

**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 **CURIOSITY**. This is a strong desire to learn and find out about different things - being inquisitive, asking questions, *wanting* to learn and know more. Being curious can help us to challenge and deepen our thinking and understanding. Being curious means we are invested in our learning and we want to know more - this will in turn help us to remember and recall what we have discovered as we have an innate interest in it. Being curious is an important skill - we are not just accepting things at face value but looking more deeply and finding out why. Very appropriate for our Canal Trust workshops this week!  
*Next week we will be focusing on the Christian value of compassion.*

**Team Points**

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
68	56	54	54

**Parents' Evenings**

Parents evenings are after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Because of this SATS Club on Tuesday and Cross Country Club on Wednesday will be cancelled. Club will run as usual on Monday after school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have not received an appointment time for parents' evening and we will be happy to help.

## Reading Volunteers in school

Would you be interested in becoming a reading volunteer at our school? We would love to hear from you if so!

You will need to be available to give at least an hour of your time each week and be happy to work in a year group of our choice (this may not be the year group or class where your child is).



Creating a love of reading and investing in time to talk about books and developing an understanding of what children read is a huge part of this role.

If you are interested in volunteering please email the school office or talk to Mrs Marsden. Volunteers will need to complete a DBS check with our school office and a short introduction session will be offered after half term.

We really appreciate your support.  
Mrs Marsden

## Paired reading in school

We have enjoyed paired reading with our new partners this week!



## Scholastic Book Fair!

We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in school next week. It will be straight after school, or during Parents Evening on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October between 3.20-6pm or after school on Friday 10th October between 3.20-4.30pm.



Please come and visit our Scholastic Book Fair in our school library. There will be a range of books for you and your child to browse and purchase if you wish to. There will be a wide selection of books starting at around £2.99 +. Payments will be card only. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept cash payments.

Every purchase at the fair helps to earn our school rewards and new books for our classroom libraries!

Please come along, support our school book fair and continue to help promote a love of reading!

Many thanks for your support,  
Mrs Marsden and the Harby team.

## Hello Yellow

We will be supporting 'Hello Yellow' next week. This is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October which is world mental health awareness day. We are asking the children to wear yellow to school if they would like to and to make a donation to Young Minds, a mental health charity for young people. Donations can be made by clicking [here](#).

#HelloYellow

YOUNG MINDS

## **Bags2School Collection**

Our Bags2School collection will be Thursday 9th October!  
Please bring in all donations before 9am that day.

Now is a great time to consider sorting through clothes as we go into a new season. We will be accepting bags of clothes to help raise funds for school via a scheme called Bags2School.



You can donate clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks and belts. Textile recycling is great for the environment and it raises money for the school at the same time. We will happily accept donations of the above items from your family, friends or neighbours so please spread the word about this fundraiser. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions and thank you for your continued support.

## **Our Football Journey – A report from the children**

On September 29th our school football team went to Melton Mowbray's football tournament to play in the 'Excel League' against other schools. We had a fantastic time. We played lots of teams from around our area, such as Swallowdale and Old Dalby, Brownlow, and Redmile and we had 10 ten-minute matches (pretty speedy). Our perseverance and determination was evident in every game. We managed to let everybody, who was in the team, play in every 7 aside match.

On our first game we played against Brownlow B team, and we won 1- 0 with an amazing goal by our left midfield, Harvey. Although we lost a few, everybody had a golden smile and was very excited that they had come out for the day. Well done to all of our football team: Toby, Connie, Winston, Joe, Lyla, Joshua, Denny, Hope, Harley, Harvey, Layla and Lottie. Person of the day was Toby for saving so many goals – he looked like a pro! We're looking forward to our next event.



## Canal Trust visits

We welcomed Adrian from the Canal and River Trust back to school again this week for the next part of our project in which we are adopting a small part of our local canal. The aims of the entire project are: connecting with nature, connecting with our locality and community, problem solving and being eco friendly.

Children enjoyed a range of in-house Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities across the 3 classes all linked with the canal.

There will be more visits from Adrian as the school year progresses!



# 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!**

**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.

**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](mailto:choosehowyoumove@leics.org.uk).

**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](http://leicestershire.gov.uk/jobs)

**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.betterpoints.uk](http://choosehowyoumove.betterpoints.uk) for more information, and get started to make your travelling even more rewarding.

**A Journey Planner**

[choosehowyoumove.co.uk/JourneyPlanner](http://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.

**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.

**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](http://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 cycle maps covering the county, so you can enjoy 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](http://choosehowyoumove.co.uk/cycling) Interactive map: [leicestershire.activemap.co.uk](http://leicestershire.activemap.co.uk)

**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](http://choosehowyoumove.co.uk)**

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

## **Next week in school:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October:

Multi-Skills Club after school

Basketball Club after school

Young Voices Choir after school

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October:

Parents' evening Class 1 and 2

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October:

Scholastic Book Fair after school

Parents' evening Class 1, 2 and 3

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

Bags2School collection – 9am

Scholastic Book Fair after school

Parents' evening Class 3

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October:

Hello Yellow

Scholastic Book Fair after school

## ***Dates for the diary:***

New / updated dates in red

16<sup>th</sup> October Friends of the School AGM at 7pm

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!**

