

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

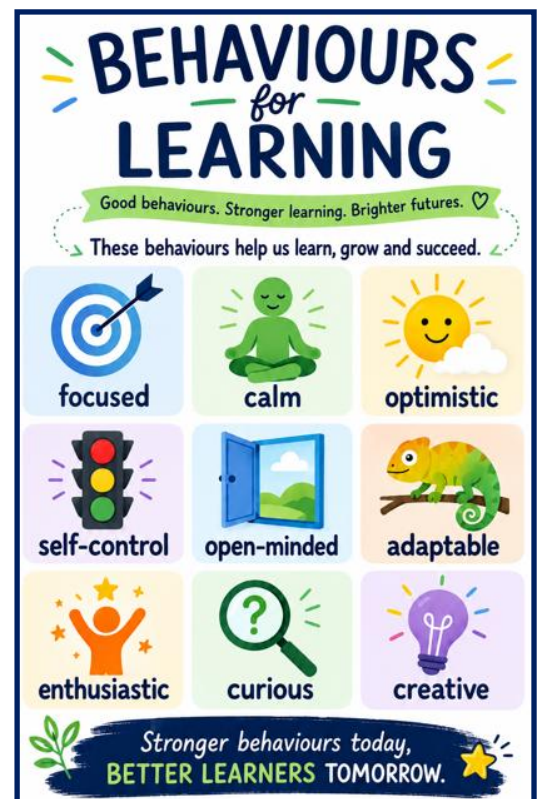
Assembly Focus

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

We have been thinking about focus and concentration, including what we can do to help us to focus well in class. We thought about how athletes have to focus hard to be the best they can be at their sports. We can do that too with learning.

We talked about setting goals to help us with focus, having a peaceful environment with no distractions and taking a break from time to time.

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** - the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
38	38	41	46

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.

Art in Class 2

The class have enjoyed creating their fruit bowls with the collage papers they created last week. They worked on their cutting skills and visualisation to decide on the best arrangement inside their super fruit bowls.



Staff Updates

Mr. Barson will be leaving us as a staff member this week. We have enjoyed working with him and are delighted that he will still be able to volunteer in school when we have trips and activities. Mrs. Coats has now finished 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!

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.

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

Thank you for your contributions to our questionnaire about term dates. The Vale Schools will be meeting together soon to look at responses and publish future dates.

Thank you to parents who were able to attend the residential meeting this week. Please contact us via the school office if you have any questions about this educational visit and we will be happy to help.

A group of children in a classroom setting, some wearing costumes like a paper hat and a green jacket, standing in a line and interacting with a teacher or adult seated on the right. The background features a large screen, a bulletin board, and various educational materials.

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.

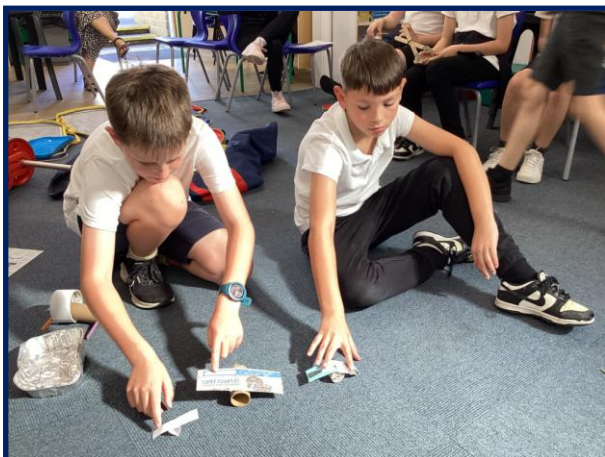
The event should be completed no later than 11:30am and there will be refreshments available for purchase throughout the morning. The distances are: Year 5 and 6 – around 1 mile. Year 3 and 4 – under 1 mile. Fun run – approx. 1k

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

Science in Class 3



Class 3 learnt about the three types of lever and tried to make them. They were very innovative and could talk about the location of the pivots, and where their effort needed to be added to lift, pick up or cut through their loads.



Parents' Evening

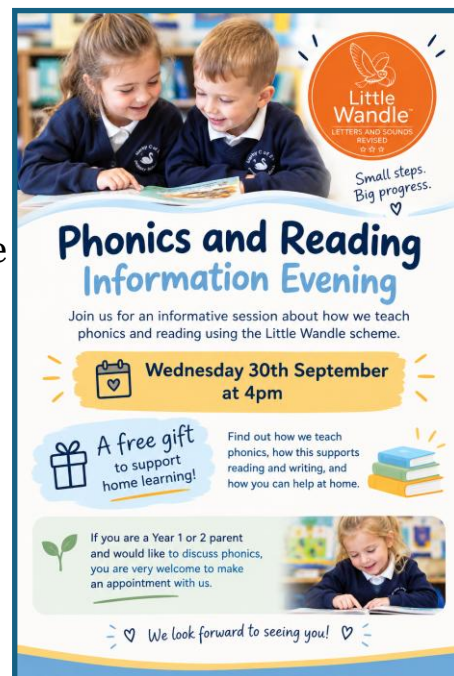
We have shared a letter this week about our forthcoming Parents' Evenings. Please contact the school office if you have not received one and would like to arrange an appointment and we will be happy to help.

Phonics and Reading Information Evening

If your child has just started Reception in Class 1 please come along to an information evening.

This is on Wednesday 30th September at 4pm and there will be a free gift for you to use with your child!

We hope to see you there!



Next week in school:

Monday 28th September:

Cross Country Club after school

Tuesday 29th September:

Wednesday 30th September:

Phonics and Reading Information Evening at 4pm
No Young Voices Choir tonight

Thursday 1st October:

Friday 2nd October:

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

6th October – Parents' Evenings this week – **a letter has been shared**

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!