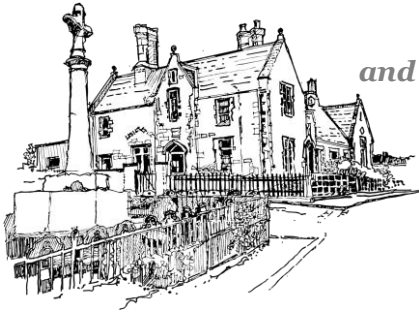


# HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - LINK LETTER

*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 GRATITUDE. Gratitude is being thankful and showing appreciation for other's kindness and the things that they have done for you, or the things that have happened. It is more than just saying thank you - it can be a deep feeling of respect and gratefulness in the fact that someone has done something to help. Being grateful and showing gratitude towards others strengthens our relationships and enables us to reciprocate our thankfulness. What are you grateful for in your life?

*First week back we will be focusing on the character strength of optimism.*

## Team Points

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

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2025			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
<b>163</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>131</b>

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you for all your generous donations for our reverse advent calendar and thank you to Mrs. Lewis for boxing these up and taking to Grantham Food Bank. We are sure that they will help many families at Christmas this year.



## Fruit smoothies in Class 1

The children have enjoyed an afternoon of making their very own fruit smoothie. They had previously planned what fruit they would like to include in their smoothies and were able to select these during the afternoon and blend them together so that they could taste and evaluate their own smoothie creation.



## 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.

## 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!**

## Class 1's read-a-thon!

Thank you to everyone who supported their children to take part in the sponsored Class 1 read-a-thon. With the money raised we were able to purchase the Tonies 2 audio book system, a set of Bluetooth headphones and 13 audiobooks which is fantastic! All under the class Christmas tree for when the children arrived this week! Thank you for your continued support – they are loving it.



## Sporting achievement!

Well done to Toby for his achievements outside of school. The under 10's Grantham football team won their final game, became winter league champions and have been promoted.

Toby played really well and was also awarded 'Man of the Match.'

Well done, Toby!



## Crib Service at St. Mary's Church in Harby

Rev Paul will be leading a Crib Service in church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm. Families are very welcome to attend and if any younger children would like to come along dressed as a character from the Nativity then they will be very welcome!

**THANK YOU** for all the kind Christmas wishes, cards and gifts that have been shared. We are grateful to all children, staff, families and governors for working so hard and supporting each other throughout the year. Your continued support is very much appreciated. We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday!



### **First week back in school:**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for the spring term Multiskills Club after school Choir Club after school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January:	SATs Club after school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January:	Open afternoon for prospective new starters Cross Country Club after school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January:	Young Voices Choir in Birmingham Library Club after school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January:	Rock Academy music lessons in school

### **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

**7<sup>th</sup> January – Open afternoon for new starters 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices Choir in Birmingham**

**9<sup>th</sup> January – Rock Academy music lessons to start in school**

**12<sup>th</sup> January – Swimming starts for children in Class 3 – details to follow**

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

***Further dates for the diary for the next half term will be updated in the first Link Letter of the new year.***

