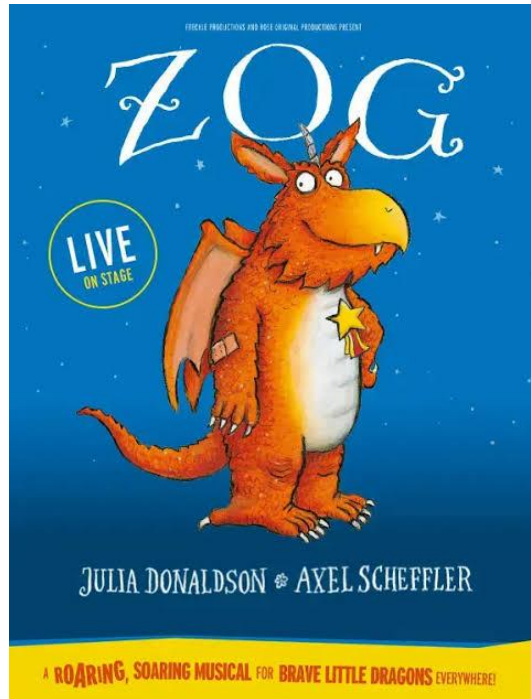
Written by Anita Wood



Nursery and Reception Trip

On Tuesday 23rd June, Nursery and Reception went to the Swan Theatre in Worcester to watch 'Zog the Musical'. We watched Zog and his friends at Dragon School learning lots of new skills including flying, roaring and how to catch a princess. The children were completely engaged throughout the show and loved the storyline. Lila in Reception said: "I never want this day to end!".

Written by Mrs Enstone



Warwick Castle

Year 1 had a fantastic day at Warwick Castle and learned so much while having lots of fun!

During our visit, the children explored the history of kings and queens from the past and discovered the fascinating history of Warwick Castle. They learned about how people lived and worked in the castle many years ago, including the different jobs that helped keep the castle running.

We also enjoyed the spectacular falconry show, where we watched magnificent birds of prey flying overhead. One of the highlights of the day was the wonderful **Zog** live performance, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

It was a fantastic learning experience, bringing history to life and creating lots of wonderful memories. The children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Written by Miss Harrison

Year 2 Visit to Envirosort

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Envirosort, where the children enjoyed learning all about recycling and how we can all help to protect our environment. They discovered which everyday items can and cannot be recycled, as well as practical ways to reduce waste and reuse materials at home and at school.

One of the highlights of the visit was standing on the viewing platform and watching the recycling process from above. It was fascinating to see how different materials are sorted and prepared for recycling.

The children were a real credit to the school. They were respectful throughout the visit, listened carefully, and asked thoughtful questions that impressed the Envirosort staff. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative experience, and the children returned to school inspired to make even more environmentally friendly choices. A great trip was had by all!



Written by Mrs Brown

Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa



On Tuesday 9th June, we went on our final trip of the year to Chedworth Roman Villa.

We spent the day learning all about how the Romans lived. We made mosaics, built structures and explored ruins.

We had a fantastic day of learning and it was a wonderful way to begin our topic of learning this half term.



Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy



Year 4 in Summer 2



This half term we have been incredibly busy in Year 4. The highlight has to be our incredible trip to London! The day started early at the Evesham Train Station, before landing at Paddington where we boarded the tube to St James' Park. We then walked to Buckingham Palace where we arrived just in time to see the King's horses go past. Following this, we walked across London, past Big Ben and over Westminster Bridge to get to the London Eye. Although there were some butterflies about getting onto the Eye, we all had a wonderful time seeing the sights of London from above. The children were so encouraging to each other about being so high up and incredibly curious about what we could see from the pods. From here we went to the Victoria Tower Gardens for lunch, before being taken on a tour into the Houses of Parliament. We went into the hall of Westminster, watched part of a debate in the House of Commons and even met our local MP to ask him some questions. The children really showed off their maturity, curiosity and joy for their learning and being able to explore the city.

Written by Miss Knapton

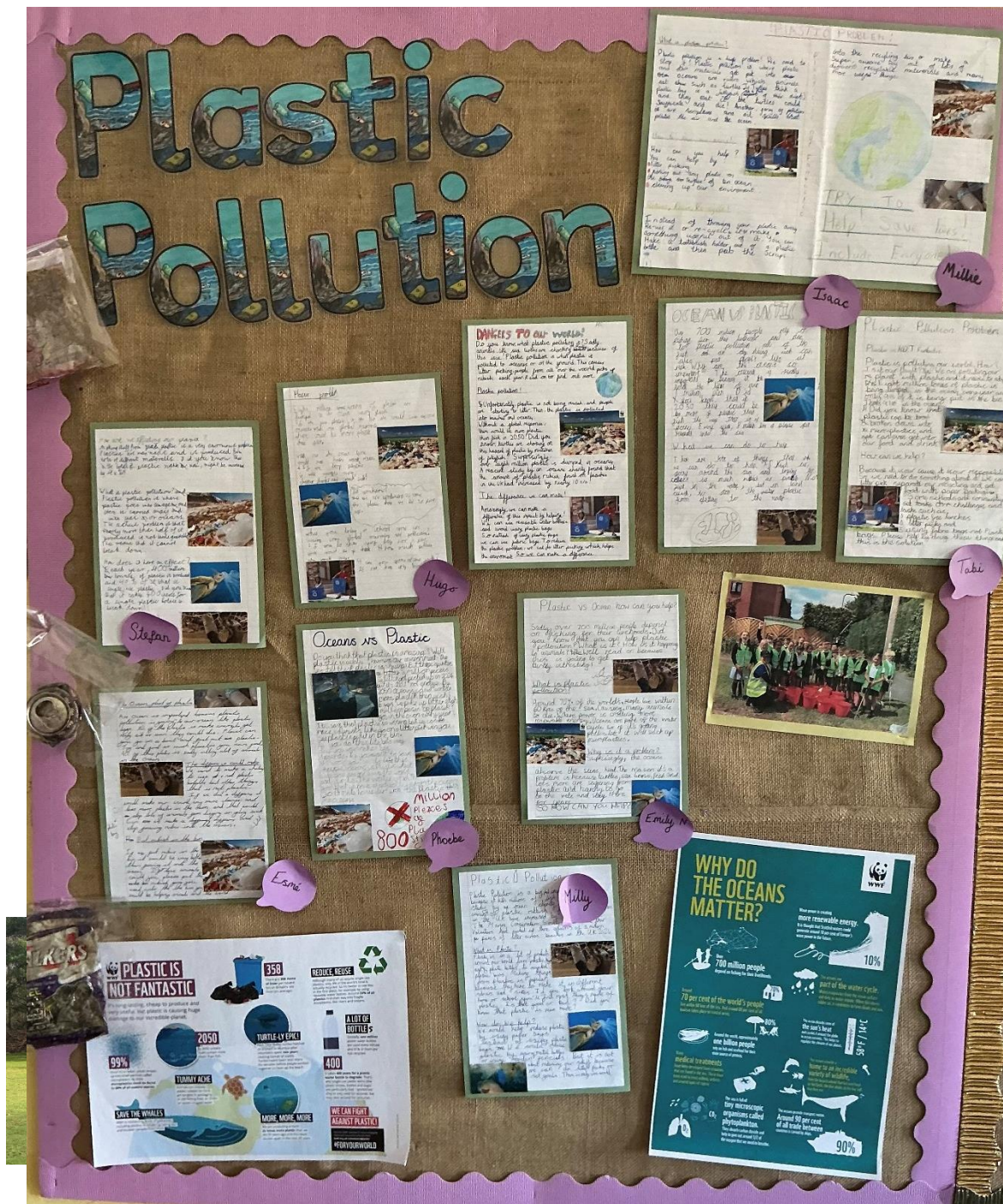




World Earth Day

For World Earth Day, Year 4 did lots of research and created some beautiful, informative non-chronological reports to explain why plastic pollution is a problem for our environment, and what we can do to support our planet.

Written by Miss Knapton



On Friday 19th June, Year 5 enjoyed a day at Mary Arden's Farm, Stratford, to support our learning about Shakespeare and life in Tudor times. We were blessed with glorious weather to complete all sorts of activities which included butter making, tapestry painting, wattle and daub, making lavender nose bags and touring the farm. Children showed excellent knowledge of Tudor times and super curiosity when handling resources on site. It was exciting at lunch time to get our hands on some real Tudor toys, and we finished the day by learning and performing a simple Tudor dance. Well done Year 5!

Written by Mrs Cruchley



CAMEO TEAS

Year 5 spent two lovely afternoons enjoying tea and cakes with the CAMEO church group. It was fabulous to be able to take part in this event and gave us the chance to mix with members of our community.



Our annual Sports Day on Friday 3rd July was a fantastic success, with an excellent turnout of parents, carers and family members who came along to cheer on the children. Despite the very hot weather, pupils in both Key

Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 demonstrated incredible determination, enthusiasm and resilience as they took part in a range of track and field events. It was wonderful to see such brilliant teamwork within the classes, with children encouraging one another, celebrating each other's successes and showing great sportsmanship throughout the day. There were some outstanding individual performances, but what impressed us most was the support, effort and positive attitude shown by everyone. Thank you to all our spectators for creating such a wonderful atmosphere and helping to make the day so memorable.



Written by Mrs Cruchley

Key Stage 2 Production – *Pirates of the Curry Bean!*

What an incredible performance from our Key Stage 2 children in this year's production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean!* The children were outstanding, working so hard to learn their lines, practise the songs and dances, and truly bring the story to life. We are incredibly proud of every one of them.

A huge thank you also goes to all of the staff who dedicated so much time and effort behind the scenes to make the production such a fantastic success. It was a wonderful team effort, and one that everyone involved should be very proud of.



Written by Mrs Whillock



Bishop Art Competition

Bishop Hugh and the rest of the Diocese team wanted to thank all the children who joined in and submitted entries to the Art Competition.

Bishop Hugh has greatly enjoyed looking through all the wonderful artwork.

Unfortunately, our entries were not selected as one of the winning pieces, however, he was extremely impressed by all the pictures and has decided that he would like to use the artwork in other ways.

We will be updated with any plans for displaying the pictures and how they may be used.

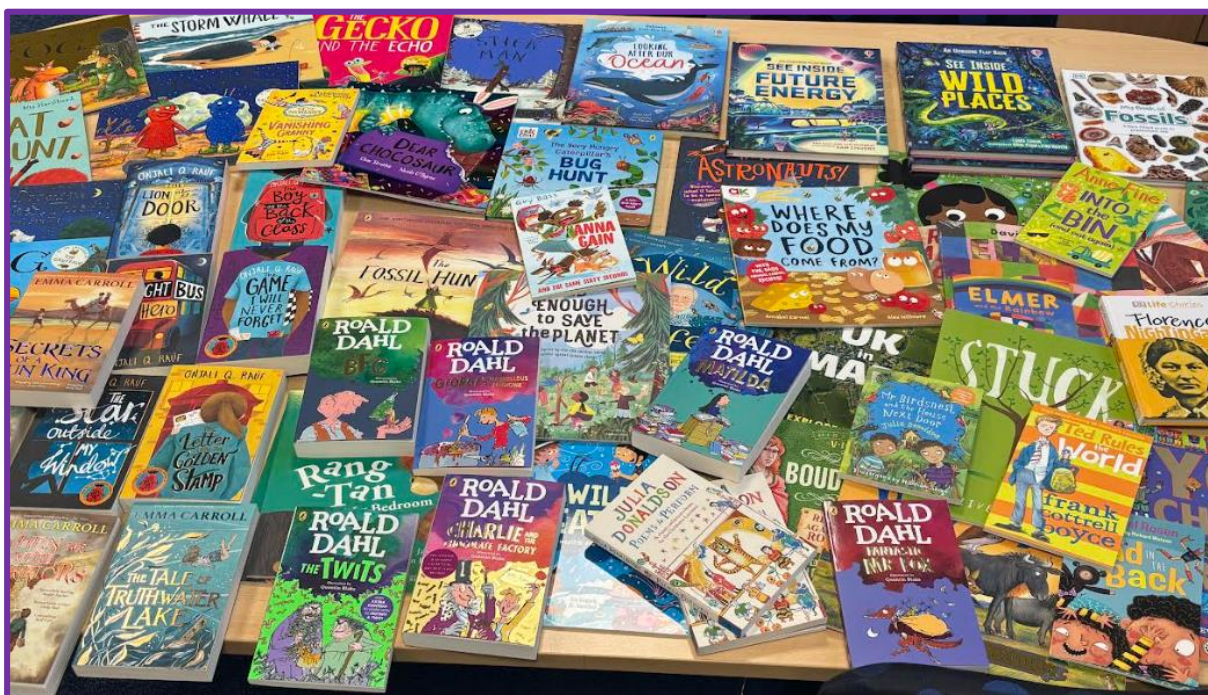


Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that came and supported our school book fair earlier in the year.

We have received a huge selection of amazing books for our school library and classroom reading areas!

Written by Mrs Enstone



Charity News

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year with our various school charities – your help really does make a difference.

You also raised £39.72 at the KS2 Production for the Dogs Trust – thank you!

Mrs Cruchley and the Charity Ministers



A huge well done and thank you to Jessie & Freddie who raised £63.10 for the PTFA by selling poppies and sunflowers.



Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

Why not apply to find out?

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Free School Meals Information (September 2026)

There are three types of Free School Meals: Expanded, Targeted and Universal Infant

Criteria	Expanded FSM	Targeted FSM	Universal Infant FSM
Who qualifies	Families in receipt of Universal Credit, household income above £7400 per year	- Families in receipt of Universal Credit, household income under £7400 per year - Other qualifying benefits - Certain immigration statuses. See next page for details.	Based on child's school year: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 where you don't qualify for Expanded or Targeted FSM
Meals (term time)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Holiday Activity Food fund support (HAF)	No	Yes register your child at www.haf-it.co.uk	No
Pupil Premium support – each school has it's own policy	No	Yes	No
Subsidised Home to school transport	No	Possible, if additional criteria are met www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/school-and-college-travel	No
How to apply	Apply online: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals		No application needed. Speak to your child's school
When to apply	From Mid June	From now	N/A
Protected status until:	August 2027, you'll be rechecked each summer for the next academic year		Finishes at the end of year 2

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM SEPTEMBER 2026
CHILDREN WHO ARE ENTITLED TO TARGETED FSM ONLY
WILL BE ENTITLED TO 50% OFF TRIPS**

There will be a new autumn/winter menu in place from September – please see our website.

There are some delicious choices on offer so please encourage your child to have a cooked lunch in school.

Please note prices increase to £2.75 from 1st September.

Please ensure that lunches are paid for on the day or in advance (Nursery and Years 3-5) via ParentPay.

Thank you



Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch please could you ensure:

Please encourage the school aim of 'healthy eating' by including a piece of fruit or a raw vegetable.

No sweets or chocolate are allowed though a chocolate type biscuit is acceptable.

Water is always provided but you may send your own drink if preferred - this should be water or squash.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Some Asian food, including satay Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely

**THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE**



Thank you



Workshops

We are looking for some parents/carers that would be able to support with our theme workshops during the week beginning 2nd November as follows:

Thursday 5th November is our World Celebration day - if you celebrate Diwali, Hannukah or Eid and would be happy to talk to the children about your celebration we would love to hear from you!

Friday 6th November is our Safety Awareness Day - if you have a qualification in first aid, we are looking for someone to teach the children some basic first aid skills.

If you think you would be able to support our theme days then please get in touch with Mrs Enstone.

Year 4 will begin swimming lessons on 24th September for 10 weeks

A letter will be sent at the start of the new term.
Payments to be made via ParentPay please.

Thank you



Trips/Workshops

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



Diary Dates

To try to support your planning we have again added all our diary dates for the next academic year to the end of this newsletter.

These will also be added to our school website calendar in due course.

Please note dates may be subject to change – new/amended dates will be shown in red. Please check future newsletters for updates.

Thank you.

Clubs

We are so pleased to have been able to offer so many after school clubs this term. The children have enjoyed such a variety of different experiences.

New club information will be shared at the start of the autumn term.





Summer Holidays: Great British Summer Savings Scheme 2026

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to share some welcome news to help our families manage the cost of the upcoming summer break.

The government has launched the Great British Summer Savings scheme, running from 25 June to 1 September 2026. This initiative aims to make family days out and travel significantly more affordable over the holidays.

Key Highlights Include:

- Free August Bus Travel: Throughout the entire month of August, all children aged 5 to 15 can travel for free on local bus services across England.
- 5% VAT Cut on Family Attractions: Major theme parks, zoos, aquariums, safari parks, and museums are offering reduced admission rates.
- Cheaper Cinema & Dining: The discount also applies to children's/family tickets at participating cinemas and theatres, as well as children's menus when dining in at restaurants and cafés.
- Increased Mileage Allowance: For parents who use their cars for work, the tax-free mileage rate has been increased to 55p per mile for the first 10,000 miles, providing a little extra household budget support.
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Find Savings Near You: The government has launched a dedicated portal where you can type in your postcode to find participating local venues, restaurants, and exact discounts near you.

To plan your budget-friendly summer days out, visit: www.summersavings.gov.uk



Open Days for Prospective New Families

We are delighted to welcome families to our school so you can experience our learning environment and see the children enjoying the curriculum. You will receive an overview of life at Harvington C of E First and Nursery school so you can make an informed choice about a school for your child.

You will be given a tour of the school, visit the classrooms and extensive grounds, and have the opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of your child joining our school family.

To make it a positive experience for you we do limit the numbers for each tour. You are welcome to bring your child.

If you would like to book into one of the planned visit day dates, please phone the school office (01386 870412) or email the school on: office@harvington.worcs.sch.uk to make a booking. We will ask for your name, a contact number and the name and date of birth of your child.

Next Dates:

Friday 25th September 2026 9.30am to 11.30am

Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 9.30am to 11.30am

Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 6pm

Class Attendance
02.09.25 to 17.07.26

★ Year 4 97.51% ★

Year R 96.6%

Year 5 96.65%

Year 2 95.99%

Year 3 95.82%

Year 1 95.12%

Whole School overall 96.32%

Thank you to those who joined us for
Presentation Morning. Many
congratulations go to all the worthy
recipients!

If your child received an award and you
wish to have their name engraved
please do so and return it in the spring
term to the school office.

Thank you



**Spaces
still
available!**

Harvington CE First & Nursery School

Come along and see our outstanding Nursery
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



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!

Community Public Access Defibrillator



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

We also hold a trauma kit in
school

Please share this information.

Thank you

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.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd September.

Tom Holdstock

Headteacher

Information home this week:

Information from Cyber Protect West Mercia

Raring2Go Magazine

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herfordandworcester/summer2026/>

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Newsletter

Evesham Velo Park – Family Cycle Days

September 2026

Tuesday 1st – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 2nd – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 3rd – School opens for autumn term (Reception children in until 12:45pm)
Thursday 3rd – PSHE Jigsaw day and Understanding Christianity – Creation
Friday 4th – Reception children in until 12:45pm
Friday 4th – Online Safety Day and Science Day (not EYFS)-PTFA funded
Monday 7th – Music lessons start this week
Friday 11th – First Celebration Assembly (Years 1-5 only) all welcome (these will continue fortnightly unless informed via App Message)
Wednesday 16th – Meet the Teacher 5pm-6pm
Wednesday 23rd – Reading and Phonics Meeting for Reception parents/carers 2:15pm
Thursday 24th – Swimming starts for Year 4 (10 lessons)
Friday 25th – Open Morning 9.30am to 11:30am
Monday 28th – After School Clubs start this week (8 weeks)
Tuesday 29th – School Photographs (N-Year 5 plus siblings)

October 2026

Tuesday 6th – Open Morning for prospective new families 9.30am
Wednesday 7th – Open Evening for prospective new families 6:00pm
Friday 9th – Year 1 trip to Bishops Wood
Friday 9th – PTFA Bedtime Story/Film Night (Nursery 5.30pm-6.30pm) (R-5 5.30pm-7.15pm)
Wednesday 14th – Year 5 trip to Compton Verney
Wednesday 21st – Nasal flu immunisations Rec-Year 5-afternoon
Wednesday 21st – Harvest Festival 9.30am in the school hall
Friday 23rd – Last day of autumn 1
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October Half term holiday

November 2026

Monday 2nd – PSHE/Understanding Christianity Day
Tuesday 3rd – Oracy Day
Wednesday 4th – Non-Fiction November theme day
Thursday 5th – World Celebrations theme day
Friday 6th – Safety Awareness theme day
Wednesday 11th – Remembrance Service 10.50am – school hall all welcome
Friday 13th – Children in Need Day-Non uniform day (bright colours) for a donation
Friday 20th – Book Look for parents in classrooms 3:00-3:30pm
Monday 23rd – Last week of after school clubs
Tuesday 24th – Parent Consultations face to face 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall (All year groups)
Wednesday 25th – Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:30pm-5:00pm (Reception-Year 5)



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December 2026

Wednesday 2nd – Advent Service in St James' Church 9.30am (all welcome)
Friday 11th-PTFA Christmas Fayre 3:00-4:30pm
Monday 14th – EYFS/KS1 Productions 1.30pm
Tuesday 15th – EYFS/KS1 Production 1:30 pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 16th – Pantomime Trip Chipping Campden Theatre YR-Y5
Thursday 17th – Christmas dinner, party and special visitor
Thursday 17th – KS2 Carol Service at St James' Church 6pm
Friday 18th – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th – End of autumn term

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January 2027

Monday 4th – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5th – Spring term starts for pupils
Tuesday 5th – PSHE Jigsaw/Understanding Christianity Day
Wednesday 6th-Artists from around the world theme day
Thursday 7th-Big Schools' Bird Watch theme day
Friday 8th- PE theme day
Wednesday 13th – Year 5 trip to the Almonry
Thursday 14th – Swimming starts for Year 3 (10 lessons)
Monday 18th – After school clubs start this week
Friday 29th- PTFA Disco KS1 5pm-6pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm



February 2027

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th - Year 5 Residential to Malvern Outdoor Centre
Tuesday 9th-National Online Safety Day
Friday 12th - End of term
Monday 15th – Friday 19th- Half term holiday
Monday 22nd– School reopens for pupils
Monday 22nd – PSHE Mindfulness Day/Understanding Christianity – Salvation
Friday 26th-Book Fair 3:15pm

March 2027

Monday 1st-Book Fair 3:15pm
Tuesday 2nd-Book Fair 3:15pm
Wednesday 3rd-Book Fair 3:15pm
Thursday 4th – World Book Day-Dress as a story character
Tuesday 9th – Year 5 trip to The Islamic Centre
Wednesday 10th - Ash Wednesday Service in Church at 9.30am (all welcome)
Friday 12th-Book Look in classrooms 3:00-3:30pm
Monday 15th – Last week of after school clubs
Wednesday 17th- Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:45pm-5:00pm (Reception to Year 5)
Thursday 18th- Parent Consultations face to face in the hall 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall (all year groups)
Friday 19th March-PTFA Chocolate Bingo
Wednesday 24th March- Easter Service 9am in school
Thursday 25th March-End of Term

April 2027

Monday 12th – Summer term starts for pupils
Monday 12th-PSHE Jigsaw Day/Understanding Christianity
Tuesday 13th-Language theme day
Wednesday 14th-STEM theme day
Thursday 15th-Leonardo De Vinci theme day
Friday 16th-Careers day and online safety day
Monday 26th – After school clubs start this week
Thursday 29th-Swimming starts for Year 5 (10 lessons)



May 2027

Monday 3rd – May Day school closed
Friday 7th May-PTFA Summer Disco KS1 5pm-6pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
Monday 10th – Bikeability Year 5 all week
Wednesday 26th-Music Concert 6pm
Friday 28th-PTFA Sponsored Walk
Friday 28th – Summer 1 terms ends
Monday 31st to Friday 4th June Half term holiday

June 2027

Monday 7th– Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 8th– PSHE Jigsaw Day/Understanding Christianity
Wednesday 9th –Grounds Morning all welcome
Wednesday 9th – Year 5 CAMEO Teas in Church at 1.30pm
Thursday 10th – Maths theme day
Thursday 10th-Year 2 Trip to Envirosort
Friday 11th – History day and Online Safety Day
Monday 14th-Friday 18th-Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week and Year 4 Times table Assessment Week
Monday 21st– Last week of after school clubs
Wednesday 23rd – Transfer Day-**TBC**
Wednesday 23rd- Reception New Parents Meeting 6pm-7pm-TBC
Wednesday 30th- In school transfer morning

July 2027

Friday 2nd – Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting)
Friday 2nd – PTFA Summer Fayre 4pm-7pm
Monday 5th- Reports sent to parents
Wednesday 7th – Nursery Graduation – parents invited 10am
Wednesday 7th – Year 5 CAMEO Teas in school at 1.30pm
Monday 12th – Presentation Morning (invitation only)
Wednesday 14th – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6pm
Tuesday 20th – Leavers' Service – 9am school hall Year 5 parents welcome
Tuesday 20th – Summer term ends
Wednesday 21st – Staff Training day

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