

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 thinking about the character strength of FOCUS. To have focus is to maintain concentration and effort in a particular area - keeping going with the task in hand and ensuring that we are not distracted from what we are doing. To be able to maintain focus on the same area for extended periods of time can be difficult - especially if the task in hand is challenging. We may need to call on other strengths, such as perseverance, to help us to keep going. We can support our focus with the right environment to help us. With the right support and encouragement children can have the self-belief that they can do things, try new things and achieve at things.

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

Team Points

Well done to **EARTH** - the winning team this week!

| Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025 | | | |
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| Earth | Air | Fire | Water |
| 56 | 46 | 45 | 45 |

Flu Immunisation – 2nd October 2025

It is our flu immunisation next week. An email has been shared to support you to give or decline consent for your child to have this. Please contact the school office if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

Have your circumstances changed?

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 and can release additional funding for the school if it is successful. 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.

Canal Trust visit

We enjoyed a special assembly with Adrian from the Canal Trust this week. We learnt lots of interesting things, including about water safety, and then Class 2 and Class 3 had a walk down to our canal in Harby. Class 1 are looking forward to their walk on Monday and we have some more workshops to come next week! It is lovely to link up and learn with a feature of our village.



Active Travel Month – October 2025

Harby C of E Primary School has chosen to be involved in the 'Leicestershire Active Travel Month' in October which aims to increase the number of children travelling to school by walking, cycling and scooting. Actively travelling to school has many benefits for your child: it helps keep them fit and healthy, can increase concentration levels in class, helps to develop road safety skills and is fun. Reducing the number of cars around the school will also help to make the area quieter, safer and less congested.

During October each class will use their active travel wall chart to record how pupils are travelling to school during the month. If you aren't able to travel actively all the way from home you can still take part by parking a distance from the school (e.g. 10 minutes away) and walking, cycling or scooting the rest. Please make sure your child's bike and scooter is safe to ride to school, helmets are worn and you park in a safe and appropriate place.

See the poster attached with this Link Letter email for more information and thank you for your continued support.

Choose how you move

Make the school run safe and fun!

Park and Stride
Park and Stride is a great way for parents and kids to get to school in a healthy, active way, even if you still need to drive to school. Parents can drive to a local public area, like pubs, leisure centres or parks, to then walk with their children for the rest of the journey to school. If you'd like to see a Park and Stride happen for your school, please get in touch at choosehowyoumove@leics.org.uk

Journey Planner
choosehowyoumove.co.uk/journeyplanner is the home of our Journey Planner, an interactive map that gets you from A to B by walking, wheeling, cycling, or using public transport. Type in your starting location and your destination, then choose which mode of transport you want to use, and select which journey you prefer by time, mode or route.

Walking, wheeling and cycling
Walking to school, riding a scooter, or cycling together – they're all great ways to get your kid into travelling in a healthy way. It's also a chance to meet up with other families, adding a social and mental benefit too!

Living Streets
Living Streets is a charity dedicated to getting people walking! Resources have been made for primary schoolkids and their parents to enjoy walking to school and getting active together, like their 14-day walking booklet and the WOW challenge travel tracker. Get planning and download free resources at livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school

Get cycle ready
Have you thought about cycling together as a family? The Choose How You Move website has what Leicestershire has to offer even before September rolls around. Or, you can use our interactive map to plan your cycle route online.
Cycle maps: choosehowyoumove.co.uk/cycling
Interactive map: leicestershire.activemap.co.uk

BetterPoints
With the BetterPoints app, you can earn BetterPoints every time you travel by walking, cycling, wheeling, or taking public transport. Enter prize draws, see how other people are travelling, and turn your points into high street vouchers, or donate them to charity. Head over to choosehowyoumove.com/betterpoints-uk for more information, and get started to make your travelling even more rewarding.

Can you spare a few hours of your day to make sure little ones can cross roads safely?
We're always looking for more people to take on this vital role. You can find vacancies for School Crossing Patrol Officers on the Leicestershire County Council at leicestershire.gov.uk/jobs

Still need to take the car? Here are ways to make your commute better for everyone.

Think! Would a fire engine fit?
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue are asking all parents to park considerably and safely at school drop off and collection. Please ensure larger vehicles such as waste disposal vehicles, utilities vehicles, and emergency vehicles do not struggle to pass through.

Engine idling - keep the air clean!
Remember to switch off car engines when waiting to pick up children during the school run. When cars aren't turned off, particles in their fuel can build up to high concentrations in the air, such as nitrogen dioxide (NO2). This can damage people's lungs or make illnesses worse, and can lead to conditions like asthma.

We're encouraging parents and kids to try new ways to get to school!
Less traffic on the school run means less car chaos at the school gate – but it can also boost the health of you and your kids.

Here are our tips to enjoying the school run together!

Find out more about travel across Leicestershire at choosehowyoumove.co.uk

Our furry friend Theo the Fox - helps schools encourage children to get out and about in more active ways. Look out for any events that Theo is attending through the Choose How You Move website and socials.

Leicestershire County Council
Provided by Choose How You Move and Leicestershire County Council road safety team

Picasso inspired portraits

Wonderful art work in Class 3 – very careful with lots of detail and interesting colour choices.



Next week in school:

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| Monday 29 th September: | Canal Trust workshops in school for Class 1 Football Tournament Multi-Skills Club after school Basketball Club after school Young Voices Choir after school |
| Tuesday 30 th September: | SATs Club after school |
| Wednesday 1 st October: | Active Travel Month starts! Canal Trust workshops in school Cross Country club after school |
| Thursday 2 nd October: | Flu Immunisation in school |
| Friday 3 rd October: | |

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

6th October – NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week – details to follow

6th October – Parents’ Evenings this week – *appointments have begun to be shared*

7th October – Scholastic Book Fair in school

7th October – Bags2School collection – details to follow

10th October – Hello Yellow Day - details to follow

16th October Friends of the School AGM at 7pm

17th October – School closes for the half term holiday

27th October – Training day – school closed to children

28th October – Training day – school closed to children

29th October – Training day – school closed to children

30th October – School opens for the second part of the autumn term

11th November – Remembrance service at the cross – everyone welcome

28th November – Christingle in school and at church

10th December – Nativity in church at 1.45pm and 6.30pm

19th December – School closes for the Christmas holiday

We hope you all have a good weekend!