

**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 open-minded. Open-mindedness is receptiveness to new ideas. Open-mindedness relates to the way in which people approach the views and knowledge of others - without judgement. Being receptive and open to trying new ideas and things - even if they are not what we think we will like – is a really important skill which can feel scary at times and push us out of our comfort zone. It is important to try new things as we may find new likes and dislikes and we will develop our skills and self awareness.

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

**Team Points**

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

<b>Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2026</b>			
<b>Earth</b>	<b>Air</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Water</b>
<b>113</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>95</b>

**Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to parents who were able to attend for parents' evenings this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity. We appreciate that some were unable to attend and so please contact the school office if you would like to request an appointment at a different time. Thank you for your continued support.

**Belvoir Challenge 2026 – de-briefing meeting**

We will be having a de-briefing meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at school at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and it will be a good opportunity to share how things went during the event. Please come to the Planet Play door and we hope to see you there!

## Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) week

We have enjoyed many different STEM linked activities this week. The children have shown great curiosity and open mindedness in their exploring. Thank you to Mrs. Hodder for organising and to everyone for joining in so well.

There were visits this week to help us learn about recycling and Severn Trent showed us how water is recycled and used – sewage soup in Class 3 was interesting! Animal homes were talked about too during a visit from Leicestershire Wildlife hospital and we made some hedgehog homes. Classes have also been thinking about what job different parts of the plant do and how and as part of this we have been exploring how the stem transports water using capillary action. There have been some super observations and engagement from the children this week!



## 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!**



### The Warning Zone –Year 6 Visit

Year 6 children have an important curriculum visit arranged to the 'Warning Zone' in Leicester which is due to take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We very much value the importance of children understanding about their personal safety and how they can minimise risk and this visit will help to address these issues.

The aim of the session at the Warning Zone is to 'foster an understanding of risk, consequence of actions, peer pressure and personal responsibility.' The children will be accompanied by staff from school and we are delighted to let you know that **the full cost of this visit is funded by the Belvoir Challenge Funds raised by the Friends of the School.** The children will be leaving school slightly earlier than usual for the session and it will last all day so a packed lunch will be needed. A letter with details has been shared with parents. Please contact the office if you have not received on or need a further copy. The Warning Zone has a website should you wish to look at this for any further information – [www.warningzone.org.uk](http://www.warningzone.org.uk)

We hope that you will agree that this is a really important curriculum visit for your children – we are looking forward to it!

**Warning**  
**ZONE...**  
LIFE SKILLS CENTRE

## Eye Tests

Have you taken your child to the optician recently? Visiting the optician is so important. This can help to ensure that we have good eye health and pick up any vision difficulties early – and eye tests are free for children. As we are approaching the Easter holiday perhaps it would be a good time to book an appointment with the optician!

### Next week in school:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming for children in Class 3 Times Table Rockstars and Numbots Club after school School Council after school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	Wheelchair basketball sessions at the village hall today SATs Club after school
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March:	Cross Country Club after school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	Year 6 to the Warning Zone in Leicester – 8.20am start SATs Club after school <i>Library Club is cancelled this week</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March:	Red Nose Day! Rock Academy concert in church at 2pm – all welcome

### Dates for the diary:

*New / updated dates in red*

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

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