

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 being CREATIVE. To be creative is to use our imagination to realise different ideas and possibilities. To see potential in things, try new combinations and create something new uses creativity. Thinking creatively can push us out of our comfort zone as we may try new or unusual things and consider if these would have the desired effect - such as creativity in cooking, baking and recipe design. Thinking about the different elements that we can put together when designing, making and playing shows creativity - maybe we can make or develop something new and exciting. Expressing ourself creatively through art, dance and drama helps us to explore thoughts and feelings. A creative approach can be about problem solving too. Thinking differently or creatively to find solutions, and working collaboratively to enact these, can enable us to pool our best ideas and share our inspirations. Very appropriate for an art focused week!
Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of tolerance.

Team Points

Well done to **AIR** – the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
106	86	82	83

Remembrance Service

Next week we will be having our Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November at 11am at the memorial cross in the village. There will be children’s work and reflections of remembrance displayed too. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Odd Socks Day

This Monday 10th November we will be inviting children to come in odd socks.

Odd Socks Day is a fun and meaningful event that takes place during Anti-Bullying Week.

On this day, children (and adults!) are encouraged to wear mismatched socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique.

The message behind Odd Socks Day is simple but powerful: it's okay to be different. By wearing odd socks, we show that we value individuality and stand together against bullying. It's a great way to start conversations with children about kindness, acceptance, and respect for others.



No special outfit or donation is needed—just a pair of odd socks and a big smile! Let's celebrate what makes us all wonderfully different.

Children in Need 2025 - Non-Uniform Day!

Next Friday, 14th November, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform as a fundraiser for Children in Need. If children would like to come in their own clothes we ask that a donation is added to the Just Giving page which is linked below.

We suggest a donation of £1 per child but any and all donations are most welcome. We have set a page target of £50 but would love your help to smash that target!



How could your donations help?

£30 could provide a session with a family support worker for a family caring for a seriously ill child — offering both practical help and emotional comfort, and helping them make the most of their precious time together.

£50 could provide a counselling session for a 10-year-old boy affected by domestic abuse, helping him to express his feelings, to feel more confident and less worried about his Mum's safety.

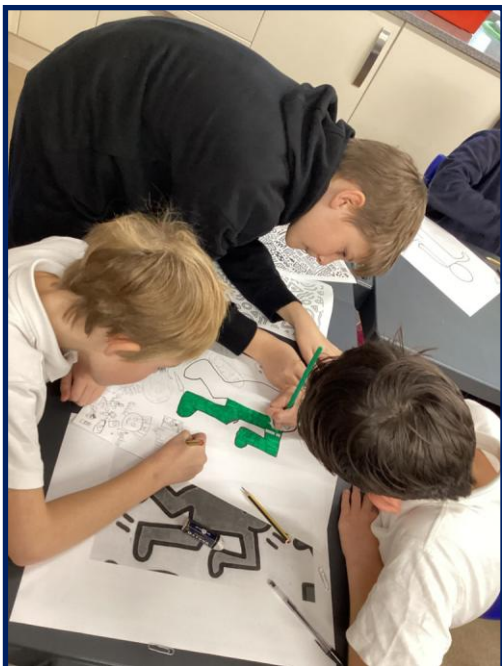
£100 could fund a fitness session for 15 young people growing up in poverty — helping them boost their physical health and build connections with others.

Donate here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/harby-primary-school-9?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Art week across school

This week has been 'art week' in school and our theme has been colour! This has provided a wide range of different experiences for the children, based on the visual arts, out of the normal timetable. Children have learnt about a range of artists, learnt new skills and participated in a range of artistic experiences. Super work this week and we hope to exhibit their work for you to see in the weeks to come!



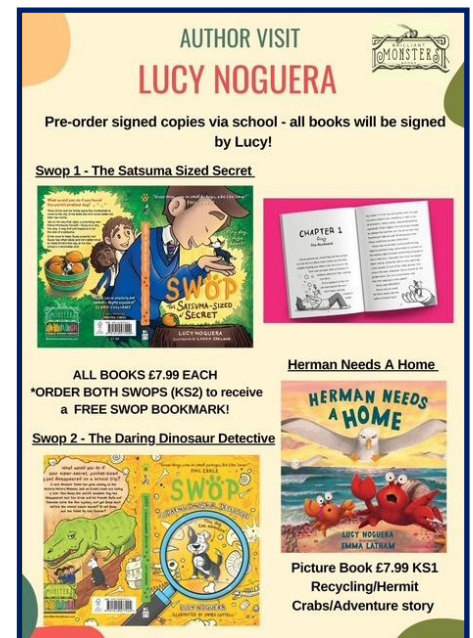


During the course of the week we explored the different work and styles of a range of artists including Keith Haring, James Rizzi, Kimmy Cantrell and Yayoi Kasama. We completed individual and collaborative pieces too!

Author visit next week – Lucy Noguera

We are very excited for our visitor next week! Lucy Noguera will come and talk with the children and will talk about her approaches and her inspiration. There will be further talk about the books she has written too and she is really looking forward to coming all the way from South London to see us!

We hope this will be a memorable and inspiring experience for the children and very much look forward to welcoming Lucy Noguera to Harby Primary School.



AUTHOR VISIT
LUCY NOGUERA

Pre-order signed copies via school - all books will be signed by Lucy!

Swop 1 - The Satsuma Sized Secret

Swop 2 - The Daring Dinosaur Detective

ALL BOOKS £7.99 EACH
*ORDER BOTH SWOPS (KS2) to receive a FREE SWOP BOOKMARK!

Herman Needs A Home

Picture Book £7.99 KS1
Recycling/Hermit
Crabs/Adventure story

Next week in school:	<i>Anti Bullying Week in school</i>
Monday 10 th November:	Odd Socks Day! Basketball Club after school Young Voices choir after school Multiskills Club after school
Tuesday 11 th November:	Remembrance Service at the cross at 11am SATs Club after school
Wednesday 12 th November:	Lucy Noguera – author visit to school Cross Country Club after school
Thursday 13 th November:	Visit to school from the Bishop of Kiteto Library Club after school
Friday 14 th November:	Children in Need – non uniform day

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

17th November – Road Safety Week in school

17th November – Bikeability for children in Year 5/6

20th November – Open morning for prospective new starters at 9.30am

20th November – Friends of the School meeting at 7pm – everyone welcome

28th November – Christingle in school and at church

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

16th December – Christmas Dinner in school – a menu will be shared

19th December – Christmas Eve Day in school – details to follow

19th December – School closes for the Christmas holiday

5th January – School opens for the spring term

We hope you all have a good weekend!