



NEWSLETTER
Friday 13th February 2026

This half term has seen some wonderful events and shared activities across school. Nursery and Reception joined together earlier this week to celebrate Chinese New Year. Year 1 have this week been sharing some beautiful, creative projects they have made all about themselves. Year 2 have enjoyed a recent trip to the Black Country Museum and a Victorian day together in school. Year 3 spent this Wednesday enjoying a day as Celts, painting their faces ready for battle and baking bread. Year 4 recently went on a trip to Singers Hill Synagogue, learning first-hand about the Jewish faith. Year 5 had an incredible time on their residential to Malvern Hills where they pushed themselves to try a great variety of adventurous outdoor activities and enjoyed two nights away from home together.

Harvington CE First School's vision is "Together we love, learn and grow." Looking at this list of events from the past few weeks, it really shows how this vision is lived out by the staff, pupils and wider community. A huge thank you to the wonderful team of staff and volunteers who help to make events, visits and trips like this happen, giving the children a great wealth of life experiences and opportunities to grow.

Have a great half term everyone.

Mr Holdstock

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we have been completing work on 'Dreams and Goals'. These lessons have encouraged the children to think about what they have achieved and succeeded at in their lives so far and the obstacles they have had to face. Children have then thought about what they would like to achieve in their future years.



Written by Mrs Cooper



Winter Wonderland!

The **BLUBBER** Glove Experiment

1. Fill a water pitcher with ice water.
2. Scoop about 2 cups of shortening into a plastic bag.
3. Place the second plastic bag inside the first.
4. Use your hands to spread a thin, even layer of shortening between the two bags.
5. Fold the top edge of the inner plastic bag over, so it lies flat against the outer bag.
6. Seal the bags together with a piece of tape.
7. Using a timer, see how long you can stand to keep your bare hand submerged in the ice water.
8. Place your opposite hand inside the plastic bag and use the timer to see how long you can keep your blubber-covered hand submerged in the ice water. Be careful not to let water get into the top of the bag.



Items Needed:

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| 2 plastic bags | Spoon | Water |
| Strong tape | Water pitcher | Timer |
| 2 cups shortening | Ice | |

Follow Up Questions:

1. Why do marine mammals swim in icy cold water?
2. What would happen to animals that swim in cold water if they did not have an insulating layer of blubber?
3. Unlike seals, whales, and polar bears, people don't have a layer of blubber to keep them warm. What strategies do humans use to keep their bodies insulated during the winter?



Alpha Omega Publications

The nursery children have been super scientists this half term. They have explored how the polar bears stayed warm in the Arctic by doing the 'Blubber Glove Experiment'. We made a snowstorm in a jar by adding baby oil, glitter, white paint, water and Alka Seltzers and watched the chemical reaction as it bounced around.

Explored how water turned to ice outside during our very cold and frosty week of Arctic weather.

We also discovered how ice can melt, by the sun, the heat from our hands, and different resources.

Truly great scientists in the making, with lots of brilliant conversations and good listening skills.

Written by Anita Wood



Year 2 Black Country Museum

Our trip was amazing! We got to find out more about the Victorians and we travelled back in time. We went to a Victorian school and had a lesson. The journey there was very long but fun! Some of us even went on the double decker bus!

By Isabelle



On Wednesday 11th February Year 2 went back in time and came into school as Victorians. We spent the day doing lots of activities the children then would have done such as playing games and handwriting.

After that, we watched a Punch and Judy show and had great fun creating our own puppets and putting on shows for each other. During the afternoon we learnt about William Morris and had a go at making our own wallpaper and then made a cup and ball game. It was tricky to get the ball into the cup! We had a great day.

Written by Mrs Magee



Year 3 Celtic Day

On Wednesday 11th February, Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic Celtic-themed day to celebrate the end of their history topic. Throughout the day, we took part in a range of exciting activities, including making clay thumb pots, trying basket weaving, and baking bread.

The children had a wonderful time, and it was a great way to bring all of their learning together. Everyone came to school dressed up and fully embraced the experience, thoroughly enjoying each of the activities.

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy



Year 3 trip to Bishops Wood



On Friday 30th January 2026, Year 3 travelled to Bishops Wood. They started off their morning doing lots of different activities including weaving, knotting, grounding flour, hunting and gathering. After lunch, the children worked together to create structures and created some wonderful cave drawings! We had a fantastic day together and it was great to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning this half term.

Well done Year 3!

Written by Mrs Elaaoudi-Aitsy



Year 4



This half term year 4 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit the Birmingham Singers Hill Synagogue. During our day we spent time in the synagogue school room where young Jewish people learn about their religion. We were then given a tour and told a bit about the history of the beautiful holy building.



The children showed off their own amazing knowledge of the Jewish religion from their RE learning about Jewish traditions and festivals, including Shabbat and Yom Kippur. We learnt about what it would be like for a Jewish person when they attended their synagogue, how important their day of rest is to them and the festivals that celebrate becoming an adult in Bar mitzvah and Bat mitzvah.



We also were shown some very impressive Torah scrolls, we learnt that these are painstakingly written by hand, in Hebrew and without lines!

Written by Miss Knapton





Year Five Almonry Trip

Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Evesham town hall hosted by staff at the Almonry. To support our learning about the Battle of Evesham in 1265, we visited key sites and took part in a re-enactment. Children had the chance to try on battle armour and handle replica weapons. We even learnt about the horrors of medical care for wounded soldiers at this time in history- which was not pleasant! It was a really useful experience to consolidate our learning in the classroom and a fun day for all!

Written by Mrs Cruchley



Year 5 Residential: A Fantastic Few Days Away

Our Year 5 pupils recently returned from a brilliant residential trip full of adventure, teamwork and fun. From tackling the zip wire, quad poles and King Swing to enjoying a muddy woodland walk and a lively dormitory talent show, the children threw themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm.

They were a real credit to the school throughout the trip, showing kindness, resilience and excellent behaviour at all times. Staff were incredibly proud of how they supported one another and represented the school.

Written by Mrs Whillock





On Tuesday 10th February, the school had an Online Safety Day and assembly.



Each class had an activity to do with Online Safety Day.



We make sure everyone stays safe online and know the rules about being online:



- Not talking to strangers
- Not searching inappropriate things
- Not giving anyone you don't know your personal information.
- Always check with a trusted adult before using technology.
- Don't talk to strangers online – they could be dangerous!



It is important for the children in our school to know how to stay safe online and learn about it because if they don't, then they could be in danger.



So, when they are older, they know what to do and they can learn new things and know when to get an adults help.



Written by Georgie and Heather (Year 5 Digital Ministers)



"I like being a digital minister because I like computing and sorting out problems" – Georgie.



"I like being a digital minister because I find Online Safety really interesting!" – Heather.





We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 5th March.

We are asking children to come to school dressed as a book character.

We will also have our book fair open in school on the following days:

Friday 27th February from 3:15pm

Monday 2nd March from 3:15pm

Tuesday 3rd March from 3:15pm

Wednesday 4th March from 3:15pm

The book fair will be in the learning zone/library area so please enter through the main school door. You can pay for books with cash or by scanning the QR code provided. The children can also visit the book fair during the day so if you would like them to purchase a book, then please send some money in their book bags.

We really appreciate your support with the book fair as we get commission to buy new books for our school library.

Thank you!

Music Concert



For those learning a musical instrument there will be a chance for them to perform to parents/carers in an evening concert.

The evening concert will be on 20th May at 6pm.

More details to follow nearer the time.



After School Clubs

Clubs will continue for 4 weeks after half term.

Ash Wednesday Service

Father Glenn will be leading the Ash Wednesday Service at St James' Church on **Wednesday 25th February at 9.30am.**

Parents/carers are welcome to join us for the service.

If you wish your child to have the sign of the cross 'ashed' on their forehead please message the office or put a note in the message book by 3pm Tuesday 24th February. Thank you



Year 3 will continue swimming lessons after half term – the last session will be Thursday 26th March

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.



iSingPOP Concerts – Thursday 26th March

Next month we welcome iSingPOP to school where the children will be involved in a singing and performing project.

There will be two concerts:

2pm Concert 1 - Reception, Y1, Y2 + KS2 Choir (20 Children) - 45mins

6pm Concert 2 - Y3, Y4 and Y5 - 45 mins

Further details to follow shortly

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 2nd March 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



A NOTE FROM THE PTFA



PTFA CONTRIBUTIONS SO FAR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

£100 BOARD GAMES
£718.80 LEGO WORKSHOP
£642.63 MEMORIAL GARDEN
£1750 CLASS TRIPS
£720.83 SEND
£570 BULLYING WORKSHOP
£435 RESIDENTIAL COACHES
£1050 CLASS RESOURCES
£302.61 CHRISTMAS BOOKS

TOTAL £6289.87

WE RECEIVED OUR CHEQUE FOR £750 FROM THE ROUNDTABLE FOR OUR SANTA SLEIGH EVENINGS!!



AMAZING

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Harvington First School PTFA
12TH MARCH 2026
CHOCOLATE BINGO

Two sessions available
5:30 - 6:30pm
6:45 - 7:45pm
LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL
£5 PER BOOK

EXTRA BOOKS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
PLEASE ADD INTO PARENT PAY NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING

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SUPPORT

SAVE THE DATE

NEXT EVENT!
12TH MARCH!!



TOGETHERNESS

NHS

An update on
**WELLBEING FOR
EVERY SCHOOL PARENT**

Your NHS learning space created by psychologists



Understanding your
child's feelings



How can I support my
child with anxiety?



How to support bedtime
routines

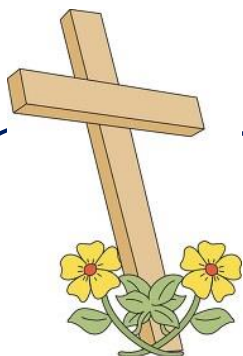
Click here to get access to the Spring term update:

<https://mailchi.mp/d0ac8a03edec/wellbeing-for-school-parents-new-online-resources-12770477?e=974864fddb>

Class Attendance
02.09.25 to 13.02.26

★ Year 4 97.6% ★
Year R 97.3%
Year 5 96.6%
Year 3 96.2%
Year 1 96.2%
Year 2 96%

Whole School overall 96.7%



Easter Service

Wednesday 25th March
9.00am in the School Hall.

You are welcome to join
us for our Easter Service
led by Father Glenn.

Each class will lead a
small part of work that
they have been learning
in class.

Thank you.



Thank you for your support
today with donations towards the
Dogs Trust ~ you have raised a
fabulous £180.77!

Thank you!

Word *of the* Month

Inquisitive - Adjective

Meaning: To show an interest in
learning things. To be curious.

In a sentence: "The inquisitive
kitten tried to climb inside the
open box."

Class Catering Lunch Menu

The new menu will be available
from 23rd February.

Please see the website for details.

Please note that this new menu
will be adapted to suit all allergen
children (there is no separate
menu).



WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thursday 5th March

Main 1

Wonka's Beef Burger

Main 2

Gruffalo Veggie Burger

Sides

Wonderful Wedges

BFG's Garden Veg

Bookmark Baked Beans

Dessert

Bruce Bogtrotter's
Chocolate Cake!



Parent Consultations

We are offering either a TEAMS meeting or an in-person meeting.
During week commencing 9th March you will receive an invite via our website to book your appointment.

Wednesday 18th March – Face to face from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in the school hall for Reception to Year 5 and TEAMS meetings from 3.45pm to 5.00pm for Reception to Year 5

Thursday 19th March – Face to face 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the school hall for Nursery to Year 5

Please note that we are unable to offer more than one meeting per child.

There will also be a Book Look in classrooms for parents/carers at 3pm on Friday 13th March.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.



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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

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.

We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 23rd February.

Tom Holdstock

Headteacher

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February 2026

Friday 13th - End of half term

Monday 16th to Friday 20th - Half term holiday

Monday 23rd – School reopens for pupils

Monday 23rd – PSHE Mindfulness Day/Understanding Christianity – Gospel

Wednesday 25th - Ash Wednesday Service in Church at 9.30am (all welcome)

Friday 27th - Online Safety

Friday 27th – Dress Down Day in exchange for some chocolate for the PTFA Bingo

Friday 27th- Book Fair 3:15pm

March 2026

Monday 2nd – SEND Drop-In 8.45am to 10.00am

Monday 2nd - Book Fair 3:15pm

Tuesday 3rd - Book Fair 3:15pm

Wednesday 4th- Book Fair 3:15pm

Thursday 5th – World Book Day - Dress as a story character

Wednesday 11th – Year 5 trip to Islamic Exhibition

Thursday 12th - PTFA Chocolate Bingo (time to be confirmed)

Monday 16th – Last week of after school clubs

Wednesday 18th – Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:45pm-5:00pm (Reception to Year 5)

Thursday 19th – Parent Consultations face to face in the hall 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall (all year groups)

Friday 20th – Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Wednesday 25th – Easter Service in school hall at 9.00am (all welcome)

Thursday 26th – iSingPOP Concerts at 2pm (for Years N, R, 1 & 2) and 6pm (for Years 3 4 & 5)

Friday 27th – Last day of spring term



April 2026

Monday 13th – Summer term starts for pupils

Monday 13th-PSHE Jigsaw Day Understanding Christianity - Salvation

Thursday 16th - Online Safety Day

Friday 17th – PE Enrichment Day (N-Yr 5)

Thursday 23rd - Swimming starts for Year 5 (10 lessons)

Monday 27th – After school clubs start this week

Tuesday 28th – Year 5 Leavers' Photos

May 2026

Monday 4th – May Day school closed

Wednesday 6th – Year R trip to Nature in Art

Friday 8th – Year 2 trip to Worcester Cathedral

Friday 8th – Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle

Monday 11th to 14th May - Bikeability Year 5 all week

Friday 15th - PTFA Summer Disco KS1 5pm-6pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm

Wednesday 20th - Nursery Graduation Photographs

Wednesday 20th - Music Concert 6pm

Friday 22nd – PTFA Sponsored Walk

Friday 22nd – Summer 1 term finishes

Monday 25th to Friday 29th 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 2026

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

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

Wednesday 3rd – Grounds Morning all welcome/Litter Picking

Thursday 4th – Music Day and Litter Picking

Friday 5th – World Environment Day and Online Safety

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

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

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

Tuesday 30th – Year 5 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 5pm-8pm – TBC

Wednesday 8th – Nursery Graduation – parents invited 10am

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

September 2026

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

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

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