

2026-2027 Newsletter THREE

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Trusting in God together,
we live, learn & grow!

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CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM – GENEROSITY

"A generous person will prosper." (The Bible - Proverbs 11:25)

A new quote
every week!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gordon Rea

Long-term friend of the school, Gordon Rea, returned to lead Thursday's assembly, which featured the Biblical story of Jesus asleep in the boat... during a storm! During the retell, Gordon painted this picture which will go up in the hall to remind children of the story and the silly song we sang (complete with actions, much to the embarrassment of Class 4!)



Hub Working

Several times this year the teachers will be off-site straight after school to join with other local schools to work on areas of common interest. One such area this year is Oracy, defined as "the ability to express oneself fluently and grammatically in speech." We know that the next National Curriculum (the current one was published in 2014!) will have a big focus on Oracy, from Reception upwards. Clear and confident speech, including vocabulary choices, the ability to articulate ideas, explain reasoning and engage in purposeful dialogue, is fundamental to closing the gap in pupil attainment. We have added the development of Oracy to our School Development Plan which is largely built on the findings of the Ofsted report (2026). The draft SDP is with Governors for consideration on Monday at their meeting.

Could YOU be our next School Governor?

The governing body of the school is not yet full. If you think you have something to offer, life experiences and/or skills that could contribute to the development of the school, existing governors and I would welcome a chance to explain more. Please contact Mrs Buckle in the first instance to arrange a conversation.



FOUND!

On the road immediately outside our front gate, two large black plastic 'pegs/nails' – perhaps used in the construction of a garden storage trunk?

ALSO found – a set of keys, including a car key. Please ask for details.

Football Club

Mr Cooksley will be unable to run the football club so I will cover him for the first club meeting on the 22nd

TERM DATES and Attendance

By next week Governors will have set the fifth and final INSET day for this school year, and agreed dates for 2027-28. These will be available on our website - [Haresfield Primary School - Term dates](#)

Our absence rates and persistent absence rates (those where absence is greater than 10%) are better than National. Well done, and keep being healthy. Every lesson counts!

National curriculum assessments

Primary school pupils in England are assessed in the:

- reception baseline assessment: within the first 6 weeks of entering reception
- [early years foundation stage profile assessment](#): between April and June of the academic year in which they turn 5 (usually the reception year)
- phonics screening check: in June of year 1
- key stage 1 tests: optional, at the school's discretion, at the end of year 2
- multiplication tables check: in June of year 4
- key stage 2 tests (sometimes referred to as SATs): in May of year 6

The DfE have updated their guidance for parents on each of the assessments listed above. You can find out more by browsing to [National curriculum assessments: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Open days

Dates for showing off our lovely school to prospective joiners (September 2027 or 'in-year' joiners) are included below. It would be great for visitors to meet and chat to existing parents, so please see Carrie Cooke (PTFA) if you are able to serve refreshments on any of those days.

Can You help?

- Do we have amongst our community a TV or Computer repair specialist? The ports on a rather expensive class display panel are playing up!
- I am looking for skilful parents or local firms to repaint the railings and a few other small tasks around the school. If you have some free time or recommendations, please get in contact.
- Many thanks to Hebba Zedan who has offered some time for the old 'front door'.

'Joining' Assembly - REMINDER

Parents of this year's Reception joiners, and other parents who are new to the school, are invited to come to school on Friday 25th for a special service of Welcome during our regular Friday Morning Assembly starting at 9:00. Children will need to have handed a stone to Mrs Wallbridge or myself beforehand.



Parking on Zig Zags outside a school - UPDATED

Can I politely remind parents that this is strictly forbidden, for the sake of all our children. HOWEVER...

Whether it was the closed roads, or just coincidence, three days this week seemed A



LOT easier for parking and drop off. Thank you for being courteous to one another – great role modelling for our children.

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

There will be other dates added to the diary over the term. I will keep you up to date as soon as I have them.

Friday 25 th SEPTEMBER	New Joiners’ Assembly, 9:00 in school. Newly joining parents welcome.		
Friday 25 th SEPTEMBER	PTFA event for MacMillan – see below		
TUESDAY 29 TH SEPTEMBER	School Photos – 8:40 for younger siblings – SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE – Classes 1 & 2 will change for PE later, so don’t forget your kit (and hairbrush!)		
FRIDAY 9 TH OCTOBER	2:00 p.m. Harvest Festival @ St Peter’s Church		
MONDAY 12 TH OCTOBER	Mental Health Day. Wear something Yellow. Please donate £1 each.		
MONDAY 19 th OCTOBER	NHS nurses in school - Nasal Flu Spray		
TUESDAY 13 TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 7:00 pm. NO CLUBS		
WEDNESDAY 14 TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 5:30 . NO CLUBS		
THURSDAY 22 nd OCTOBER	PTFA Craft Night – details to follow.		
MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	HALF TERM WEEK		
MONDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER	All back in school		
MONDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER	Anti bullying week – Odd Sock Day		
TUESDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	Open Morning (9:30 – 10:30)		Please phone to let us know you are coming. 01452 720303
WEDS 18 TH NOVEMBER	Open Morning (9:30 – 10:30)		
WEDS 25 TH NOVEMBER	Open Afternoon (2:00 – 3:00) Open Evening (6 p.m. to 7 p.m.)		
THURSDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	Open Afternoon (2:00 – 3:00)		
TUESDAY 1 st DECEMBER	Monthly Church Worship – advent with Dave – all invited. @ St. Peters		
WEDNESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	Rock Steady Concert – invitations sent separately		
MONDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	Christmas Carol Concert – time TBC – all invited. @ St. Peters		
LAST WEEK	Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Dinner, Christmas Disco, PTFA Movie Night! – details later!		

You will also find our newsletters online here – [Haresfield Primary School - Newsletters](#)

Under the Parents tab.

More dates to follow next time!



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CAKE SALE!

Friday 25th September
After School

Get
together
for good

We are looking forward to holding a cake sale
after school to raise money for

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Do your
bit for
better
cancer care

We would be very grateful for any donations,
baked or bought, to help us raise money for
this wonderful cause.

Cakes will be between

50p - £1

Remember to bring your change!

Small
cakes
make a
big
difference



Can all donations please be taken
to the office on the morning of
the cake sale.

Thank you team Haresfield
for all of your support
and kindness

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