

# HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - LINK LETTER

*Expanding horizons, exploring potential, embracing faith*



*"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*  
Proverbs 22:6

*This Link Letter contains news,  
forthcoming events and information,  
helping you to keep in touch with school.*



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*Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thoughtfulness, Koinonia*

## Assembly Focus

This week we have been thinking about being REFLECTIVE. To be reflective is to stand back and consider events. We may reflect on our own actions and the impact of those on others. Reflection is the process of considering how something went, what happened and what we can learn from a situation. We can reflect on positive experiences and achievements and we can reflect on difficult experiences and events. We may reflect on our own personal experiences or we may reflect and empathise with someone else's experiences or situation - their difficulties, their challenges and what they are experiencing or feeling - reflecting on how it is for them. This is a relevant character strength to consider this week as we think about Remembrance Day and reflect on the impact of war on others – there have been many thoughtful reflections shared and displayed through poems and artwork from the children. Thank you.

Well done to **AIR** who was the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2023			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
77	83	77	72

## Anti-Bullying Week – starting with Odd Socks Day!

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will kick start our Anti-bullying week with Odd Socks day! We hope the children will join us in wearing their brightest - mismatched socks to celebrate our how wonderfully diverse our school community, and our wider world, is. Feel free to get the whole family involved and send us in your family of odd socks photos to share in school!





## Remembrance Service

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Remembrance Service on Friday this week. We were very proud of the children and their super respect and reflections—shared through poetry, art and their respectful behaviour – we hope you enjoyed the service.





## Maths Week – lots of super maths in school with a special focus on money!



### Snack shop open! Solving problems practically





## Maths week continued!

Thank you to parents who attended the first maths drop-in session about place value. Next week we will be looking at addition and subtraction across all year groups. If you would like to have a go at some of our maths tasks and reasoning problems, or work through some with your child, then come along!





## Belvoir Challenge 2024 - Save the Date!

Entries for the 2024 Belvoir Challenge are now open, and we attach a poster for you to share with family and friends.

***The Belvoir Challenge raises over £20,000 every year for the school and so is a vital fundraiser.***

***Without this event the school would be unable to fund many of the activities and resources our children enjoy.***

For the event to succeed we need lots of volunteers on the day, so please save the date and look out for further updates over the coming months. If you were considering walking or running the route we would strongly encourage you to volunteer instead. The more people we have the better, and the day itself is a great experience.

Thank you for your continued support!



**Belvoir Challenge**

15 or 26 mile routes  
Run it, walk it,  
certain to enjoy it!

2nd March 2024  
Harby Village Hall, LE14 4BZ

Register at [belvoirchallenge.com](http://belvoirchallenge.com)

The poster includes a QR code and a circular logo with the text 'Belvoir Challenge' and a silhouette of a runner.

## New Reception Starters 2024 – Open Afternoon on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Parents of pupils due to start school in September 2024 will need to complete an application to the local authority in which they live. If you live in Leicestershire information can be gained and applications can be made online at

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

The deadline for completed applications is 15th January 2024. Please do ask if you have any questions or would like any support with this and we will be happy to help. In order to support parents and children we will be having an Open Afternoon from 1.30pm – 3.00pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This will provide an opportunity for you to visit school with your child, spend time in the Reception classroom area and talk to staff. If you already have a child at school please do still come along – it will be a lovely opportunity for your younger children to meet staff and see the classrooms and school in action. We are sure you will enjoy the experience. Please do contact the school office to let us know you will be attending and spread the word if you know of any families that may be interested. Thank you for your continued support.

## Children in Need 2023

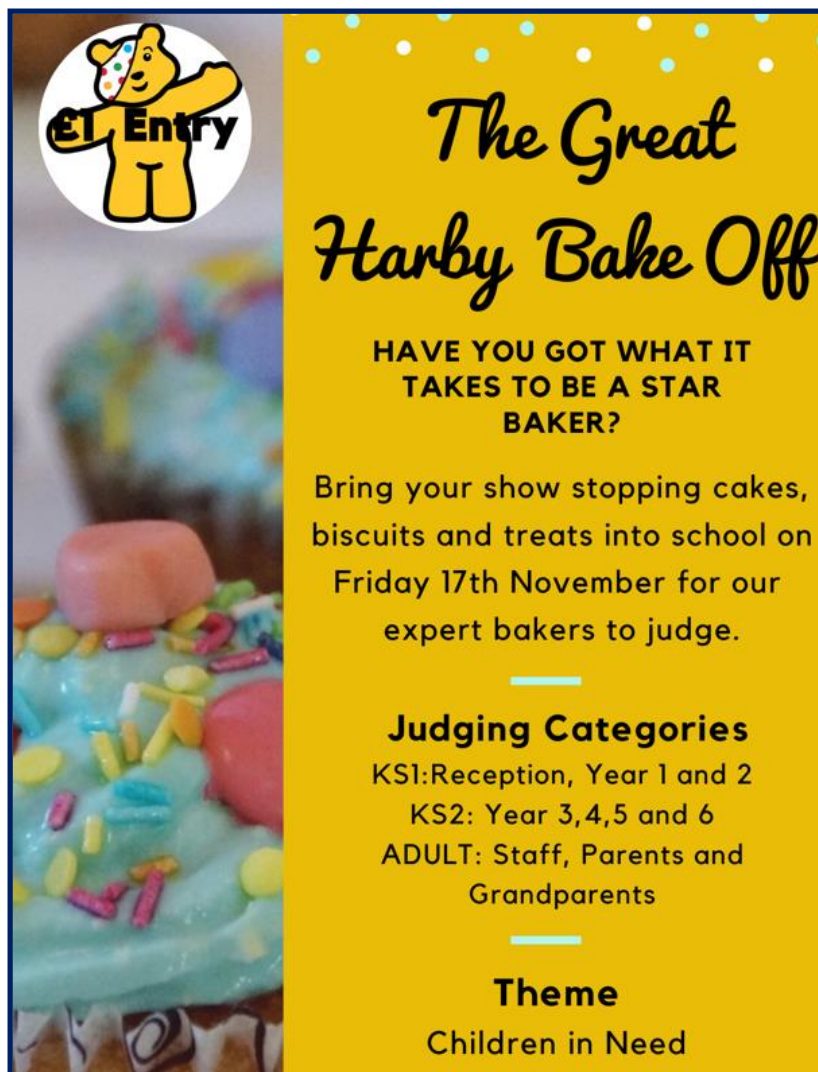
We are excited to be having a 'Bake Off' to raise funds for Children in Need this year.

We are looking forward to seeing your contributions! The theme for the cakes in Children in Need – so their may be spots, Pudsey Bears – or you may have your own idea!

We are suggesting a donation of £1 to enter the bake off. Please bring all cakes and entries to school on the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> November for the experts to judge.

There are three categories – so parents and family members can enter too!

We are looking forward to seeing your creations to support this important charity!



**The Great Harby Bake Off**

**HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A STAR BAKER?**

Bring your show stopping cakes, biscuits and treats into school on Friday 17th November for our expert bakers to judge.

**Judging Categories**

KS1: Reception, Year 1 and 2  
KS2: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6  
ADULT: Staff, Parents and Grandparents

**Theme**

Children in Need

## Talented Children

Well done to Emma who was awarded her blue belt in kick boxing – super job!



## Next week in school: Anti-Bullying week in school!

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November:	Odd Socks Day in school Year 4, 5, 6 Dance Club after school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November:	Recorder Club at lunchtime Violin / Cello Lessons in school with Mrs. Cocker Cross Country after school for children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November:	Flu Vaccination in School Recorder club after school Lexia and Times Tables Rockstars after school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November:	Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: <i>addition and subtraction focus</i>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November:	Children in Need – The Great Harby Bake Off Library Club at lunchtime

***Dates for the diary for the next half term. For further dates and events please see the calendar on the school website.***

### **New / updated dates in red**

20<sup>th</sup> November – Road Safety Week  
22<sup>nd</sup> November – Prospective Reception New Starters 2024 Open Afternoon  
23<sup>rd</sup> November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: multiplication and division  
30<sup>th</sup> November – Maths drop in 3.20pm–4.00pm for parents: fun with fractions  
1<sup>st</sup> December – Christingle making morning and Christingle Service in church 1.30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity at the church – 1.30pm and 6pm  
21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas parties and end of term – school closes for the holiday

***We hope you all have a great weekend!***

***Local events that may be of interest – fundraising for Dove Cottage and a local litter pick!***

