30th 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 been thinking about our return to school after the half term holiday. We have shared what we have done during the holiday and are now looking forward to a busy half term in the run up to Christmas. We have started learning songs ready for our Remembrance service which we will be holding on 11th November. We have also thought about walking to school and how we can engage with our families in conversations as we walk. There is a new tracker which we are using in the classroom to help us to track how much we walk, and we can collect stickers for this. We also enjoyed assembly in church with Rev Paul this week.

Team Points

These have been rolled over to next week due to only being back in school for 2 days this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026			
Earth	**Air**	**Fire**	**Water**
73	**71**	**66**	**64**

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppy themed merchandise will be available for a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

This will be available next week after school on the bottom playground.

Thank you for your support.



Extra Curricular Clubs
Extra curricular clubs will be on in school this half term, with many at lunchtime.

- Monday lunchtime - football for Y3/4 and R/1/2
- Tuesday lunchtime - dodgeball
- Wednesday lunchtime – running club and Times Table Rock Stars club
- Thursday lunchtime – basketball
- Friday lunchtime- football for Y5/6 and R/1/2 girls

We hope the children will enjoy joining in with these activities during their lunchtime play.

Young Voices Choir will continue to be after school on Wednesday unless otherwise advertised and Library Club will start after school on Thursday until 4.10pm.

Applying for Secondary School Places **DEADLINE TOMORROW!**
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.

New Belvoir Challenge T-Shirt Design Winners!

The children have enjoyed designing a new t-shirt for the Belvoir Challenge 2027.

Here is the winning design – a combination of two pupils' drawings and lettering.

Well done – this will look fabulous on a t-shirt!



Move Makers!
We are taking part in an exciting new challenge to encourage more children and their families to travel actively to school. Move Makers is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling, cycling or scooting to school.

This year, children will log how they travel to school each day and earn points towards a class total. The more active a journey is, the more points on offer, with the highest points awarded for walking or wheeling, cycling or scooting.

Classes compete to have the most points at the end of the month, and the chance to host the mini Strider mascot. It's that simple!

Every journey counts, helping your child and their classmates work together to climb the leaderboard.

Your child will receive a Move Makers bookmark, which they can earn a special Move Makers sticker to add to each month.
Visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/movemakersrewards
to learn the story behind each sticker in the words of the children who designed them.

Part of Move Makers is a dedicated parent portal. Please take a look around to find out more about Living Streets and tell us about your journey to school. Click here to access: Parent Portal and you can see how your child's class is getting on!



Next week in school:

Monday 2nd November:	Lunchtime football for Y3/4 and R/1/2
Tuesday 3rd November:	Lunchtime dodgeball
Wednesday 4th November:	Lunchtime running club and Times Table Rock Stars club
	Young Voices Choir after school
Thursday 5th November:	Lunchtime basketball
	Special dinner menu today!
	Library Club after school
Friday 6th November:	Lunchtime football for Y5/6 and R/1/2 girls

Dates for the diary: ***New dates will be added after the holiday***
New / updated dates in red
9th November – Canal visit and workshop in school
10th November – Canal visit and workshop in school
11th November – Remembrance service at the cross at 11am – everyone welcome
13th November – Children in Need – further details to follow
16th November – Anti-Bullying week
16th November – Odd Socks Day!
26th November – Friends of the School meeting at 7pm at school and online
27th November – Christingle in school and at church – details to follow
30th November – Healthy / unhealthy relationships workshop in Class 3
7th December – Carols with the Mayor in Melton Mowbray
10th December – Nativity in church at 1.45pm and 6.30pm
11th December – Christmas dinner in school
11th December – Rocksteady concert
14th December – 9 Lessons and Carols in church during the evening
18th December – Christmas Eve Day in school – details to follow
18th December – School closes for the Christmas holiday
4th January – School opens for the spring term

Reverse Advent Calendar
We will be collecting for our reverse advent calendar to spread some kindness at Christmas time

Keep an eye out for further information about what we will be collecting for the Grantham Foodbank during this half term!

