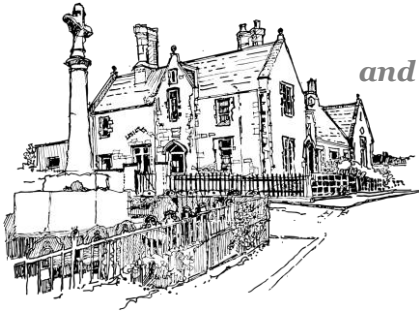


HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - LINK LETTER*Expanding horizons, exploring potential, embracing faith*

*“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 **CONFIDENCE**. To have confidence is to have belief in our abilities, ideas and skills. To know that we can achieve and we can do things well. What can be difficult sometimes is to have the confidence to try, especially with new things or if we are feeling less sure of ourselves. We may be confident in some areas and less so in others. How can we encourage and support others who are feeling less confident? Who can we ask for help if we are feeling less confident? What could cause someone's confidence to wobble? How could we support that and help others to build confidence? We certainly showed lots of confidence when performing our nativity this week!

Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of gratitude.

Team Points

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
151	121	121	117

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all your generous donations for our reverse advent calendar. We will box everything up ready to take to the Grantham Food Bank.

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.

Maths in Class 1

Class 1 have been sorting a range of shapes into a Venn diagram by the different properties they have!



Science and Technology in Class 3

Class 3 worked hard to investigate how varying voltage can affect the brightness of bulbs using a BBC micro bit to detect levels of light. Great work!



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.



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

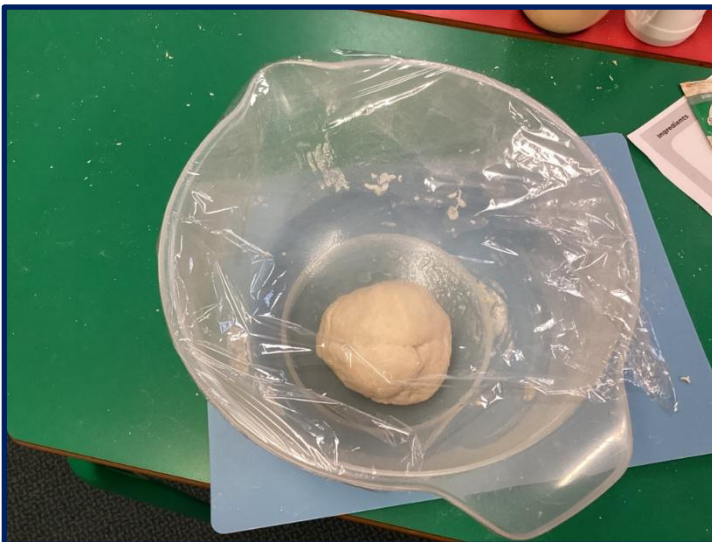
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Christmas activities at Melton Carnegie museum which may be of interest!

Design Technology in Class 2

Class 2 had a super morning exploring ideas for bread making, creating the dough and adding their own choice of ingredients. Children were very open minded about trying different combinations. They did a great job! I am sure they were very tasty too!



Our Nativity – ‘A Bundle of Joy’

Thank you to all children and staff for their hard work in preparing and performing our nativity this week. We hope you all enjoyed it!



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!

Christmas Dinner in school on 16th December

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

Next week in school: *There will be no after school clubs next week other than Planet Play*

Monday 15th December:

Tuesday 16th December:

Christmas dinner in school!

Wednesday 17th December:

Thursday 18th December:

Friday 19th December:

Christmas Eve day in school!

School closes for the Christmas holiday

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

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!