

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 have been thinking about harvest this week and have enjoyed learning new songs together for the harvest service in church.

We also welcomed Rev Paul to lead assembly on Friday where we showed curiosity and focused Listening.

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
28	29	29	36

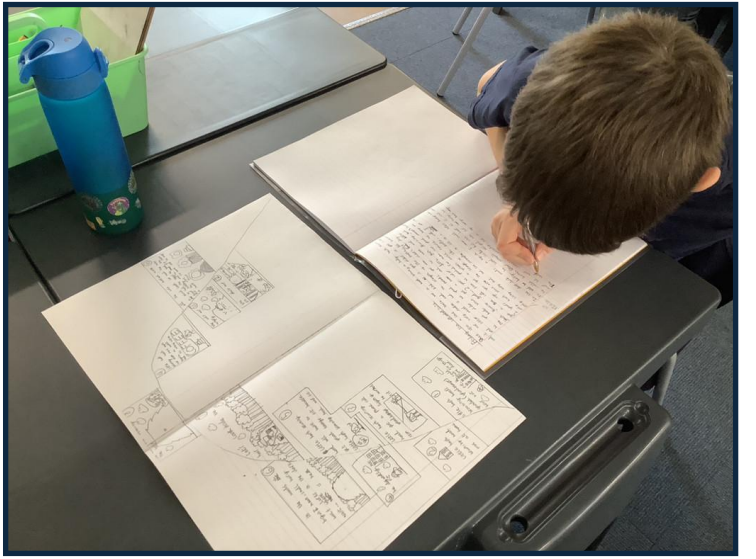
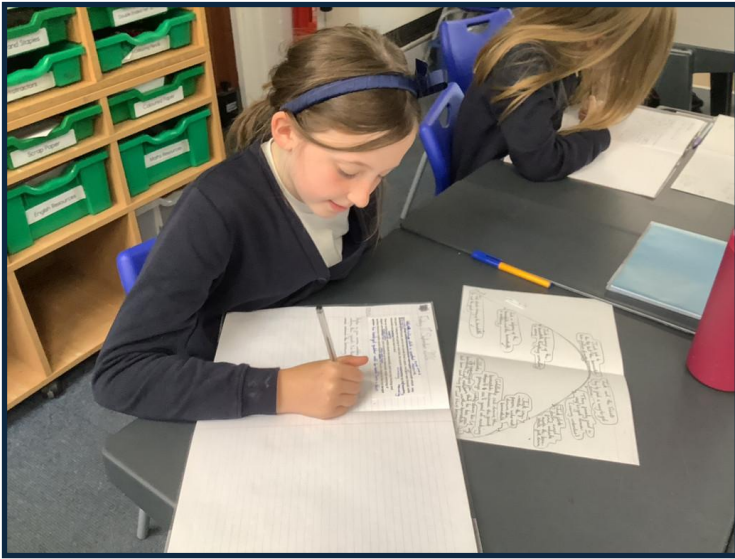
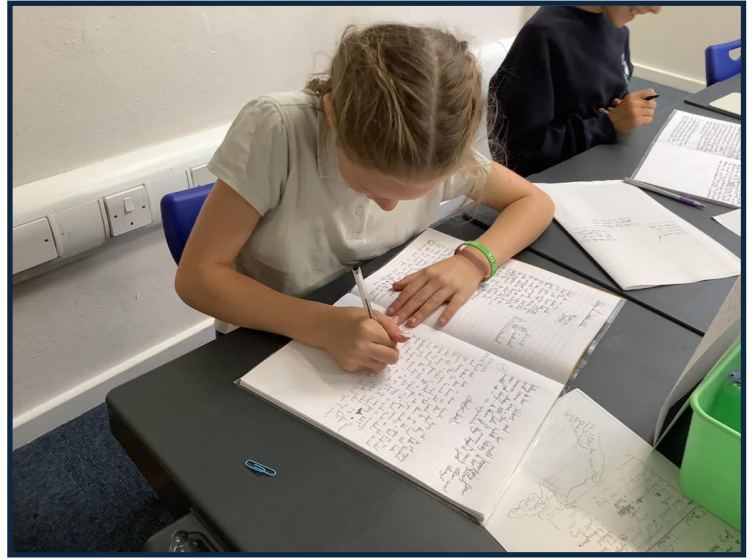
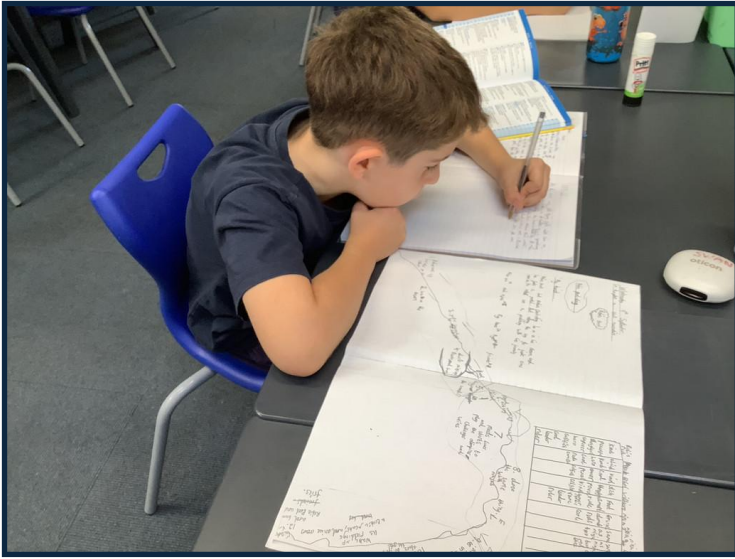
Art in Class 1 – blending, smudging and colour mixing



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.

English in Class 3 - super focus and concentration this week



School Photographs

School photographs that were taken 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.

If you have any questions or would like any help with this, please ask Mrs. Bye.

Creativity in Class 1



Leicestershire Term Dates

Last week the Leicestershire term dates for the next 5 years were published. For the last 3 years the Vale Schools have made a slight amendment, adding some days onto the October half term to align with the local secondaries. This has meant, to abide by the 190 day school year, some days are added to the end of the school year, ensuring that children receive their full entitlement of school days. Staff and parents are being consulted about their wishes and thoughts with a questionnaire link being shared.

Please contact the school office if you have not received a link and we will be happy to help. We are asking for the consultation to be completed by 25th September, and then the Vale Schools will meet to align staff and parent voice. We aim to publish term dates in October for the next 5 years so you have plenty of notice about school timings. Thank you for your continued support.

Class 3 Residential Meeting

There will be a brief meeting for parents at 5.45pm on Thursday 24th September to talk about the Class 3 residential. 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.

International talk like a pirate day in Class 1



Cross Country at Longfield

On Saturday 10th October it will be the Melton and Belvoir Primary Cross Country Festival. This will be held at Longfield Spencer Academy in Melton Mowbray. The race times are as follows:

- 10:00am - **Y3/4 Girls**
- 10:15am – **Y3/4 Boys**
- 10:30am – **Y1/2 Fun Run**
- 10:45am - **Y5/6 Girls**
- 11:00am - **Y5/6 Boys**

The main aims of the event are to promote participation in primary cross country and to provide a safe, enjoyable, and positive experience for all participants.

Due to the building works currently taking place at Long Field Spencer Academy, parking on site will be limited. We would therefore encourage attendees to walk where possible, share transport, or make use of the car park kindly provided by Melton Mowbray Baptist Church, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0FA.

The event should be completed no later than 11:30am and there will be refreshments available for purchase throughout the morning. The distances are: Year 5 and 6 – around 1 mile. Year 3 and 4 – under 1 mile. Fun run – approx. 1k

Please contact Mrs. Ford if you would like to take part – everyone is welcome!

Mrs. Coats

Mrs. Coats will be leaving us on Wednesday 23rd September to start her maternity leave. We wish Mrs. Coats and her family every happiness and look forward to hearing her baby news in the near future!

Next week in school:

Monday 21st September: Cross Country Club after school
Tuesday 22nd September:
Wednesday 23rd September: Young Voices choir after school
Thursday 24th September: Flu Immunisation in school
Class 3 residential meeting at 5.45pm
Friday 25th September:

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

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
10th October – Cross Country event at Longfield
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!

