

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 CONFIDENCE. To have confidence is to have belief in our abilities, ideas and skills. To know that we can achieve and we can do things well. What can be difficult sometimes is to have the confidence to try, especially with new things or if we are feeling less sure of ourselves. We may be confident in some areas and less so in others. How can we encourage and support others who are feeling less confident? Who can we ask for help if we are feeling less confident? What could cause someone's confidence to wobble? How could we support that and help others to build confidence? Very appropriate for transition week and performing our end of year play!
Next week we will be focusing on the character strength of PRIDE.

Team Points

Well done to **EARTH** - the winning team this week.

Cumulative Total – Summer Term 2026			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
80	65	56	82

Transition sessions for new starters and within school

We had many transition activities and sessions this week which we have enjoyed. These included our new starters into Reception, children working with each other in their new class groups and Year 6 having time at their new secondary schools. We hope you all enjoyed this and feel confident about moving on or joining us next year.

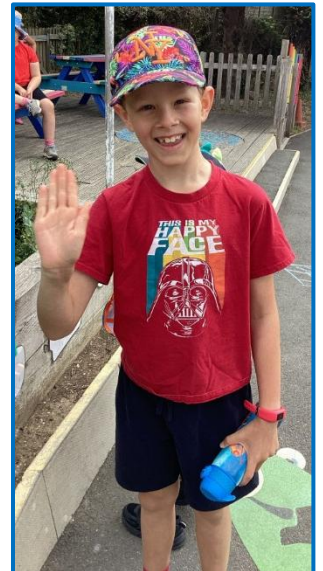
Sports Day and 'Tea at Three'

We had a great sports day this week. The weather was perfect – dry with some sunshine and clouds but not too hot! We enjoyed a wide range of different sporting activities and worked in our colour teams of Earth, Air, Fire and Water to earn points. During the afternoon we welcomed parents and families for traditional sports day races. Many of our older children were super helpful in organising younger children, setting up the equipment needed and recording the results. We had tea, juice, cake and hot dogs afterwards, kindly served by Friends of the School and enjoyed the time spent together. The winning team was **WATER!**



We also collected donations for the children's chosen charity which this year is Rewilding Britain. <https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/> The children came up with lots of lovely ideas about possible charities but a vote by School and Eco Councils selected this one as the option they felt most passionately about. Rewilding Britain is a UK charity working to restore nature by bringing wildlife back and helping damaged landscapes recover. They support projects across the country that reconnect people with nature, tackle the climate and biodiversity crises, and create healthier places for wildlife and communities to thrive. By supporting Rewilding Britain, our school is helping to protect the natural world for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support.



Warmer weather

The weather forecast for the remainder of the term currently shows the potential for more sunny days – but thankfully not quite as hot as the recent heatwave. 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.

Dinner Money and Planet Play Fees

As we reach the end of 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 for your continued support.

Annual Reports

We sent home Annual Reports for your children this week. We hope that you enjoy reading them and welcome your feedback. Please contact the school office to confirm your email if you have not received one, or if you would like a digital copy of your child’s Annual Report, and we will be happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

School meal price increase from August 2026 and Free School Meals

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.

Last day of term

We will be having a fun beach themed day on the last day of term. Your children are welcome to come in their own clothes on this day and we will have a treat in store for them!

Class 3's end of year play

Class 3 enjoyed performing their end of year play, 'Looking Good, Robin Hood.' We were so proud of the children's singing, acting and the way they worked together to put on a wonderful performance. The props and costumes were amazing and all created by children, staff and families – thank you for your creativity and skills! Thank you to the Friend of the School for serving refreshments afterward and everyone for their help in tidying away too! We hope you enjoyed the show!



Next week in school:

Monday 6th July:

Swimming for Class 2

Tuesday 7th July:

Bingo Club after school

Wednesday 8th July:

Thursday 9th July:

Leavers' service in church at 1.45pm

Friday 10th July:

Beach themed day at school

Rocksteady band

Last day of term, school closes for the summer holidays

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

20th August – Staff training day, school closed to children

21st August – Staff training day. School closed to children

24th August – School opens for the autumn term

31st August – Bank Holiday – school closed

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

