

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 RESPECT and being RESPECTFUL. We can show respect in our behaviour and actions towards others. We can show respect through being polite and listening to others, valuing their views and opinions, respecting the fact that they may have different beliefs to us. We can show respect by being peaceful and thoughtful - when thinking of the impact that others have had on our lives and our world. We can show respect through our words and actions - the way we talk to others, the way we involve all and include people, the way we follow rules. We can respect differences between us - in appearance, likes and dislikes as well as beliefs. It feels good when other people respect who we are. *Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of generosity.*

Team Points

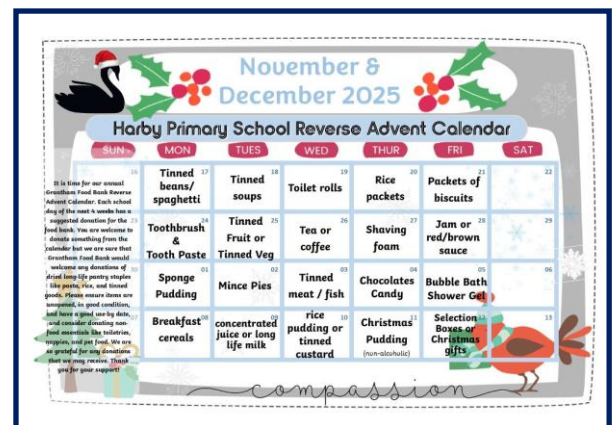
Due to our Christingle making and service this week we will be rolling our team point update over to next week!

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.

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!



Cameras on smart watches

As we head into Christmas we have seen more children wearing watches to school and this is likely to increase with Christmas presents coming! Wearing a watch in school is absolutely fine, it is helpful for the children as they learn to tell the time. Many watches also capture our step count which is good too! Please accept this reminder that watches with video or photograph capability must not be worn in school. When children are in school any photographs or video is completed using our school devices and in line with parental permissions that we have obtained. Any watches are worn at your own risk of damages. Thank you for your continued support.

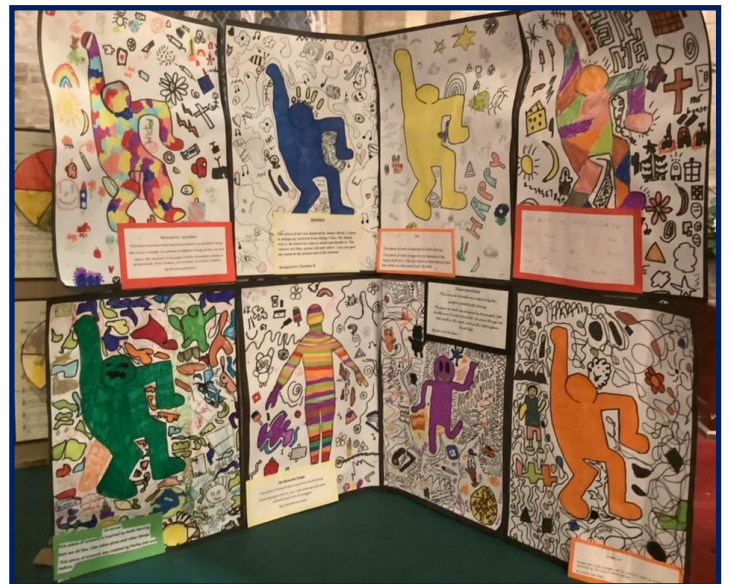
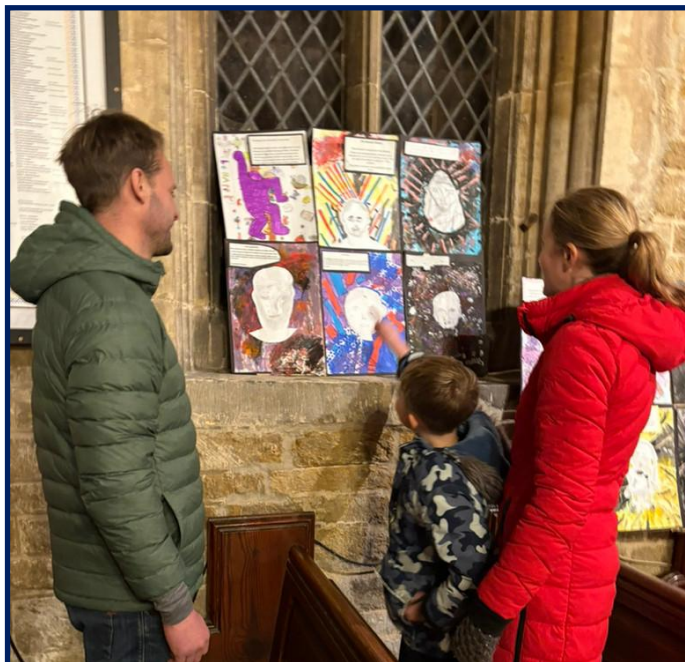
Active Travel Month – October 2025

Thank you to everyone who engaged with our **October Active Travel Month**. Your support in promoting physical activity is greatly appreciated and we were able to submit our data based on how we travelled to school. In addition to this, all schools returning their data were entered into a prize draw to receive an Active Travel themed prize... and we were one of the winners! We will be receiving a **Level 1 Scooterbility Session** with **Urban Movement Limited**. Fantastic!



Art Exhibition at St. Mary's Church in Harby

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and see our Art Exhibition this week. The children's work was displayed in church and showcased a wide range of different styles that the children had explored during Art Week. Thank you to Mrs. Hodder for organising and to the Friends of the School for serving refreshments. We hope you enjoyed it!



Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's Church in Melton Mowbray



Children in all classes, and also in Planet Play, have created some super Harby Swan themed baubles to decorate the tree – a lovely whole school effort ! The times when the festival is open to the public are below in case you would like to visit.



Friday 28th November - 9.30a.m. Church open to the public until 9.00 p.m. Last admission 8.00 p.m. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be available from 5 p.m. Refreshments all day

Saturday 29th November - Open to the public 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Last admission 3.00 p.m.

Family Carols in the Trees 5.00 p.m. with announcement of the Christmas Card Winners - Refreshments all day

Sunday 30th November St. Mary's open to the public 9.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Last admission 2.00 p.m. - Refreshments all day.

6.00 p.m. Advent Carol Service, with the St. Mary's Choir.

Monday 1st December - Open to the public 9.30 a.m. - 9.00 p.m. Last admission 8.00 p.m. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be available from 5 p.m. Refreshments all day

Tuesday 2nd December - Open to the public 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. Last admission 1.00 p.m. Refreshments all day

Balance bikes in Class 1



Dinner Money and Planet Play Fees

As we reach the end of the first term in the school year please can you ensure that all outstanding balances for dinner money and Breakfast Club / Planet Play fees are settled. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help with this and we will be happy to help. Thank you to those parents who have already paid or been in contact with the office about payments. Thank you for your continued support

Sports Hall Athletics in Class 3

Class 3 had a great afternoon competing against other schools at Brooksby this week. They competed in a range of track and field events and enjoyed the opportunity to work in such a large hall space!



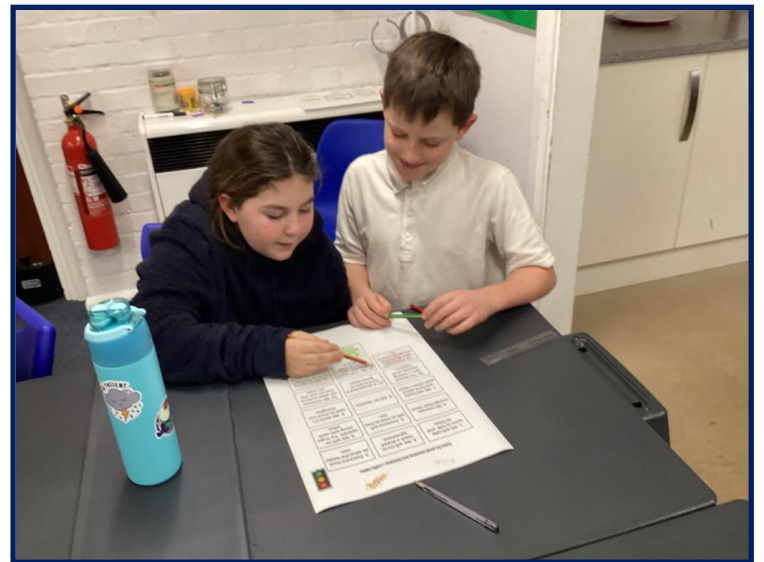
Christingle making and service

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Christingle making morning and the service at church in the afternoon led by Rev Paul. Thank you to the Friends of the School for purchasing the resources for us to do this. We will share photos from this in next week's Link Letter!

Speaking and listening focus in Class 3

Class 3 have thought about how to be a good communicator. The children ensured that they took turns, were attentive to their partner during conversations and that they turned to face their partner. They were able to summarise their conversations - 'In our opinion....'

They also read a number of statements and discussed whether they were good examples of oracy or not. They then organised their ideas from most important to least important. Super work!



Christmas activities at Melton Carnegie museum which may be of interest!



Countdown to Christmas

Help us fill the museum with sparkle and Christmas cheer on all four Saturdays in the run up to Christmas. We are also open on Sunday 30 November!



Activities run 10am to 4pm



Week 1 – Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 November

Free Trail: Christmas from around the world

Free Activity: Letter to Santa

Paid Activity £2.50: Colour in a Christmas tree advent calendar

Week 2 – Saturday 6 December

Free Trail: Star Unscramble

Free Activity: Create a colourful collage star

Paid Activity £2.50: Decorate a wooden star or snowflake tealight holder

Week 3 – Saturday 13 December

Free Trail: Cracker trail

Free Activity: Cracker gift tags

Paid Activity £2.50: Make your own cracker

Week 4 – Saturday 20 December

Free Trail: Can you help Santa find all his reindeer?

Free Activity: Christmas door hanger

Paid Activity £2.50: Make a foil art Christmas decoration

Paid activity available whilst stocks last

Thorpe End, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1RB

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Library Club

Library Club had lots of fun sharing books, organising our library and chatting about books we love!

What will you read this weekend?



Christmas Eve Day in school on 19th December!

Come in your pyjamas (if you would like to!) ready for a festive last day of term. We will be enjoying a festive film, special treats and hopefully a special visit from a special visitor!

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:

Monday 1 st December:	Choir Club after school Basketball Club after school – cancelled this week Multiskills Club after school
Tuesday 2 nd December:	SATs Club after school
Wednesday 3 rd December:	Cross Country Club after school
Thursday 4 th December:	Library Club after school
Friday 5 th December:	

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

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

16th December – Christmas Dinner in school

19th December – Christmas Eve Day in school

19th December – School closes for the Christmas holiday

5th January – School opens for the spring term

15th January – Friends of the School Meeting at 7pm – all welcome

We hope you all have a good weekend!