

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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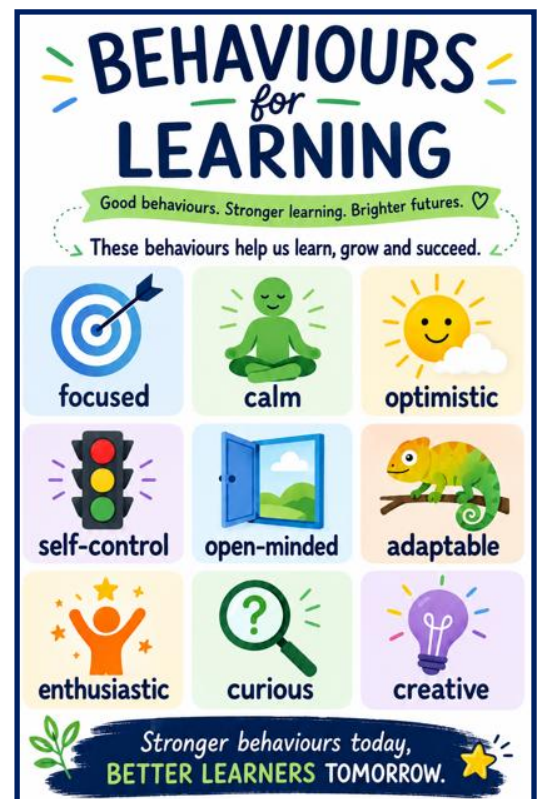
Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Koinonia

Assembly Focus

This week we have continued to focus on a group of character strengths that are 'Behaviours for Learning.'

We talked about the choices we make and that it can sometimes be hard to make a good choice. Sometimes our friends, families, teachers and other people can influence the choices that we make. Sometimes we can help others to make good choices too.

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 **FIRE** and **WATER** - the winning teams this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
21	21	22	28

Parachute development and testing in science in Class 3



Have your circumstances changed?

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.

School Photographs

School photographs that were taken on Monday have been shared with families. Please contact the school office if you have not received your proof and we will be happy to help. I am sure they will make lovely Christmas presents for family members!

Applying for Secondary School Places

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to apply for their secondary school place for when they transfer from primary. The Leicestershire County Council website has information which can be found at [Apply for a secondary school | Leicestershire County Council](#) and you may find this useful.

The deadline for all applications is 31st October 2026. Everyone must apply for a place as there is not automatic entry for any school. Schools in the local area will be holding their own visit sessions and you can find out more information from specific schools by visiting their websites. Belvoir Priory Academy are holding an open evening on Thursday 17th September between 5 and 7pm and there is no booking needed. For more details please visit [Belvoir - A Priory Academy - Home](#). If you have any questions or would like any help with this, please ask Mrs. Bye.

Hose Produce Show

We had some very successful entries from Planet Play and school into the Hose Produce Show at the weekend. School won the Sunflower Challenge Cup for the tallest sunflower at 182cm. There were prizes for Nora and Emily who showed their creativity in painting and decorating a jar which they did at Planet Play. Planet Play also had some winners in the model competition with Harry, Isaac and Laurence winning one class and Thomas, Denis, Reuben and Callum winning another. Well done everyone!



Class 3 Residential

Children in Class 3 have taken home a letter about a planned residential to Willersley Castle. There will be a brief meeting for parents at 5.45pm on Thursday 24th September. Please contact the school office if you have not received a letter and we will be happy to help.

Seasonal Flu Vaccination

The immunisation team will be attending school on 24th September to deliver the vaccinations to children in school. This can only be given to children when parents have given their consent. Full details for how to give consent, along with further information about the flu vaccination, have already been shared with parents via letter this week. If you need any further support please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Friends of the School Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Friends of the School meeting this week. We talked about the Belvoir Challenge which is our big fundraiser. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 15th October at 7pm, both online and in person. We will send a link nearer the time and hope to see you there.

Next week in school:

Monday 14 th September:	Cross Country Club after school
Tuesday 15 th September:	
Wednesday 16 th September:	Harvest Festival at 1.45pm in church
	Young Voices choir after school
Thursday 17 th September:	
Friday 18 th September:	

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

16th September – Harvest Festival at 1.45pm in church in Harby
24th September – Flu Immunisation in school – ***a letter has been shared***
24th September – brief initial meeting about Class 3 residential at 5.45pm
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!