9th October 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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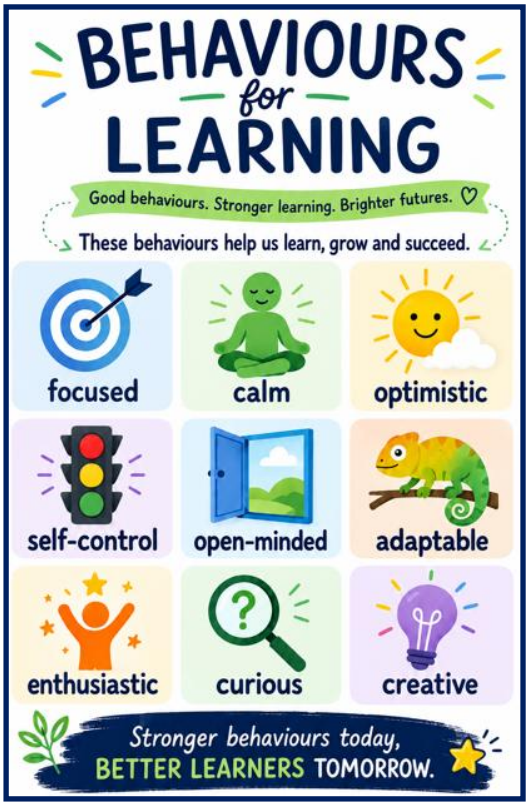
Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Koinonia

Assembly Focus

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

We have thought about how our behaviours for learning can help our partner in paired reading which we have started this week. We have enjoyed getting to know our new reading partners and being calm and focused to help them with their reading – with enthusiasm 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 EARTH and AIR - the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026			
Earth	**Air**	**Fire**	**Water**
61	**59**	**57**	**57**

Scholastic Book Fair – final day - Monday 12th October after school



We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in school next week.

It will be straight after school, or during Parents Evening, on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October and after school on Friday 9th and Monday 12th October.

Please come and visit our Scholastic Book Fair in the hub in the centre of school. There will be a range of books for you and your child to browse and purchase if you wish to. There will be a wide selection of books starting at around £3.99 +. Payments will be card only, made using a QR code to scan and pay from your mobile phone. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept cash payments.

Every purchase at the fair helps to earn our school rewards and new books for our classroom libraries!

Please come along, support our school book fair and continue to help promote a love of reading!

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Marsden and the Harby team.





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.

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

We hope to see you there – everyone is welcome!

Congratulations to the Coats family

We are delighted to share that Mrs. Coats has had a baby girl and all are safe and well.

Welcome to Florence Orla Coats and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Coats and their family!

What lovely news!



HARBY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

A huge Thank You! from Class 1 to

The Friends of School

And to everyone who supports The Belvoir Challenge by volunteering their time on the day, including:

- Marshals
- At checkpoints
- Making tea and coffee
- Helping at the car park
- In the kitchen
- And all the other behind the scenes jobs!

Class 1 would like to say a special thank you for purchasing additional role play resources for our classroom, including:



Your support makes such a difference and we are so grateful!

Friends of the School Meeting
Our AGM is on Thursday 15th October at 7pm.

This will be a hybrid meeting held at school and online too to help parents to be able to attend.

We will be discussing the Belvoir Challenge other events in the run up to Christmas.

A link will be share to all on Thursday 15th October.

We hope to see you their and thank you for your continued support.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help Make the Belvoir Challenge a Success

Saturday 27 February 2027

The Belvoir Challenge raises over £20,000 for Harby Primary School.

We are looking for parents, carers, family members and friends who can spare a little time to help on the day.

NO MEETINGS REQUIRED! Just help on the day. Any time you can spare is appreciated.

Ways you can help:
- Set-up
- Marshalling
- Check points
- Registration

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be signing up volunteers soon, so please save the date and keep an eye out for further information.

Every volunteer helps us raise more money for our school and makes a real difference to our children.

Next week in school:

Monday 12th October:	Cross Country Club after school Scholastic Book Fair after school
Tuesday 13th October:	
Wednesday 14th October:	Young Voices Choir after school
Thursday 15th October:	Friends of the School meeting at 7pm in school and online
Friday 16th October:	School closes for the half term holiday

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