

# 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*

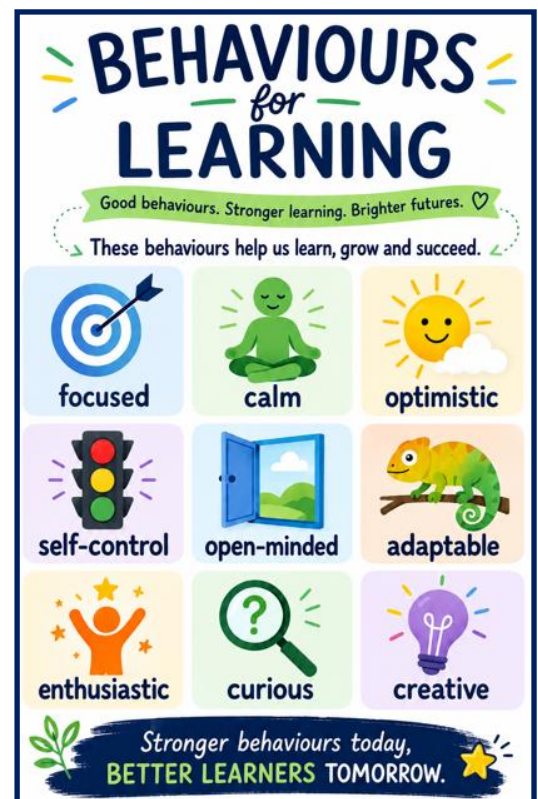
## Assembly Focus

This week we have been focusing on a group of character strengths that are 'Behaviours for Learning.'

We talked about the different strengths and how they can help us in different situations when we are learning new things and working to develop our understanding.

The children shared some good ideas and reflected on the images chosen to represent each character strength. We talked about our commitment to trying to use these character strengths to get better and be better.

We will continue to focus on these areas throughout the first half term in school, looking at how they can help us.



## Team Points

Well done to **AIR** and **WATER** - the winning teams this week!

| Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026 |     |      |       |
|-------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Earth                               | Air | Fire | Water |
| 11                                  | 13  | 11   | 17    |

## Art in Class 2

What a lovely lesson with Class 2 ... where everyone calmly painted their backgrounds ... being very careful with their brush strokes and selection of colours!



## 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 your 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/childhood-illnesses/)

### 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 \(harbyprimary.org\)](https://www.harbyprimary.org/attendance/)

## Playground collection

If you are not collecting your child from the classroom/ top playground please can you come right on to the bottom playground to wait for and receive your children. It can be difficult for staff to see and make sure everyone is going to the right adult when parents wait on the path and this makes the gate area congested. ***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 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 \(harbyprimary.org\)](http://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

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026

2.00pm

Hose Village Hall

Free entry

- Homecraft
- Fruit and Vegetables
- Children's Categories
- Handicraft and Hobbies
- Cut Flowers and Foliage
- Refreshments and Produce Sale
- Garden and Houseplants for sale

Submit entries 8.30am to 11.00am

Prizes at 3.00pm

All information can be found on:

[www.OurGardenClub.co.uk](http://www.OurGardenClub.co.uk)



### 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 7 <sup>th</sup> September:    | Individual school photographs first thing                     |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September:   |                                                               |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September: | <b><i>No Young Voices Choir tonight as staff training</i></b> |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September: | Friends of the School meeting at 7pm at school/online         |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September:   |                                                               |

***Dates for the diary:******New / updated dates in red***

16<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at 1.45pm in church in Harby  
24<sup>th</sup> September – Flu Immunisation in school – letter to follow  
6<sup>th</sup> October – Parents’ Evenings this week – details to follow  
6<sup>th</sup> October – Scholastic Book Fair in school  
16<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for the half term holiday  
26<sup>th</sup> October – Training day – school closed to children  
27<sup>th</sup> October – Training day – school closed to children  
28<sup>th</sup> October – Training day – school closed to children  
29<sup>th</sup> October – School opens for the second part of the autumn term  
11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance service at the cross – everyone welcome  
27<sup>th</sup> November – Christingle in school and at church  
10<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity in church at 1.45pm and 6.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for the Christmas holiday

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