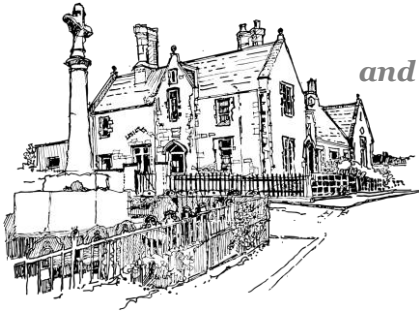


HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - LINK LETTER*Expanding horizons, exploring potential, embracing faith*

*“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 **CALMNESS**. To be calm is to have inner peace. To not have any strong emotion and to not allow oneself to feel agitated or frustrated by different situations. To respond to situations calmly is an important character strength. Sometimes this can be best achieved by taking a step back and looking carefully at a situation from all angles. Responding with calmness also reassures others - even if the circumstances are difficult.

Next week we will be focusing on the character strength and Christian value of friendship.

Team Points

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

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2026			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
28	16	16	21

Attendance

Well done to Class 1 who have had 100% attendance this week!

New Reception Starters 2026 – deadline for applications!

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.

Friends of the School – Belvoir Challenge News!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Friends of the School Belvoir Challenge meeting this week. Plans are taking shape, tickets have sold well and **our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th February, at 7pm, at school.** Everyone is welcome!

The Belvoir Challenge is fast approaching, and we need the help of ALL parents to make it a success. The event is well known for the cake and puddings we serve to participants and so we are now asking all parents to undertake to provide some of these so that we can make sure the event is a success. We need over 2500 portions of cake and 800 portions of pudding, so we really do need everyone to do their bit. We will also shortly be allocating jobs which will need doing on the day, so we will be looking for new volunteers and also contacting those who have already signed up.

As a quick reminder, last year we raised over £20,000 to support the school. With your help we would like to raise even more this year. Thank you for your help!

You can sign up to provide cakes and puddings here:

<https://form.jotform.com/260066116787057>



Young Voices Choir – new date!

We were disappointed that the Young Voices Choir was postponed last week due to the stormy weather last week but we understood - it was definitely the right thing to do to keep all schools and families taking part from across the country safe.

Young Voices are now delighted to confirm that they have rescheduled our 8 January concert date at BP Pulse LIVE in Birmingham. **Our new concert date will now be Thursday 26 February 2026.** All tickets purchased will be automatically transferred to your new concert date. We hope that you can attend. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

We look forward to Choir Club meeting up this coming Monday to go through all the songs. A few more weeks of Choir Club will help us smash it at the concert in just over a months time.

We hope you can make it!



Rock Academy Band

Sessions have started for children in school that have signed up for music lessons and they are going well – we have two bands!



Next week in school:

Monday 19th January

Swimming for children in Class 3

Multiskills Club after school

Choir Club after school

Tuesday 20th January:

SATs Club after school *cancelled due to staff training*

Wednesday 21st January:

Cross Country Club *at lunchtime today please*

Thursday 22nd January:

Friday 23rd January:

Rock Academy music lessons in school

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

24th January – Ratcliffe Cross Country – *details have been shared*

26th January – Canal and Waterways day in school

2nd February – Class 3 Residential Week

9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

10th February – Safer Internet Day

12th February – Friends of the School Meeting at 7pm – all welcome

13th February – School closes for the half term holiday

We hope you all have a good weekend!