



NEWSLETTER
Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another glorious and busy half term at Harvington CE First and Nursery School. The half term began with a wonderful theme week that included circus skill workshops for the children to try their hand at some activities that were new to most. Throughout the half term pupils have enjoyed a collection of trips including to Worcester Cathedral, Birmingham Town Hall and Nature in Art. Recently, our Year 5s have enjoyed their Bikeability sessions, learning to ride safely on the roads locally.

There is always a lot going on in and around school. What continues to impress me, is the way our children approach these opportunities with such enthusiasm, kindness and curiosity. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits or representing the school in the community, they continue to make us proud.

I would also like to thank our staff, governors, families and wider community for their continued support. Schools work best when we work together and we are very fortunate to have such a caring and supportive school community around us.

As we move towards the final weeks of the academic year, there is still much to look forward to including more school visits, sporting events and end-of-year celebrations. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the many experiences and achievements from across the school in this newsletter.

Kind regards

Mr Holdstock





In Nursery this half term we have been observing nature through one of our favourite story books, 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. The children each created an ugly slug out of a nylon tight, compost and grass seed, then they found out what a seed needed to grow, before taking it home to look after it and watch it transform into a very hairy grass caterpillar. It didn't take long and the children have been so excited to share their hairy caterpillar photos on the nursery's class Dojo with their friends during carpet time.

We also built a wormery to observe how worms moved around underground between the sand and soil and made sure we watered the soil regularly, feed them and gave them a dark cover to feel at home.

The children also showed us how clever they were at counting out some sunflower seeds before planting them in a pot to take them home safely. The nursery staff are all wondering ~ 'who will grow the biggest sunflower?' we can't wait to see these photos on our nursery's class Dojo page! The staff think we have some tiny green fingers that are going to make super gardeners.



Written by Anita Wood



Nursery welcomed parents/carers to join them in a Forest School workshop

The nursery children were really excited to show their parents and siblings around our forest school area. There were lots of fun activities to join in with from making 'Dream Catchers' from a selection of materials. Investigating the mud pit and manipulating clay to create their very own mini beast. We also had a problem-solving activity to move water from one area to another using drainpipes and different resources. As well as a mini beast challenge to find and count the different bugs hiding around the forest, then make corresponding marks next to the bugs picture.

Thank you to everyone who managed to come and have fun. We know the children loved showing you around, by their smiles, giggles and excitement.

Written by Anita Wood



Reception Trip

This half term our topic is 'Express Yourself' so we have been enjoying art, drama and poetry within class. To develop our art skills further, we visited Nature in Art in Gloucester and had an amazing day of art workshops and finding sculptures around the site. The children completed some shaving foam art printing to make their own pictures and used their imagination to create 3D art from natural objects. We had time to look in the art gallery and go on a sculpture walk.



Bug Hunt!

As part of our celebrations for Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, the Outdoor Learning ministers organised a bug hunt for each year group in the school. It was amazing to see all the different insects and minibeasts that live in our school grounds!



Tabitha, Jessica, Isla (Outdoor Learning ministers) and Mrs Poole

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we have been completing work on 'Understanding Relationships'. These lessons have supported children in understanding how to be a good friend and how friendships are important. Each year group explored different topics linked to our relationships with other people, how to stay safe and kind in our relationships.

Written by Miss Knapton



Year 2

Worcester Cathedral

First, we arrived at the old, beautiful cathedral. It was amazing! We split up into three groups and all had a tour of the cathedral. We got to see a sink where the monks used to wash their hands. All children went down into the bottom of the cathedral which is the oldest part of the cathedral (nearly a 1000 years old!).

After the tour we had our delicious lunch in our special room which was just for us. Finally, we split into our groups again and had a closer look at the stain glass window where we found the pink giraffe called Georgina! We decorated prayer pebbles with the symbols of Christianity and got to take them home.

"My favourite bit was decorating the stones"- Ada

"I loved listening to the creation story"- Isabelle

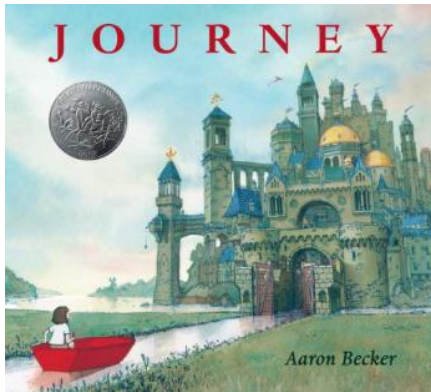
Written by Sophie and Willow



Summer 1 in Year 3

We have had another wonderful half term in Year 3, filled with lots of fantastic learning experiences. We are at the point in the year now where the children are really secure and confident in Key Stage 2, and it has been lovely to begin to reflect on all their progress since September. The children have continued with their enthusiasm, resilience and growing independence across all areas of the curriculum. It has been especially rewarding to see them challenge themselves, support one another and take pride in their achievements.

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy



"The story was really good and I liked that it had no words because we could imagine what it was about" – Noah P

"The Journey book made me think in my head of magic adventures!" – Theo

"The book was really interesting and I was really engaged with it" – Munesu

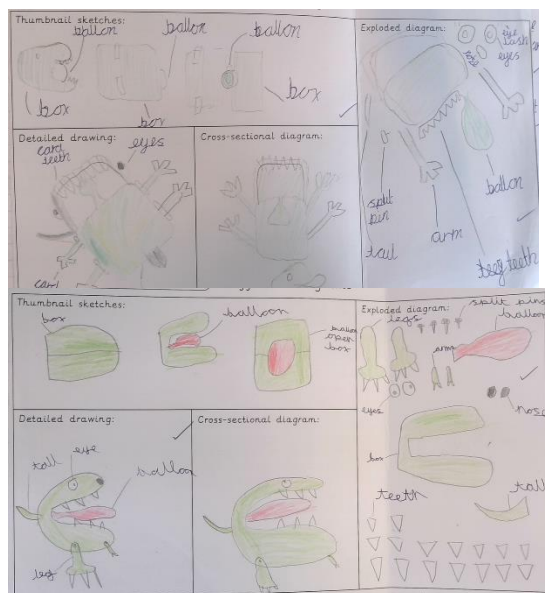


On Friday 1st May, we went on our KS2 trip to see Aardman in Concert in Birmingham.

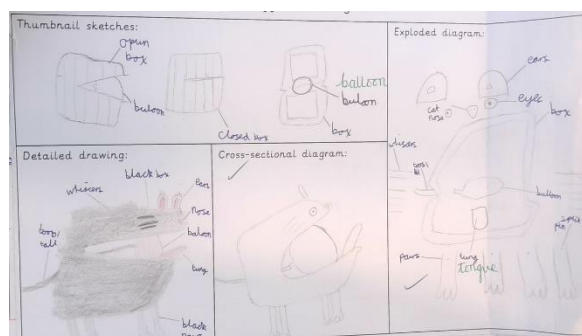
"I liked the trip because it was musical and exciting!" – Isla

"I liked watching the orchestra perform all of the songs from Aardman and I liked looking at all their different costumes!" – Ada

Designing and making pneumatic toys in DT...



"The pneumatic toys were really fun to make and I enjoyed designing mine! I made a crocodile" - By Noah. P



"I really liked making it because I like making things that can move" - By Nina

"I found it really cool that when you blow into the tube, the balloon blows up and the box opens!" - By Dylan

On Tuesday 19th May, we had a Hinduism themed morning to bring our RE learning to a close for this half term. We made vegetable samosas, coconut laddoo and made origami lotus flowers to link with our learning of Hindu festivals and communities.



"I really liked making the coconut laddoo because I have never made anything like that before!" - Noah D

"It was really sticky and gooey! We had to mix it together, then roll it into balls" - Phoenix

"I liked making the samosas because I liked filling and folding them. I couldn't wait to try them!" - Evie



"I liked making the lotus flowers because it was fun and peaceful" - Esme

"I loved making the flowers because it was fun and calming" - Hattie

Year 4

This half term Year 4 have been busy learning, creating and having fun.

In Geography this half term, our topic has been rivers. We have looked at what makes a river, and the children have been out of the classroom hunting to match explanations to parts of the water cycle, to develop their knowledge and understanding. They have also been creative with junk, to produce some fantastic models of the upper, middle and lower courses of a river. More recently we have explored maps where children have identified where our local rivers are and what they are called.



We have also been taking inspiration from the rainforest this half term. We have used a style of viewfinder in art, to look closely at specific aspects of an animal to recreate the shapes and patterns that can be found in the natural world. These pieces of artwork have been beautiful to see, and all the children should be incredibly proud of how much work they have put in this half term.



Written by Miss Knapton

Year 5

KS2 Trip to Birmingham – Aardman in Concert!

KS2 had an unforgettable adventure to Birmingham to experience the amazing *Aardman in Concert!* The children were treated to a spectacular performance featuring much-loved Aardman classics including Wallace & Gromit and Shaun the Sheep.

As the children watched exciting clips on the big screen, a live orchestra performed the music alongside the films, bringing the action to life in a truly magical way. From hilarious moments to dramatic scenes, the orchestra made every part of the experience even more exciting! The children were captivated from start to finish and thoroughly enjoyed seeing their favourite characters in such a unique and entertaining performance. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience live music, animation and storytelling all together in one incredible show.

Written by Mrs Whillock and Mrs Cruchley

Swimming Gala

This half term, a group of talented KS2 children made a splash at the swimming gala held at Evesham Leisure Centre! The children took part in a range of exciting races, showing off their skills in freestyle, backstroke and team relays.

The atmosphere was full of energy and excitement as the children swam their hearts out and gave every race their best effort. Not only did they demonstrate fantastic determination and resilience in the pool, but they also showed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the event. Our pupils cheered loudly for one another and even supported children from other schools, creating a brilliant team spirit and a really positive atmosphere.

The children represented the school beautifully, showing excellent behaviour, encouragement and enthusiasm all day long.

We are incredibly proud of all the swimmers for their hard work, confidence and positive attitudes.

Written by Mrs Whillock and Mrs Cruchley



Dogs Trust

This half term, our wonderful Charity Ministers have been busy helping the school raise money for the amazing charity Dogs Trust.

The school took part in a fun "Name the Dog" competition.

The lucky winner was thrilled to take home the soft toy dog as their prize, and there was lots of excitement across the school throughout the competition.

Thanks to the generosity and support of our children, families and staff, we are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing £37.50 for the charity!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated. Your support will help Dogs Trust continue the fantastic work they do caring for dogs and finding them loving homes.



Written by Mrs Whillock and Mrs Cruchley

Bikeability

Year 5 have been busy developing their cycling skills this term as they completed their Level 2 Bikeability training! The children showed fantastic determination, confidence and enthusiasm throughout the course, learning how to ride safely and responsibly on the roads.

We were incredibly proud of how well they listened to instructions, supported one another and demonstrated excellent teamwork and road awareness.

From mastering hand signals to safely navigating junctions, the children approached every challenge with maturity and positivity.

Well done, Year 5 — you were amazing cyclists and should all be very proud of yourselves!

Written by Mrs Whillock and Mrs Cruchley



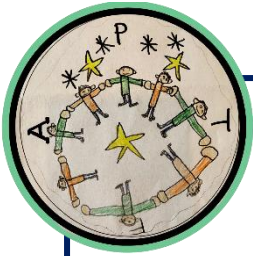


On Wednesday 20th May, we held our annual Music Concert. It was a fantastic evening filled with incredible performances from our talented children, who proudly showcased their wonderful musical abilities. Over 40 performers took to the stage, delighting the audience with violin, singing, guitar, piano and handbells choir performances. We are incredibly proud, as ever, of our wonderfully talented children!



We are delighted to have been awarded the Music Mark Award in recognition of our commitment to providing a wide range of musical opportunities for all children. Through performance, enrichment and access to a variety of instruments and musical experiences, we are proud to nurture creativity, confidence and a love of music across our school community.

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy



Sponsored Walk



The children have enjoyed taking part in our sponsored walk today – thank you to everyone who supported with this. We'll let you know the amount once it's been counted.

All money raised will go towards our school.



Dress Down Day

Friday 12th June

If your child brings a tombola prize (either for the adult or child tombola) then they may attend school in their own home clothes on Friday 12th June. Example items include chocolates, tins, unwanted gifts, toiletries, toys, bottles of wine. The tombola contributions will be collected by the gate in the morning. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Dress Down Day

Friday 26th June

Please may we ask you to send in a jar filled with goodies for a child to buy at the summer fair. For example, you could add wrapped sweets, small toys, stationery etc.

The jars will be collected by the gate on the morning.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.



PTFA Summer Fayre – Friday 3rd July
4pm -7pm



Grounds Morning

We are looking for parent/Carer helpers that can come in and support with our grounds morning on **Wednesday 3rd June** from 9am for an hour or two. It will involve helping the children complete tasks such as weeding, sweeping, trimming bushes... If anyone is able to attend please let the office or Class teachers know and if you have a wheelbarrow or gardening tools that you can bring we have some bark to move!

Thank you.



SEND parent/Carer Drop in

Thank you to everyone who attended the last SEND drop in, it was a lovely session and everyone who attended is keen for these sessions to happen more regularly.

Our next session will be on **Monday 8th June 8:45am-10am**



If you are a parent/carers of a child with a special educational need or disability please come along to have a cup of tea and chat with other parents/carers and have time to talk to me as SENCo.

We hope to see you there
Becky Enstone



Many congratulations to both Mrs Magee and Mrs Cooper who both gave birth to baby girls.

Nursery, Breakfast Club and Wrappers Bookings for September 2026

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.

Sports Day & Picnic

Friday 3rd July

Further details to follow shortly.



School Reports

Reports will be issued to parents via 'pupil post' on Friday 3rd July. The reports are very detailed but if you do wish to discuss any aspect please request a meeting with your child's class teacher via the office.

Thank you

Nursery Graduation

Wednesday 8th July at 10.00am-11.00am in the School Hall.

If your child does not attend that morning session, you are very welcome to bring them along at 10.00am and stay with them.

Don't forget to bring the tissues!



5* Food Hygiene Rating

After a spot check visit from Environmental Health we are very pleased to inform you the school received a 5* rating for Food Hygiene.

Congratulations everyone!



KS2 Summer Production

Wednesday 15th July at

1.30pm and 6.00pm

Key Stage Two are proud to present our Summer Production

'Pirates of the Curry Bean'

More details to follow soon ...

Year 5 will resume swimming lessons after half term

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



Thank you

Trips/Workshops

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



Clubs

Clubs continue after half term until week ending Friday 26th June.

Do you have **unwanted electricals** at home? Would you like to be in the running to **win prizes** for recycling them? Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled at your local **Currys** store and could result in prizes for our school.

The Hidden Treasure Hunt is a UK wide recycling and education campaign encouraging families and schools to uncover unwanted electricals and reveal the hidden value inside everyday tech.

Intrepid treasure hunters across the land have been scouring their homes for old tech to deliver to our stores, and there's a bounty of riches to be had for the school who recycle the biggest haul!

**GAZE INTO MY EYES
RECYCLING HEROES**

The Hidden Treasure Hunt

I am HypnoCat, master purrrrsuader and recycling crusader.

You wiiiill join the **Hidden Treasure Hunt** to give you and your school the chance to win **PRIZES**:

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled – even the batteries and cables themselves.

Scan here and register each time you recycle to help your school win Microsoft tech – and you'll enter the prize draw for your chance to win a £100 Microsoft tech voucher!

For more information head to HiddenTreasureHunt.org

* Terms and conditions apply. See HiddenTreasureHunt.org for details.

Please recycle after use.

recycle your electricals

Together with **The pod**

currys

Severn Arts Summer Festival is taking place in **Worcester City Centre** on **Saturday 27 June**. They are looking for poetry submissions from people of all ages across the county inspired by the themes: 'Summer' or 'The River'. Selected poems will be displayed around Worcester as part of a public poetry trail, giving aspiring writers a fantastic opportunity to have their work shared with the wider community. If you are interested in taking part, please send your poems to: info@severnarts.org.uk by 5pm on Friday 5 June.



Are you a poet or performer?

Get involved with the
Severn Arts Summer Festival
Saturday 27 June!

We're looking for **live bands** to perform
at The Guild Hall and St Andrew's Church

Submit your poems inspired by the
themes Summer and Rivers now!
Deadline for submissions is **Friday 5 June**
Send your poems to info@severnarts.org.uk

Class Attendance
02.09.25 to 22.05.26

★ **Year 4 97.6%** ★
Year R 97.1%
Year 5 96.5%
Year 3 96.2%
Year 2 96%
Year 1 95.3%

Whole School overall 96.43%

Word
of the
Month
Adapt - Verb

Meaning: To change so as to fit.

In a sentence: "He had to adapt to the change in the weather."

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will be enjoying warmer weather from now on so please may you make sure your child has a sun hat, refillable water bottle and has had sun cream applied before school. We do need you to apply the long lasting sun cream to avoid further sun cream being applied during the school day. If you need to send a bottle of sun cream into school, it needs to be named and passed to your class teacher for safekeeping. It would also be useful for you to ensure jumpers and cardigans are still named, as they are easily mislaid.

We encourage the children to play in our shaded areas at playtimes wearing their sunhats and drinking plenty of water.

Please can we remind you that 'school type' shoes should always be worn. 'Open toed' sandals are not acceptable as they are unsafe in our busy playground.

Thank you

School Closed

Please remember school is closed on Monday 1st June as this is a designated staff training day. The school will reopen on Tuesday 2nd June. Thank you.



Evesham Lifesaving Club

Affiliated to Royal Life Saving Society
Early Sunday Evenings in term time
Evesham Leisure Centre
Minimum level 7 swimmer and 8 years old
Fun and cheap way to be in the water
Subs currently £13 a month
Contact eveshamrlss@outlook.com or
Andrew Uncles, Head Trainer, 07929 549839 for details



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



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

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.

Please share this information.

Thank you

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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.

We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd June.

Tom Holdstock

Headteacher

May 2026

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May Half term holiday

June 2026

Monday 1st – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd – PSHE Jigsaw Day/Understanding Christianity Kingdom of God

Tuesday 2nd – Year 4 Parents/Carers and children invited to Residential meeting in Year 5 classroom

Wednesday 3rd – Grounds Morning all welcome

Thursday 4th – Music Day and Litter Picking

Friday 5th – World Environment Day and Online Safety

Monday 8th – Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle

Monday 8th – SEND Parent/Carer Drop-in 8.45am to 10am

Wednesday 10th – Year 5 Bellboating at Fladbury

Friday 12th – Dress down day for a tombola prize for the PTFA summer fair

Friday 12th – Year 2 trip to Envirosort

Wednesday 17th – Nursery visit St James Church 9-10.30am

Wednesday 17th – Year 5 CAMEO Teas in Church

Friday 19th – Year 5 trip to Mary Arden's Farm

Friday 19th – PTFA Film Night – times to be confirmed

Monday 22nd – Last week of after school clubs

Monday 22nd – Year 5 Evesham Schools Bellboat Regatta

Tuesday 23rd – Year N & R trip to the Swan Theatre, Worcester

Wednesday 24th – Transfer Day

Wednesday 24th – Reception New Parents Meeting 6.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 26th – Dress down day for a jar filled with goodies for the PTFA summer fair

Friday 26th – Year N & R Together Day – Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 30th – Year 4 trip to London



July 2026

Wednesday 1st – In school transfer morning

Friday 3rd – Reports sent to parents

Friday 3rd – Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting)

Friday 3rd – PTFA Summer Fair 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday 8th – Nursery Graduation – parents invited 10am

Wednesday 8th – Year 5 CAMEO Teas in school

Monday 13th – Presentation Morning (invitation only) at 9.30am

Wednesday 15th – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6pm

Friday 17th – Leavers' Service – 9am school hall Year 5 parents' welcome

Friday 17th – Summer term ends

Monday 20th – Staff training day

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

September 2026

Tuesday 1st – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

Thursday 3rd – School open to all pupils