

Haresfield C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

If you need to contact Mrs Bacon please either email on head@haresfield.gloucs.sch.uk or ring school as I do not always get the class dojo messages straight away – phone signal in school is poor!

Macmillan Cake Slae

Thank you so much to everyone that supported our fund-raising event for Macmillan – we raised a fabulous £173.00. Thank you for your amazing generosity.

Parents, Friends and Teachers of Haresfield School

The PTFA are starting to organise activities and dates for the school calendar, but we are struggling to get helpers for events. Without the PTFA we would not be able to organise the extras for school like the whole school summer trip, the cinema trip and the father Christmas presents that were free to all children last year thanks to PTFA. I know that we are all very busy but if you could be generous with your time and offer to help with one event during the year I am sure we will be able to continue to organise these extra special activities to create lasting memories for your children.

Registration times

Just a reminder that we open the gate at 8:35 and registration closes at 8:50 – we are having a new electronic registration system installed from the county and after 8:50 you will automatically be marked as late. I understand when there is a problem with traffic and that you are held up but please make every effort to be in school before the close of registration as this data is logged by county.

Church Service Friday 18th October

Please join us if you can for a family celebration service at St Peter's Church on the morning of Friday 18th October. All welcome. We will be singing Harvest hymns and have a short message from Dave Bishop our local vicar. The children will lead prayers, we will have our usual celebration of work with certificates and we will celebrate birthdays. We will all be walking down to the church at 9:00 and then walking back to school at the end.

Parent Helpers

We always need more help in school to listen to readers, join in with games. If any of you can spare some time we would be very grateful. Please come and speak to one of the teachers for more information. We ask parents not to work in the same class as their child as this often unsettles them.

Christmas cards

We are organising the children to make personalised Christmas cards for you to send to special family members this year. Each pack will be unique to your child and cost £4.00 for 4 cards. We will have these ready for you to see before the end of November.

A message from Erin's Mum (Kathryn Hughes)

On 9th November I fly out to take part in a challenging 5 day trek in the Indian Himalayas for the charity CoppaFeel. I am so excited to have Emma Willis as my celebrity team captain! CoppaFeel are an amazing charity which raise awareness of breast cancer, especially in young people to stop late diagnosis and give everyone the best chance of survival. This is going to be particularly challenging, both mentally and physically for me as I was diagnosed with Stage 2 Grade 2 breast cancer in January 2023 and had surgery to remove the tumour and my lymph nodes, 5 months of chemotherapy and 15 sessions of radiotherapy before I received the all clear! Any donations for CoppaFeel would be absolutely amazing!

Just giving link



[My 5 day trek in the Indian Himalayas for CoppaFeel!](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/coppafeel-himalayas)
[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)



Online safety for parents


For Parents - Gaming Tips for Parents of Neurodivergent Children.

Internet Matters have released another really useful guide, this time it's all about online gaming safety tips for parents and carers of neurodivergent children. It's a simple 5-page guide covering the research, example games, some of the challenges which parents face and the all-important benefits.

It's a great little guide which you can download [HERE](#).

For Parents - The ABC Online safety Checklist.

Internet Matters have made a guide for parents using Activate, Balance and Check.




Activate

Activate parental controls

Use the controls and tools available from broadband providers, online platforms and apps to install safe search settings, block inappropriate content and prevent contact from strangers.

[FIND A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE](#)




Balance

Balance screen time

Agree a good balance for your children's screen time, taking education and leisure content into account. Encourage active screen time over passive and consider setting limits for the total hours spent online each day.

[LEARN ABOUT BALANCE](#)



Check

Check and chat

Check which apps your children use and the relevant age limits for each platform. And talk regularly about online safety and what they might come across so you can work together to manage any risks and keep online experiences positive.

[GET ADVICE BY AGE](#)

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The ABC's are broken down by age to make this as simple as possible for parents: all ages, under 5's, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+.

You can download the guide [HERE](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY – more information about events will follow when needed.

Tuesday 22nd October	Parent evening meetings after school
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent evening meetings after school
Monday 28th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 4th November	All back in school
Wednesday 6th November	Open Afternoon – 1:30 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Monday 11th Nov	Anti bullying week - Choose Respect!
Friday 18th November	Harvest Family Worship (Leave school at 9am to walk to church)
Tuesday 22nd October	Parent evening meetings after school
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent evening meetings after school
Monday 28th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 4th November	All back in school – Nurses in school – Flu Nasal spray
Wednesday 6th November	Open Afternoon – 1:30 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Monday 11th Nov	Anti bullying week - Choose Respect! Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 13th Nov	Open morning – 9:45 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Wednesday 13th Nov	Indoor planetarium all classes (funded by PFTA)

Friday 15th Nov	Class 4 Trip – historical tour of Gloucester city
Tuesday 26th November	Open Afternoon – 1:30 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Friday 29th November	Family service at St Peter’s Church – all welcome (Advent)
Wednesday 4th December	Parent concert for Year 1 / Year 2 children Ukelele
Thursday 5th December	PTFA school disco 3:30 – 5:00
Friday 6th December	Open morning – 10:00 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Wednesday 11th Dec	Infant nativity (performed for school + preschool children)
Thursday 12th December	Infant nativity performances for families 1:45 + 5:30
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Lunch + Christingle 6pm at St Peter’s Church
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper day Carols in the hall 2pm
Thursday + Friday	INSET / staff training – No children in school
	End of term
Monday 6th January 2025	All back in school
April 2025 (7th – 11th)	Residential Y5 and Y6