28th August 2026

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

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school and also to our new starters in Reception – welcome to Jack B, Wallace, Lexie-Mai, Jack H, Louie, Callum Dottie-Mae, Willow and Nell. We have also welcome Mrs. Pitt and Mr. Barson as new Learning Support Assistants this week. We hope you all enjoy being part of our school. We hope everyone enjoyed their first week at school after the holidays and are looking forward to a fun filled term!

Assembly Focus

This week we have been focusing on our three school rules:

- Follow instructions with thought and care
- Care for everyone and everything
- Show respect and good manners at all times

We thought about why they are important and how we can show that we are following them in our words and actions.

Next week we will be focusing on character strengths that are 'Behaviours for Learning.'

Team Points

Well done to WATER - the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026			
Earth	**Air**	**Fire**	**Water**
3	**3**	**5**	**7**

Rev Paul

We enjoyed welcoming Rev Paul back this week. Rev Paul will be leading an assembly for us each week on Friday morning – sometimes in school and sometimes in church!

Reminders!
As we start the new term we thought it would be helpful to share some reminders.

School meal price increase from August 2026 and Free School Meals
The price of our school meals has increased 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. If you think you may qualify for free school meals please click here to access the Leicestershire portal and make an application – it is a quick process. Please contact the school office if you have any questions, would like support or would prefer a paper form to complete and we will be happy to help.

Naming Jumpers and Clothing
Please do remember to make sure your child's name is on their clothing so we can easily give back any lost items. Please also remember to send you child with a waterproof coat each day – we have certainly needed them this week. Thank you!

Drop off and Collection
The gates are open for drop off in the morning from 8.40am until 8.50am after which time they are closed and school begins. Children arriving after this time will need to ring the office door to gain access to the school. Collection at the end of the school day is at 3.20pm. If someone different is collecting your child it is important that you inform the school office so that we can make sure staff are aware of who they should be going home with. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

Illness
Where children have been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea they must remain away from school for 48 hours after their last bout. This is in line with NHS guidelines. Further useful information about childhood illnesses, whether your child is well enough to be at school and other useful health advice can be found by following this link: **Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)**

Reporting absence
Parents are requested to notify the school office, no later than 8.40am, that their child will be absent. This can be done via email to the school office, telephone call / message on the answerphone or in person to the school office if dropping off a sibling. Where pupils are absent and we have received no message, we will ring ***all*** contact numbers given for the child and email parents. If we have not received any response, despite messaging in all ways available, we may then complete a home visit as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Further information about attendance and our full policy can be found on the school website: **Harby C of E Primary School - Attendance (harbyprimary.org)**

Shorts
Please can you ensure that if children are wearing shorts as part of their school uniform, which does look smart, that they are of a good length and are not PE shorts.
Thank you for your continued support.

Permissions
As we start the new year our new parents will be informing us of permissions for things - such as how we use their child's photographs for example. This is just a reminder to all our parents that we hold a record with your given permissions in the school office. If you would like to review or change any of the permissions we hold, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

Friends of the School Welcome Party
One of the events that the Friends of the School organises is a welcome back party. This is a lovely opportunity for all families to meet and get to know each other. Children have taken home an invitation for this in their book bags with full details. The party is from 5 – 8pm, Pizza Pals will be available too. We hope you will be able to join us on Friday 4th September!



Friends of the School Meeting
We are holding our first Friends of the School meeting on Thursday 10th September. This meeting will be held at school and will be focused on the Belvoir Challenge! The Belvoir Challenge is the school's big fundraiser – and is lots of fun. ***Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you there***. For more information about the Friends of the School click the link to visit their page on our school website: [Harby C of E Primary School - Our Friends of the School (harbyprimary.org)]

We hope to see you at the meeting – Thursday 10th September at school at 7pm or online via Teams – we will send a link on the day!

Hose Produce Show



Hose Produce Show and Plant Sale

This will be held on 6th September 2026 and may be of interest to families.

There are a number of categories for children and adults to enter and there will be things for sale too!

Children may complete some of the activities at Planet Play and we may enter them for the show!

Next week in school:

Monday 31st August:	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 1st September:	
Wednesday 2nd September:	KS2 Young Voices club after school until 4.20pm
Thursday 3rd September:	
Friday 4th September:	Welcome back party 5pm – 8pm on The Leys

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

31st August – Bank Holiday – school closed

4th September – Welcome back party – 5pm – 8pm on the Leys

7th September – Individual school photographs – letter to follow

10th September – Friends of the School meeting at 7pm at school/online

16th September – Harvest Festival at 1.45pm in church in Harby

24th September – Flu Immunisation in school – letter to follow

6th October – Parents' Evenings this week – details to follow

6th October – Scholastic Book Fair in school

16th October – School closes for the half term holiday

26th October – Training day – school closed to children

27th October – Training day – school closed to children

28th October – Training day – school closed to children

29th October – School opens for the second part of the autumn term

11th November – Remembrance service at the cross – everyone welcome

27th November – Christingle in school and at church

10th December – Nativity in church at 1.45pm and 6.30pm

18th December – School closes for the Christmas holiday

We hope you all have a good weekend!

Tidy Ted and Tidy Tim had a good summer holiday!

