13th November 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

During the half term up to Christmas we will be focusing on 'Behaviours for Community.'

This week in particular we have thought about respect and being respectful in relation to remembrance.

Our Remembrance Service was attended by parents, Rev Paul and members of the village. Children had made some super reflections and we also thought about being grateful for the sacrifices people had made.



Team Points

Well done to **EARTH** the winning team this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026			
Earth	**Air**	**Fire**	**Water**
96	**90**	**81**	**82**

Remembrance Service

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Remembrance Service this week. We hope that you have enjoyed sharing in the children's lovely work that is displayed around the war memorial – there are some very thoughtful and carefully presented pieces.

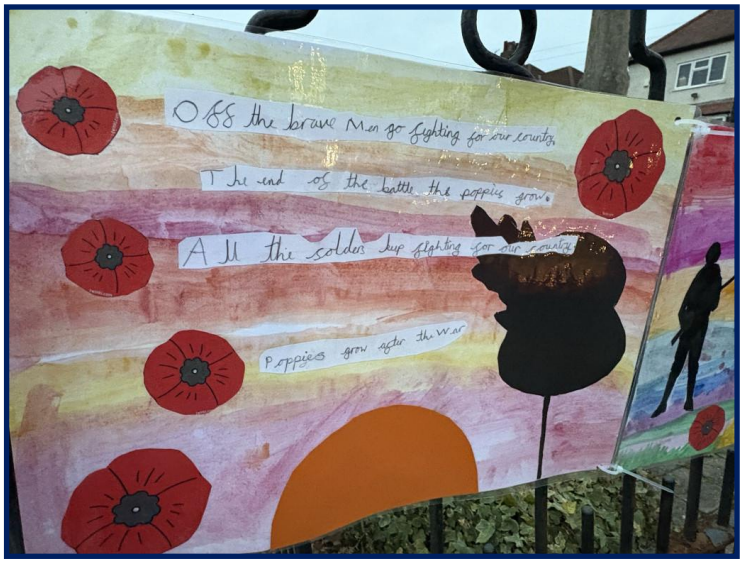






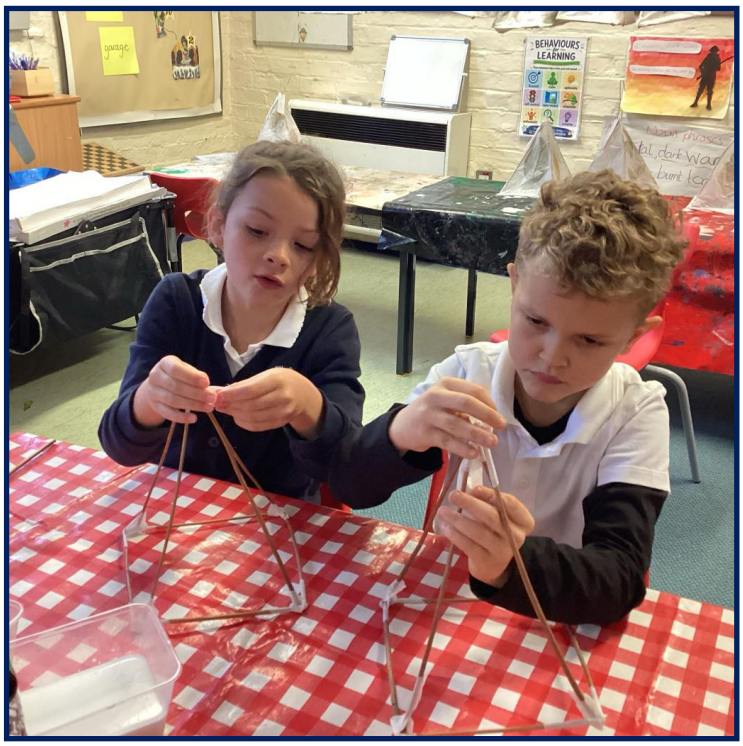






Canal and River Trust Visit

Children in all classes enjoyed nature activities with Adrian from the Canal & River Trust. They enjoyed scavenging for lovely leaves up near the church and along the canal - focusing on different colours and sizes. Following this our lanterns were decorated with leave. Older children made their own lanterns first by building a frame and covering it. Lovely workshops for the children to engage with!







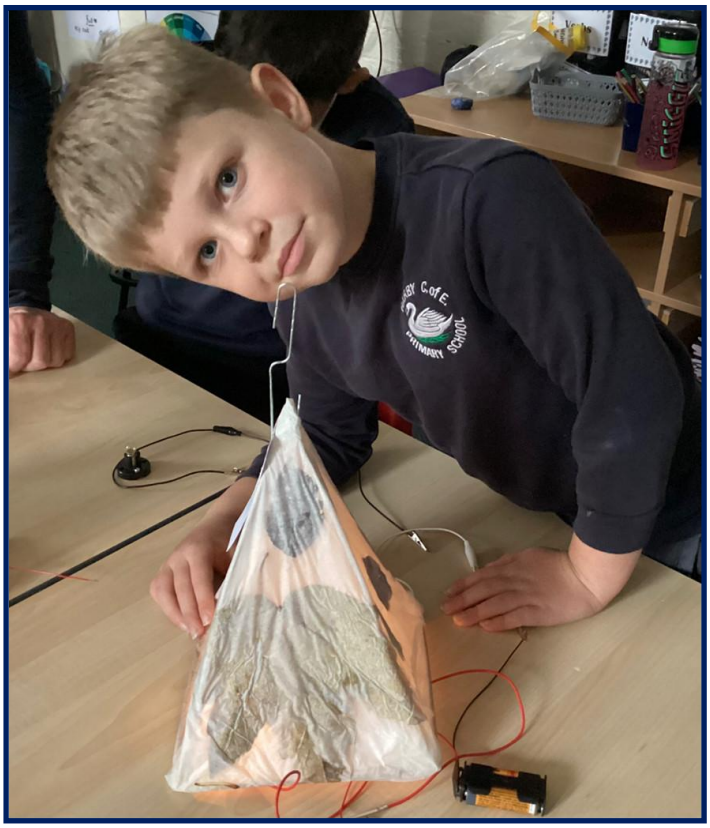






Class 2 have made circuits so that they can see their lanterns lit up! Battery operated fairy lights or tea lights work well too!











Children in Need
We have enjoyed taking part in a 26 step dance challenge this week to raise money for Children in Need.







Harby Primary School's JustGiving Page

All donations are welcome and can be given via the QR code above or by clicking: **Children in Need**.



ODD SOCKS DAY!

Monday November 16th

Part of Anti-Bullying Week

Celebrate Differences!

Show Your Personality!



Be Unique. Be Proud. Wear Your ODD SOCKS to School!

For parents and children.

To find out more, please ask your class teacher or visit the Anti-Bullying Alliance website.

Reverse Advent Calendar

As we begin the countdown to Christmas, we are excited to launch our Reverse Advent Calendar in support of Grantham Food Bank. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to make a real difference in their community and experience the true spirit of the festive season through kindness, compassion and generosity.

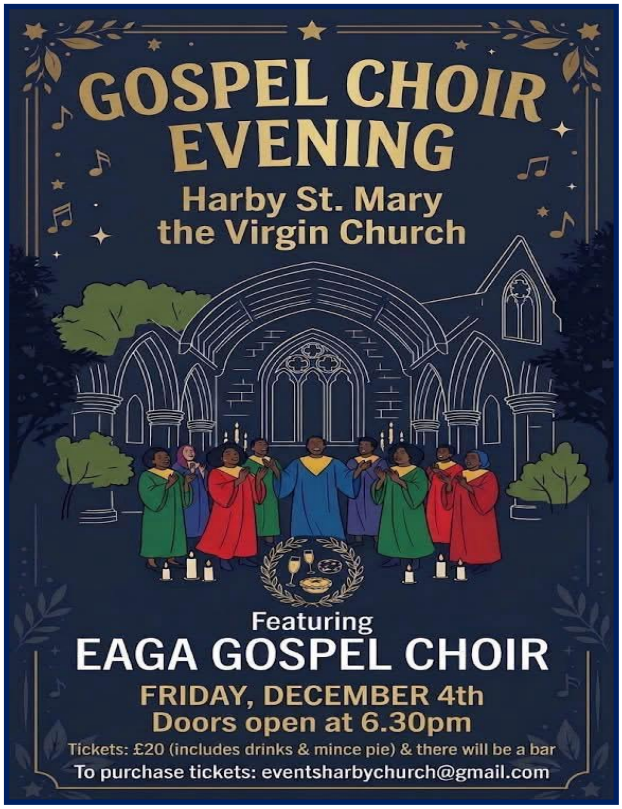
A Reverse Advent Calendar works a little differently from a traditional advent calendar. Instead of receiving something each day, we invite families to donate an item that will help support local people and families who may be facing difficult circumstances this winter. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a big difference. Taking part helps children understand the importance of:

💛 Kindness and helping others 🤝 Compassion for those who may be struggling
🌟 Community spirit and social action 🙏 Gratitude for the things we have
🎄 Giving at Christmas, not just receiving

Our Reverse Advent Calendar will run for four weeks, with different suggested donations each week. All items collected will be delivered to Grantham Food Bank during the final week of term, helping to support local families in time for Christmas.

Thank you for helping us show our children that even small acts of kindness can have a big impact. Together, we can spread a little extra joy, hope and care throughout our community this festive season. 🎄 ✨ 💛 We start collecting for our reverse advent calendar next week. If you are able to donate there are ideas for what to bring on each day. All donations that you are able to share will be gratefully received by the Grantham Foodbank. Thank you for your support!





This event at St. Mary's Church in Harby may be of interest to you.

Next week in school:	*Anti-Bullying week in school*
Monday 16th November:	Odd Socks Day! Lunchtime football for Y3/4 and R/1/2
Tuesday 17th November:	Lunchtime dodgeball
Wednesday 18th November:	Lunchtime running club and Times Table Rock Stars club Young Voices Choir after school
Thursday 19th November:	Lunchtime basketball Library Club after school
Friday 20th 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

26th November – Friends of the School meeting at 7pm at school and online
27th November – Christingle in school and at church – ***a letter has been shared***
30th November – Healthy / unhealthy relationships workshop in Class 3
4th December – Whole school trip to the Snow Dome!
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

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!