20th 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 being tolerant, patient and respectful and linked this to Anti Bullying week.

Our oracy assembly was a good example of this where Mrs. Marsden guided us in discussion to listen, respond and respectfully disagree if our views and ideas were different to our friends.



Team Points

Well done to **EARTH**, **FIRE** and **WATER** the winning teams this week!

Cumulative Total – Autumn Term 2026			
Earth	**Air**	**Fire**	**Water**
104	**96**	**89**	**90**

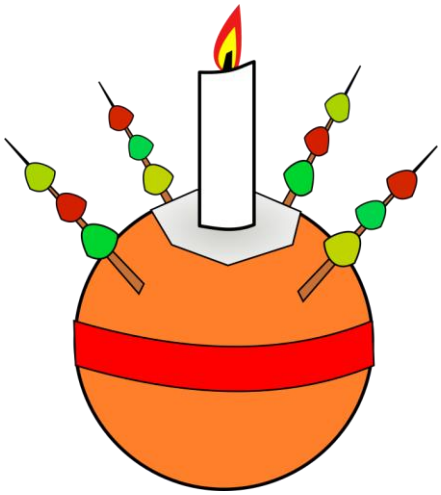
Odd Socks Day!
We enjoyed wearing our odd socks to school this week!



The message behind Odd Socks Day is simple but powerful: it's okay to be different. By wearing odd socks, we show that we value individuality and stand together against bullying.

It's a great way to start conversations with children about kindness, acceptance, and respect for others.

Christingle
We are looking forward to a Christingle service held at St. Mary's Church in Harby, on 27th November at 1.45pm, with the whole school.



As part of the service children will have Christingles that they have made during the day. We intend to mix together across the school in our team groups of Earth, Air, Fire and Water to make these.

It is a lovely time for children of all ages to work together and help each other to make a Christingle and complete related activities.

As part of this, we would like to invite you to join in with us and come to school to make a Christingle too!

If you would like to attend school on Friday 27th November between 9.30am and 10.15am please let us know by emailing the school office so that we can make sure we have enough resources for everyone.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we hope you will be able to join us.

Friends of the School Meeting
Our next Friends of the School Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th November at 7pm. This will be in school and online via Microsoft Teams.

We will send a meeting link on the day and hope that you will be able to join us. Everyone is welcome and thank you for your continued support.

Scaffolding
Next week there will be some scaffolding erected near to the children's entrance. This is to enable access to the library roof to complete some remedial repairs and alterations.

This will not impact the safe operation of the school for children and staff but will result in us using the big gate at the bottom of the playground to enter and exit the school. We will also use the classroom doors at the back of the school to ensure the scaffolded area is kept clear.

It is hard to determine this exactly until the scaffolding is up so we will be writing to parents on Monday to let them know.

Monday morning drop off will be through the usual entrance and door. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will be happy to help. Thank you.

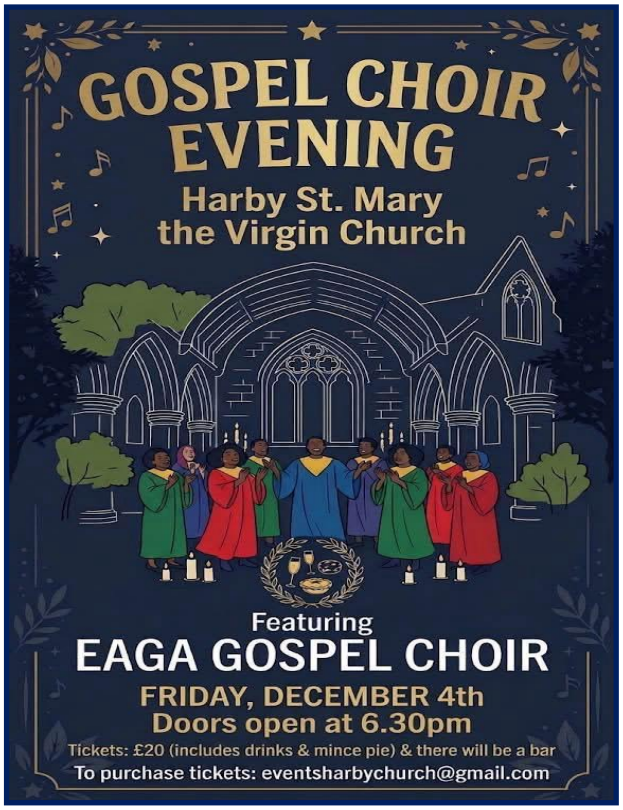
Reverse Advent Calendar
Thank you to families for their generosity in donating items for our school Reverse Advent Calendar. Next week the suggested items to bring are:



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

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. 🎄 ✨ 💛 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:

Monday 23rd November:	Lunchtime football for Y3/4 and R/1/2
Tuesday 24th November:	Lunchtime dodgeball
Wednesday 25th November:	Lunchtime running club and Times Table Rock Stars club
	Young Voices Choir after school
Thursday 26th November:	Lunchtime basketball
	Library Club after school
	Friends of the School meeting at 7pm at school and online
Friday 27th November:	Christingle morning in school and service in church
	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

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!