

**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*

**Assembly Focus**

This week we have been focusing on the character strength of **SELF-CONTROL**. The ability to show and use self-control can be difficult at times. This is about the ability to be able to control our feelings and emotions - and our reactions to these. How we respond can be different depending on the circumstances - such as where we are and who we are with and what the impact of our responses may be. We may need to adapt our responses and show greater self-control in situations such as in public and where safety may be compromised. This can be challenging at times when faced with temptation or impulses and sometimes we need strategies to help us to manage our feelings and be able to maintain self-control - such as walking away, changing activity or asking for help. Self-control is important in helping us to maintain friendships and relationships and achieve our goals.

*Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of calmness.*

**Team Points**

Well done to **EARTH** and **WATER** - the winning teams this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
19	19	19	15

**Naming jumpers, clothing and coats!**

Please do remember to make sure your child's name is on their clothing so we can easily give back any lost items. Our uniform colours are navy blue and white and do not have to be school branded. Please also remember to send your children with a coat each day as the weather is rather changeable at the moment. Thank you!

## **Safeguarding our children**

Please support the school by not calling over and talking to the children when they are out at playtime. A friendly wave is lovely, but we actively discourage talking over the fence so that children can focus on their playtime games and do not talk to strangers either. Please also do not take photographs of the children and staff when they are outside. Individual children have different permissions for photography and we follow this using school devices to share photos with you on Tapestry. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

## **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.***

## **PE Kits**

All classes have shared a learning letter with you which notes when PE is timetables. Please can you ensure that children have their PE kit in school on these days – white / navy blue shorts / leggings / t-shirt. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

## **Colour mixing in the rain in Class 1!**



## 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.



Class 2 have been thinking about what makes a good class.

They have made bracelets with coloured beads to represent different character strengths.

### **Class 3 – Residential Information Evening**

There will be two residential information evening sessions on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September - at 3.20pm and 5.30pm. The intended residential is for all children in Class 3. This is a shorter 3-night residential trip closer to home and is planned for Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 2026. Both meetings will be the same and will provide an opportunity to find out about our offer and to ask any questions that you may have. We hope you will find this useful.

### **Class 1 – Phonics and Early Years ‘drop in’**

Parents of children in Class 1 are very welcome to ‘drop in’ after school on 17<sup>th</sup> September. This will be an opportunity to see the classroom and resources, meet with Mrs. Lewis as class teacher and Mrs. Marsden as phonics lead. We hope that you may find this useful.

### **Class 2 – The Great Fire of London**

Class 2 enjoyed exploring a puzzle to introduce their new topic. They are looking forward to learning all about the Great Fire of London!

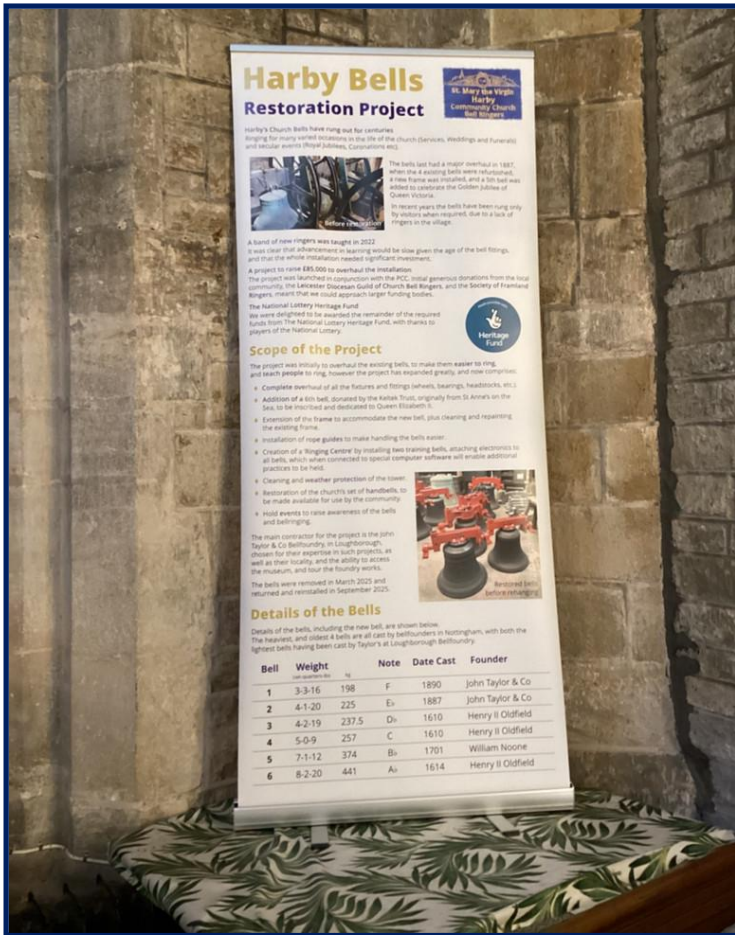
### **Earrings**

Please can we remind families that if earrings are worn they should be studs only. Earrings must be removed or taped over for PE sessions. ***Thank you for your continued support.***



# Bells

We enjoyed a special service at church this morning where we were able to see the restored church bells close up. Rev Paul gave them a blessing and we are looking forward to hearing them ring when they have been put back in the tower.



## After School Clubs

Many after school clubs will be starting next week. They include:

Monday: Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills Club with Mrs. Coats

Monday: Years 4, 5 and 6 Basketball with Mr. Scarborough

Monday: Young Voices 2026 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) with Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Hodder

Tuesday: Year 6 SATs club with Mrs. Coats and Mrs. Ford

Wednesday: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country with Mrs. Coats

*Children will need to have their PE kits in school for Multi Skills, Basketball and Cross Country Clubs*

If you haven't already done so, please email the school office to let us know that your child would like to attend and we will add them to the register. All clubs will run until 4.20pm. ***Thank you for your continued support.***



### Young Voices 2026 Choir



As you are aware we are thrilled to be able to offer our KS2 children the opportunity to join our Young Voices School Choir where we will be preparing to participate in the YV Concert on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Birmingham NEC.

Young Voices is the largest children's choir in the world giving opportunity for children across the UK to perform together with celebrities, up and coming artists and live bands in one spectacular concert. It truly is a night to remember both for the children and the audience watching!

We would love as many of our children as possible from Years 3 to 6 to be able to join in with this experience. Our choir rehearsals will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 3:20pm to 4:20pm with Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January being show day at NEC.

We have asked for a £15 voluntary donation towards the cost of this event. This allows us access to the Young Voices music hub and workshops to support our preparations.

If your child would like to get involved, please speak to Mrs Trimmer or Mrs Hodder.

<https://youngvoices.co.uk/>



**Next week in school:**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September:	Individual school photographs today Multi-Skills Club after school Basketball Club after school Young Voices Choir after school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September:	SATs Club after school
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September:	Cross Country club after school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September:	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September:	

***Dates for the diary:***

New / updated dates in red

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

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

*18<sup>th</sup> September – Class 3 residential information meetings at 3.20pm and 5.30pm*

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 – *a letter has been shared*

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

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

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

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!**