

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 **TOLERANCE**. To have tolerance is to be willing, open and able to consider and tolerate the views, actions, beliefs or behaviours of others. We may not agree with them, we may have a different point of view but we can be respectful of what others believe. We can be tolerant of the way different people do things. To help us to be tolerant we may need to use linked character strengths such as open mindedness, compassion and consideration. This can be difficult if we have strong views and opinions of our own but it can help us to be inclusive and non-judgemental if we are tolerant and willing to listen and consider the views and opinions of others. This has been especially relevant as we have celebrated our differences with Odd Socks Day and anti-bullying week this week.

Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of self-control linked to responsibility.

Team Points

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
115	97	89	96

Colder, wetter weather!

The weather has been colder this week with lots of rain and it is forecast to continue. Please remember to bring warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves so we can keep warm and dry at playtimes. Please also remember to check that they are labelled with your child's name so we can return any found items. Thank you!

Remembrance Service

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Remembrance Service this week. We hope you enjoyed sharing the children's work and the reflections that were displayed. It was also lovely to see so many of our children in their scouting and guide uniform for the occasion.



Reverse Advent Calendar

As the festive season approaches and excitement builds, we're mindful that many local families are facing tough times and will be relying on Grantham Food Bank for support. To help them, we are running our annual Reverse Advent Calendar starting next Monday 17th November. The items listed are just suggestions—every donation, big or small, makes a difference.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity, and we wish you and your family a happy, healthy run-up to Christmas!



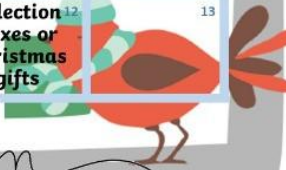
November & December 2025



Harby Primary School Reverse Advent Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16	17 Tinned beans/ spaghetti	18 Tinned soups	19 Toilet rolls	20 Rice packets	21 Packets of biscuits	22
23	24 Toothbrush & Tooth Paste	25 Tinned Fruit or Tinned Veg	26 Tea or coffee	27 Shaving foam	28 Jam or red/brown sauce	29
30	01 Sponge Pudding	02 Mince Pies	03 Tinned meat / fish	04 Chocolates Candy	05 Bubble Bath Shower Gel	06
17	08 Breakfast cereals	09 concentrated juice or long life milk	10 rice pudding or tinned custard	11 Christmas Pudding <small>(non-alcoholic)</small>	12 Selection Boxes or Christmas gifts	13

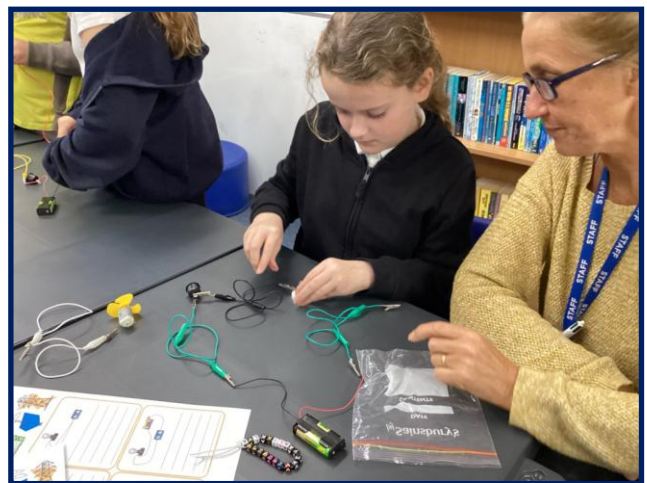
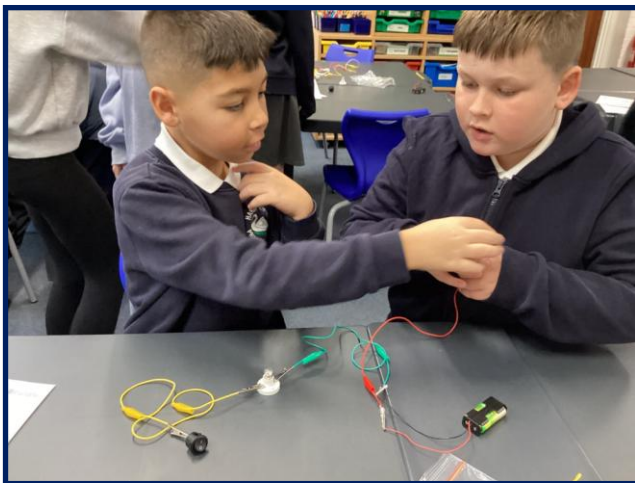
It is time for our annual Grantham Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar. Each school day of the next 4 weeks has a suggested donation for the food bank. You are welcome to donate something from the calendar but we are sure that Grantham Food Bank would welcome any donations of dried long-life pantry staples like pasta, rice, and tinned goods. Please ensure items are unopened, in good condition, and have a good use-by date, and consider donating non-food essentials like toiletries, nappies, and pet food. We are so grateful for any donations that we may receive. Thank you for your support!



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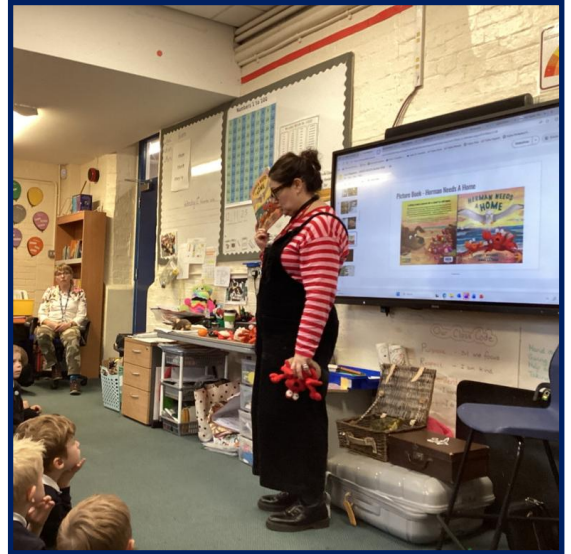
Electricity workshop from the National Grid in Class 3

This week, Class 3 welcomed Amy and Dan from the National Grid who ran an electricity workshop. Children had an introductory slideshow about the National Grid who are the company who provide the network (circuits) of electricity that supplies electrical energy to our homes. They had hands on experience of making circuits with bulbs, buzzers, fans and switches. There was then more discussion about conductors and insulators, the whole class made an amazing human circuit and finally we listened to an immersive story all about power cuts and the importance of finding alternative natural sources of energy. It was really interesting and all of the children enjoyed taking part. Great work!



Author Visit

We enjoyed our visit from Lucy Noguera this week. Thanks for everyone's support - we had lots of book orders. Lucy travelled from West London very early with a heavy case filled with books for us which was very exciting. We had some late orders come through which surpassed the amount in her suitcase of supplies! Thank you for your patience - Lucy will be sending us some more signed books in the next few days. We are sorry if your child is one of those waiting in suspense. Lucy really enjoyed meeting all the children in school and commented on how lovely it was to meet such an enthusiastic community of readers! We excitedly await for the next set of books that have been ordered.



Children in Need 2025 - Non-Uniform Day!

Children have had great discussions about what Children in Need is all about and how it links to our anti-bullying work that we have been doing this week. We have raised £115 which is fantastic! If you would still like to donate please click [here](#). Thank you!



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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Harby's fundraiser for BBC Children in Need

 Harby Primary School is raising money for BBC Children in Need

229% raised of £50 target by 20 supporters

Bishop of Kiteto

We were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Kiteto, the Rt Revd Bethuel Mlula, and his wife, Bishop Mama Agnes, to school when they visited with Rev Paul. They have been visiting Leicestershire from Tanzania and seeing what life is like in rural Leicestershire. The children were interested in finding out how life, the land and animals are different in Kiteto and asked some really good questions. We presented the Bishops with some welcome cards which we had made too – we hope you enjoyed your visit!



Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is provided by the Government to local authorities to support families with children and individuals most in need. For more details about what Leicestershire County Council can offer please click [here](#) or speak to Mrs. Bye in confidence if you would like support with an application. Thank you.

Next week in school:	<i>Road Safety Week in school</i>
Monday 17 th November:	Bikeability for children in Year 5 and 6 Basketball Club after school Multiskills Club after school
Tuesday 18 th November:	SATs Club after school
Wednesday 19 th November:	Cross Country Club after school
Thursday 20 th November:	Open morning for prospective new starters at 9.30am Library Club after school Friends of the School meeting at 7pm at school
Friday 21 st November:	

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!