

**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, Thankfulness, Koinonia*

## **Welcome Back!**

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school and also to our new starters in Reception – welcome to Ziggy, Ella-Rose, Willow and Nora. We hope you all enjoy being part of our school. We hope all our pupils have enjoyed their first week at school after the holidays and are looking forward to a fun filled term!

### **Assembly Focus**

This week we have been focusing on the character strength of KINDNESS. To show kindness through our actions can have a big impact on others. This can be through a kind word, a listening ear, a friendly smile. Acts of kindness can show generosity, concern or compassion for others and can have a big impact. Kindness can show many of our other character strengths - such as love, thoughtfulness and friendship. Taking the time to consider how we can be kind, without expecting anything in return, is important and can also make us feel good - kindness is it's own reward.

*Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of self-control.*

### **Team Points**

Well done to **AIR** and **FIRE** - the winning teams this week!

<b>Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025</b>			
<b>Earth</b>	<b>Air</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Water</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

### **Rev Paul**

We enjoyed welcoming Rev Paul back this week. Rev Paul will be leading an assembly for us each week on Friday morning – sometimes in school and sometimes in church! We will add the church dates to the school calendar – everyone is welcome to assemblies in church!

## Reminders!

As we start the new term we thought it would be helpful to share some reminders.

### School Dinner Price Increase Reminder

A reminder that the price for a Key Stage 2 school dinner has increased to £2.95 from the beginning of this term. Pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 will continue to have a Universal Free meal at no cost to families. If you think you may qualify for free school meals please click [here](#) to access the Leicestershire portal and make an application – it is a quick process. Please contact the school office if you have any questions, would like support or would prefer a paper form to complete and we will be happy to help.

### Naming Jumpers and Clothing

Please do remember to make sure your child's name is on their clothing so we can easily give back any lost items. Thank you!

### Shorts

Please can you ensure that if children are wearing shorts as part of their school uniform, which does look smart, that they are of a good length and are not PE shorts.

***Thank you for your continued support.***

### Drop off and Collection

The gates are open for drop off in the morning from 8.40am until 8.50am after which time they are closed and school begins. Children arriving after this time will need to ring the office door to gain access to the school. Collection at the end of the school day is at 3.20pm. If someone different is collecting your child it is important that you inform the school office so that we can make sure staff are aware of who they should be going home with. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

### Illness

Where children have been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea they must remain away from school for 48 hours after their last bout. This is in line with NHS guidelines. Further useful information about childhood illnesses, whether your child is well enough to be at school and other useful health advice can be found by following this link: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

### Reporting absence

Parents are requested to notify the school office, no later than 8.40am, that their child will be absent. This can be done via email to the school office, telephone call / message on the answerphone or in person to the school office if dropping off a sibling. ***Thank you to parents who have done this so well this week if needed – it is very helpful.*** Where pupils are absent and we have received no message, we will ring ***all*** contact numbers given for the child and email parents. If we have not received any response, despite messaging in all ways available, we may then complete a home visit as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Further information about attendance and our full policy can be found on the school website: [Harby C of E Primary School - Attendance \(harbyprimary.org\)](http://harbyprimary.org)

## Friends of the School Welcome Party

One of the events that the Friends of the School organises is a welcome back party. This is a lovely opportunity for all families to meet and get to know each other. Children have taken home an invitation for this in their book bags with full details. The party is from 5 – 8pm, Pizza Pals will be available too. We hope you will be able to join us on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September!

**Welcome Back Party**

You are invited to a Friends of Harby C of E School Party to welcome our Reception new starters to the school, welcome everyone back after the summer and meet the children and parents from other years!

**Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Time: 5pm to 8pm**

**Venue: Leys Park (next to Harby Village Hall)**

## Friends of the School Meeting

We are holding our first Friends of the School meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This meeting will be held at school and will be focused on the Belvoir Challenge! The Belvoir Challenge is the school's big fundraiser – and is lots of fun. **Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.** For more information about the Friends of the School click the link to visit their page on our school website:

[Harby C of E Primary School - Our Friends of the School \(harbyprimary.org\)](http://harbyprimary.org)

We hope to see you at the meeting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at school at 7pm!

## Talented Children – update!

Well done to Mila who has been taking part in the Kid's Summer Challenge for Young Lives vs Cancer this August – she has been taking on 1 mile a day for the whole month; whether walking, cycling, scooting, swimming or running. During this time she has walked more than double the set miles and managed to raise an incredible £944 so far!

What a wonderful thing to do!

If you would like to support Mila as she reaches the end of her challenge please click below to see her fundraising page and make a donation!



## [Young Lives vs Cancer - Emma Peterson](#)

We love to hear of the children's achievements outside of school, please keep sharing them with the school office if you would like them included in the Link Letter.

## Hose Produce Show

Hose Produce Show Schedule Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

# HOSE PRODUCE SHOW AND PLANT SALE

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

2.00pm

Hose Village Hall

Free entry

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- Homecraft
- Fruit and Vegetables
- Children's Categories
- Handicraft and Hobbies
- Cut Flowers and Foliage
- Refreshments and Produce Sale
- Garden and Houseplants for sale

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Submit entries 8.30am to 11.00am

Prizes at 3.00pm

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All information can be found on:

[www.OurGardenClub.co.uk](http://www.OurGardenClub.co.uk)

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## Hose Produce Show and Plant Sale

This will be held on 14th September 2025 and may be of interest to families.

There are a number of categories for children and adults to enter and there will be things for sale too!

Children may complete some of the activities at school or Planet Play and we may enter them for the show!

For full details of all categories please see the information sent with the Link Letter.

**Next week in school:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September:

Welcome back party 5pm – 8pm on The Leys

***Dates for the diary:******New / updated dates in red***

***5<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome Back Party – everyone is welcome!***

***8<sup>th</sup> September – Individual school photographs – letter to follow***

***17<sup>th</sup> September – Phonics drop in for parents of class 1 – details to follow***

***18<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at 1.45pm in church in Harby***

***18<sup>th</sup> September – Friends of the School meeting at 7pm at school***

***24<sup>th</sup> September – Water Safety Assembly and Canal Trust workshops***

***29<sup>th</sup> September- Canal Trust workshops***

***1<sup>st</sup> October – Canal Trust workshops***

***2<sup>nd</sup> October – Flu Immunisation in school – letter to follow***

***6<sup>th</sup> October – NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week – details to follow***

***6<sup>th</sup> October – Parents’ Evenings this week – details to follow***

***7<sup>th</sup> October – Scholastic Book Fair in school***

***7<sup>th</sup> October – Bags2School collection – details to follow***

***10<sup>th</sup> October – Hello Yellow Day - details to follow***

***17<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for the half term holiday***

***27<sup>th</sup> October – Training day – school closed to children***

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***30<sup>th</sup> October – School opens for the second part of the autumn term***

***11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance service at the cross – everyone welcome***

***28<sup>th</sup> November – Christingle in school and at church***

***10<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity in church at 1.45pm and 6.30pm***

***19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for the Christmas holiday***

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