

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 TEAMWORK. Teamwork can be described as the collaborative and shared effort of a group - working together to achieve a common goal or to complete activities in the most effective and efficient way. We all have different skills, strengths and abilities and being able to combine these as we work together can help us to achieve our shared goals. We need to use different character strengths as part of our teamwork - being open -minded, being tolerant, listening to others' views, being adaptable and being respectful of others. This can be challenging at times if we have strong opinions but if we all work together there is a shared pride in our successes and achievements which feels good and is powerful. *Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of politeness and being polite.*

Team Points

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

Cumulative Total – Summer Term 2026			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
27	28	14	31

School meal price increase from August 2026 and Free School Meals

Please accept this advance warning that the price of our school meals will increase across schools in the Vale to £3.15 per meal from August 2026. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be entitled to a universal free school meal and the price increase therefore applies to junior meals only. From September 2026, the UK government is expanding Free School Meals (FSM) in England, making all children in households receiving Universal Credit eligible. We will share further information and guidance nearer the time to help parents know how to apply for this.

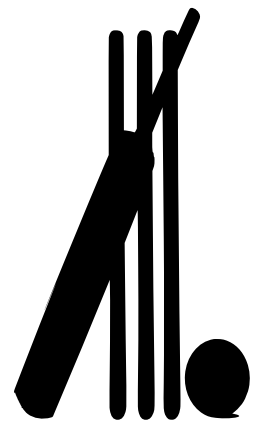
Class 1 Farm Visit

Class 1 enjoyed a visit to Brooksby to find out about lambing and life on a farm. The children got to see donkeys, alpacas, cows, sheep and pigs. They also got to learn about wild animals such as moles and badgers. ***Thank you to parents who were able to support on this trip and thank you also to the Friends of the School for fully funding this visit with monies raised by the Belvoir Challenge.***



Cricket with Neil from Belvoir Education and Sports Trust

Class 2 and Class 3 enjoyed their last session of cricket this week. Their skills have really improved.



Our Mini London Marathon

Today we encouraged all of the children to run in a mini London marathon around our playground. Many of the children ran 18 laps (which works out as 2 miles) so well done! Great running. Cross Country club carried on at the end of the day and did another 18! Amazing teamwork from us all!



Eco Council News

The Eco Council recently presented to the whole school in assembly and shared their ECO CODE which has lots of good suggestions that we should try and follow.

They then introduced their 'Lunch Box Challenge' which is To limit the use of Single Use Plastics (SUPS).

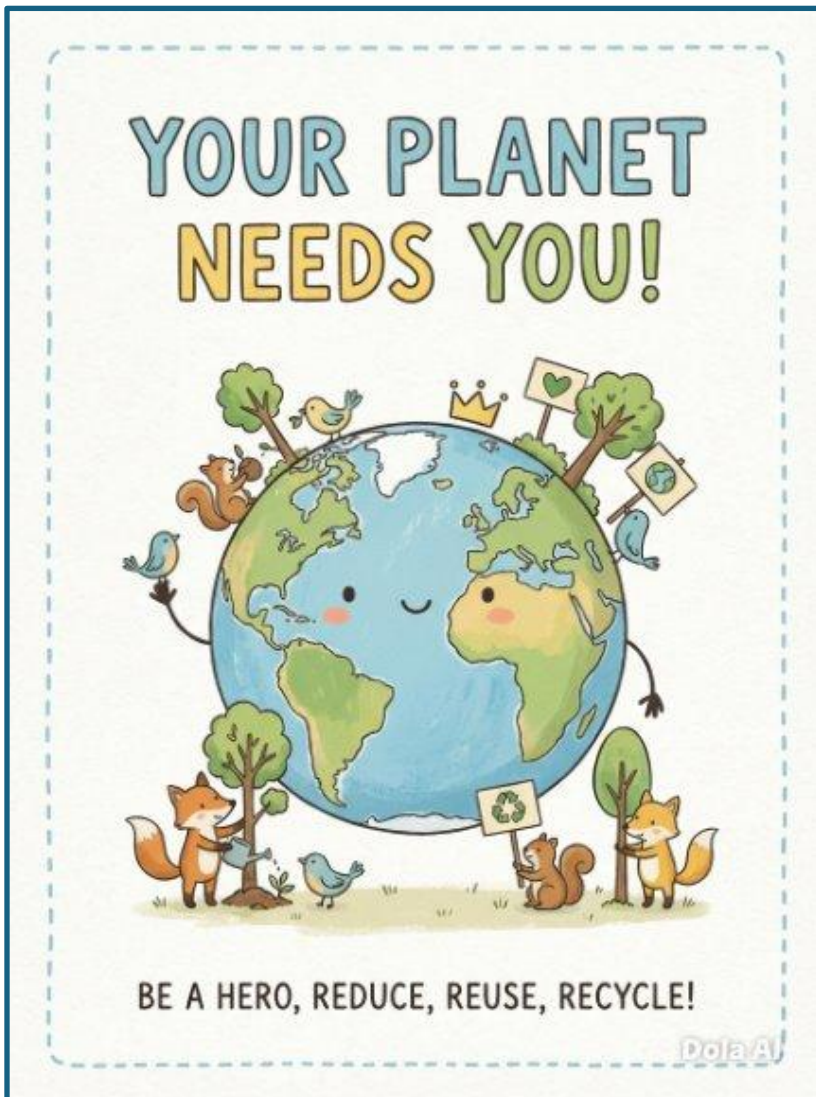
Did you know that nearly **12000** pieces of SUPs is accumulated per school each year!

Please join the Eco Council in trying hard to reduce the amount of SUPs in our lunchboxes!

Talk to your families. Explain why it is important to you to make some small changes.

Ask them about what things in your snack or lunch you could change that would reduce Single Use Plastic.

What could you swap to a reuseable option?



Remember, your planet needs you!

Every little swap or change will help!

Summer Weather

We have enjoyed some warm sunshine again this week! As the weather is getting warmer and sunnier may we remind you that sun cream and sun hats may be needed. You may provide your child with their own named bottle of sun cream for them to apply under supervision during playtimes or you may wish to use an 'all day' protection sun cream which you put on in the morning and does not need to be reapplied. Sun cream will be kept in the children's classroom. We will encourage children to use sun cream, wear hats and keep hydrated during hot weather. Please can we ask all parents to put sun cream on before school when the weather is nice so that children will only need one further application whilst at school as a top up during the day. Thank you for your continued support.



Next week in school:

Monday 4 th May:	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5 th May:	Class photographs today SATs Club after school
Wednesday 6 th May:	Cross Country Club after school
Thursday 7 th May:	<i>Library Club will be at lunchtime this half term</i>
Friday 8 th May:	Rock Academy lessons in school today

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

11th May – Mental health awareness week

11th May – KS2 SATs week

15th May – 'Roots to Food' – cooking workshops and Year 6 Gala Dinner

19th May – Road safety workshops for each class

22nd May – School closes for the half term holiday

1st June - School opens for the second half of the summer term

1st June – Year 4 multiplication tables check window opens – details to follow

8th June – Year 1 phonic screening check window opens – details to follow

22nd June – Sports Day and 'Tea at 3'

29th June – Reserve Sports Day in case of poor weather

1st July – Transition morning / new starters at Harby – details to follow

2nd July – Transition morning / new starters at Harby – details to follow

2nd July - Transition Day at Belvoir Priory Academy

3rd July – Transition morning / new starters at Harby– details to follow

9th July – Leavers' Service at church

10th July – Last day of term, school closes for the summer holidays

We hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!