

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 being **CREATIVE**. To be creative is to use our imagination to realise different ideas and possibilities. To see potential in things, try new combinations and create something new uses creativity. Thinking creatively can push us out of our comfort zone as we may try new or unusual things and consider if these would have the desired effect - such as creativity in cooking, baking and recipe design. Thinking about the different elements that we can put together when designing, making and playing shows creativity - maybe we can make or develop something new and exciting. Expressing ourself creatively through art, dance and drama helps us to explore thoughts and feelings. A creative approach can be about problem solving too. Thinking differently or creatively to find solutions, and working collaboratively to enact these, can enable us to pool our best ideas and share our inspirations.

Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of being open-minded.

Team Points

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

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2026			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
102	74	71	89

Parents' Evenings

We have shared a letter about Parents' Evening. Thank you for the responses received – appointment times have been shared. Please contact the school office if you would like a letter or to request an appointment and we will be happy to help.

Belvoir Challenge 2026 – Thank you from Kate Reeves

A massive thank you to everyone who came along and helped with the Belvoir Challenge last weekend. We had nearly 800 runners and walkers take part and the weather threw everything at us - from torrential rain to (brief) glorious sunshine! A small team of families, supported by many other people from within the village, worked hard to ensure that the event was a success.

We have had some amazing feedback from everyone who took part and we have again raised vital funds which will be used to support all children within the school. We would love to do the same next year, but if we don't get more support this won't be possible. We need new volunteers every year, but this year we saw hardly any parents of Class 1 children turn up to help out. If this continues we will have to stop the event, so with this in mind we hope ALL parents will join us in supporting future events.

The date of next year's event is Saturday 27th February - please put it in your calendar!



A big thank you to Kate Reeves for her leadership and organisation as Chair of the Friends of the School and thank you to all parents, staff, governors, pupils and members of the village community who have given their time and skills so generously to help make this a success. We are very grateful! There will be a Belvoir Challenge De-Briefing Meeting coming up soon and we will share the date with you – everyone is welcome!

World Book Day 2026

We enjoyed seeing your different costumes as we celebrated World Book Day. Can you recognise any characters from stories you know? What will you be reading this weekend? We hope you enjoy spending your voucher!



Red Nose Day 2026



For Red Nose Day 2026 on Friday 20th March, **we are challenging the children to raise as much money as possible through a sponsored activity of their choice**—whether it's reading, swimming, dancing, silence, running, walking, or something wonderfully creative! Children can take part individually, in pairs, or as a team, completing their challenge at outside of school

prior to the big day, and donating the money they raise via our JustGiving page. On the day itself, **everyone is invited to come dressed in red**; some fun ideas might be dressing up as Santa, a chilli pepper, a lobster, an apple, a flower, a ladybird or just a silly red outfit!



During the day we'll also be hosting The Nosey Awards, Children will be able to tell their best jokes and we will be celebrating pupils who have taken part and raised funds for Comic Relief, with special awards such as The Lenny Award, The Solo Super Star Award, The Dream Team Award, The Rising Star Award, The Joker Award and The Sporty Star Award. **So get your thinking caps on—and get fundraising!**



Eco Extravaganza

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Hodder took a group of children to the Eco Extravaganza in Leicester this week. Their first workshop was in Leicester Cathedral! They learnt about Leicester Cathedral's commitment to sustainability and made seed bombs to bring home. They had a 'what is sustainability?' workshop and learnt some really interesting facts that have challenged our thinking about sustainability! The children presented the work that we have been doing in school about sustainability and were able to talk really well about this. Harvey Flint won an award out of all the schools there – this was for his enthusiasm and dedication to the cause to be a sustainable school, reduce our carbon footprint and for his ideas and contributions during discussions and planning sessions. Well done everyone



Next week in school:

Monday 9th March

Tuesday 10th March:

Wednesday 11th March:

Thursday 12th March:

Friday 13th March:

***Parents' Evenings this week – clubs cancelled
Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
(STEM) week in school this week***

Swimming for children in Class 3
Leicestershire recycling workshops
Severn Trent water assembly

Rock Academy music lessons in school

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

- 17th March – Wheelchair basketball
- 20th March – Red Nose Day – details to follow
- 25th March – Easter service in church at 1.45pm
- 27th March – School closes for the Easter Holidays
- 13th April – School opens for the summer term
- 16th April – Cricket for Class 2 and Class 3
- 23rd April – Cricket for Class 2 and Class 3
- 30th April – Cricket for Class 2 and Class 3
- 4th May – Bank holiday – school closed
- 5th May – Class photographs
- 11th May – Mental health awareness week
- 11th May – KS2 SATs week
- 15th May – ‘Roots to Food’ – cooking workshops and Gala Dinner
- 19th May – Road safety workshops for each class
- 22nd May – School closes for the half term holiday

We hope you all have a good weekend!

