

# 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 **GENEROSITY** and being **GENEROUS**. To be generous is to give to others. We can be generous in many different ways - we can be generous with our time, with our things, our words, with money and donations, by sharing and including others. Generosity of spirit in engaging and supporting others can have a positive impact and be helpful. Taking the time to offer support to others - even when times are busy - is an act of generosity. There are many ways in which we can give to others. Can you think of a time when you have been generous? Can you think of a time when someone has shown generosity towards you? How did that make you feel and what impact did it have? *Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of confidence.*

## Team Points

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

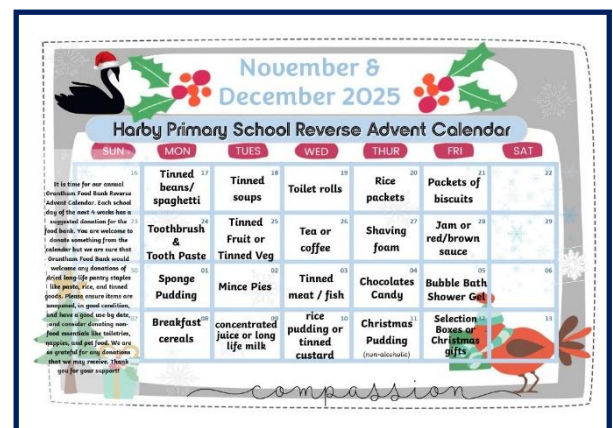
### Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
139	113	110	108

## 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!



## Maths in Reception

Reception have been learning about 4 sided shapes in maths. We went on a 'shape hunt' around school, and discovered that shapes are everywhere!



## 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

## Button batteries – safety message

Button batteries, especially small lithium coin cell batteries, can cause life-threatening injuries if swallowed or inserted into the nose or ears. When these batteries come into contact with bodily fluids, they can create an electrical current that can cause burning. This can happen very quickly, without obvious symptoms and can be extremely dangerous. Raising awareness is one of the most effective ways to prevent these accidents. The video below explains the dangers of button batteries and why awareness and immediate action is needed if they are swallowed. With Christmas around the corner this message is even more important to share with families. Video link: [Live Well Little Ones Button Batteries - YouTube](#)

## New Reception Starters 2026

Parents of pupils due to start school in September 2026 will need to complete an application to the local authority in which they live. If you live in Leicestershire information can be gained and applications can be made online at

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

The deadline for completed applications is 15th January 2026. Please do ask if you have any questions or would like any support with this and we will be happy to help.

## Christingle making and service

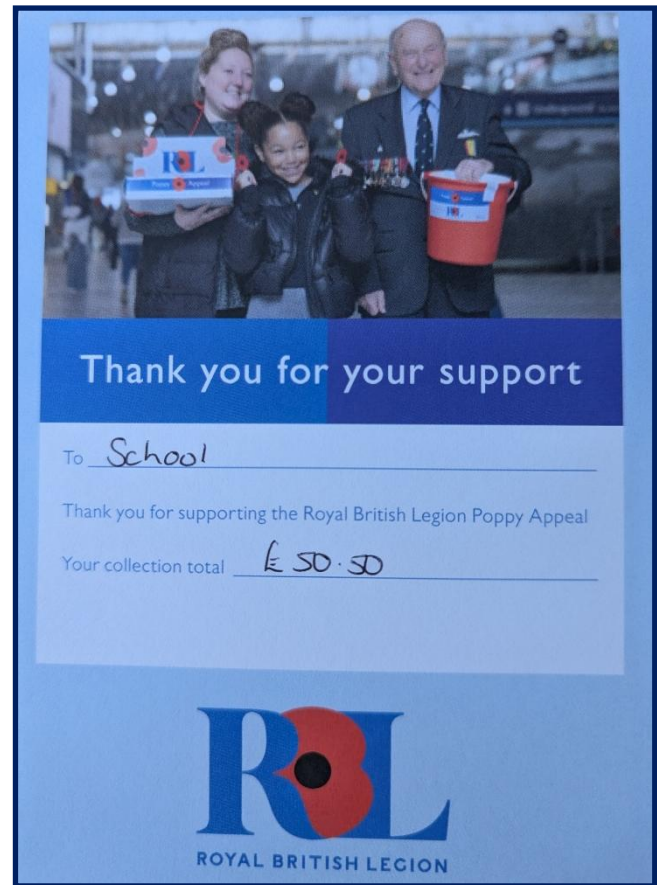
Thank you to everyone who was able to join us last week for our Christingle making morning and the service at church in the afternoon led by Rev Paul. **Thank you to the Friends of the School for purchasing the resources for us to do this.**



## Poppy Appeal

Thank you all for your donations for the Royal British Legion during their poppy appeal.

We raised £50.50 – thank you for your support.



## New playground line markings!



We were so excited to have our new playground 'officially opened.' Megan was our playground designer and had the honour of cutting the ribbon before we were able to go and explore the new markings!

***Thank you to the Friends of the School for supporting and funding this project.***



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**

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## **Christmas Eve Day in school on 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Christmas Dinner in school on 16<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be having our festive Christmas dinner on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers and headbands for this occasion if they would like to!

### **Next week in school:**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December:	Choir Club after school <b><i>Multiskills club cancelled</i></b> <b><i>Basketball Club cancelled</i></b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December:	SATs Club after school
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December:	Nativity in church at 1.45pm and 6.30pm <b><i>Cross country club cancelled due to the nativity</i></b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December:	Library Club after school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	'Santa Dash' at lunchtime – bring your santa hats!

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

***New / updated dates in red***

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner in school

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve Day in school

19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for the Christmas holiday

5<sup>th</sup> January – School opens for the spring term

15<sup>th</sup> January – Friends of the School Meeting at 7pm – all welcome

**We hope you all have a good weekend!**