

2026-2027 Newsletter TWO

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we live, learn & grow!

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CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM – GENEROSITY

“God loves a cheerful giver.” (The Bible, 2 Corinthians 9:7)

It's been a busy week!

I do hope that distributing the Newsletter via Class Dojo was successful. Likewise, that you all found time to read the OFSTED report in full here - [Haresfield Primary School - Ofsted Reports](#). Do please let me know what's working and what isn't if you see me at the gate, since I am expecting a conversation with you to gauge the success (or otherwise) of any changes that are being made. This week I've started my teaching commitments with Classes 3 & 4, held staff meetings and met with Rev. Dave Bishop to plan ongoing partnership work with St. Peter's. I've met with Hub head teachers to plan exciting sports fixtures across the year (watch this space!) and met David William from the diocese to explore other opportunities for enrichment at school.



Mrs Bacon's Gravel Pit!

Over the summer Mrs Bacon and her husband developed and rebuilt the ground towards the back of the school, with decking and gravel which has become a feature of lunchtimes greatly enjoyed by a number of children.

SENCO

Mrs Geatches can now be reached via SENCO@haresfield.gloucs.sch.uk. Whilst only a minor change, it means that, when personnel change, whoever is the next SENCO at Haresfield, they will inherit ALL the correspondence which will in turn support pupils needs. Please relax, though, Mrs Geatches isn't going anywhere! The website has been updated to reflect this and policies will follow in due course as they are periodically reviewed.

Class Dojo Points

Hopefully Dojo points, based around our 'AIM HIGH' learning behaviours, when earned, have been 'pinging' their way to your phones (if you are connected!) If you think there are technical difficulties, please see Mr Cooksley. The points also contribute to the Teams totals and a running score is totalled and shared in Friday worship.

Football Club

On Tuesday 15th Mrs Cooksley will be unable to run the football club so there will be no club. I will cover him for the first club meeting on the 22nd when he is also working off-site.

Free School Meals – It's complicated!

Children in Hedgehogs Class and Foxes Class are automatically entitled to a free school lunch (Universal FSM). Children in Squirrels and Badgers classes need to pay for meals online unless they meet criteria for Free School Meals (Expanded FSM) which now includes all families receiving Universal Credit. This is now automatically triggered for parents and school holds this information confidentially. Some children may receive Pupil Premium with Free School Meals (Targeted FSM) which can be explained more fully if you think your might qualify. Please ask.

Pebbles and Stones! – REMINDER!

I have asked all the children to bring a stone in from home (or elsewhere) to represent themselves in a 'collection bowl' positioned at the front of the school. Years 1 to 6 can add theirs immediately – but can Reception Class hand theirs to Mrs Wallbridge. The stones should, ideally, have names or initials on them and the child should be able to recognise their own!

SOME HAVE ARRIVED, BUT MANY ARE MISSING!

Reception 'Joining' Assembly

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. They will need to have handed a stone (see above) to Mrs Wallbridge beforehand.



Can You help?

I am looking for skilful parents or local firms to repaint the school door front door, perhaps the railings and a few other small tasks around the school. If you have some free time or recommendations, please get in contact.

Phonics Meeting - REMINDER

There will be a short meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents regarding phonics and spellings for the children in the coming year. The meeting will be Friday 18th September at 3:00 for 15 minutes. You will have an opportunity to see some of the resources we will be using during their lessons and giving you some ideas on how to support your child with phonics and spellings. There will also be an opportunity to see what the Year One Phonics test looks like for the end of the year.

New to Reception September 2027

If you have a child due to start school next September or if you know anyone who has a child that is due to start then, you are invited to come into school to meet the staff and find out more information just before Half term. The dates will be finalised next week, so watch this space! Please can you pass the message onto other families that maybe interested in coming to Haresfield. Thank you.



Parking on Zig Zags outside a school

Can I politely remind parents that this is strictly forbidden, for the sake of all 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, particularly from the PTFA – I will keep you up to date as soon as I have them.

MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER	Clubs start in school during this week
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER	Little Wandle phonics meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents 3:15
Friday 25th SEPTEMBER 	New Joiners' Assembly, 9:00 in school. Newly joining parents welcome.
Friday 25th SEPTEMBER 	PTFA event for MacMillan – see below
TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 	School Photos – 8:40 for younger siblings – SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE – Classes 1 & 2 will change for PE later.
FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 	2:00 p.m. Harvest Festival @ St Peter's Church
MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER	Mental Health Day. Wear something Yellow. Please donate £1 each.
MONDAY 19th OCTOBER	NHS nurses in school - Nasal Flu Spray
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 7:00 pm. NO 'STAFF' CLUBS
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 5:30
THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER	PTFA Craft Night – details to follow. 
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER	HALF TERM WEEK
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER	All back in school
MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER	Anti bullying week – Odd Sock Day
TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 	Monthly Church Worship – advent with Dave – all invited. @ St. Peters
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER	Rock Steady Concert – invitations sent separately
MONDAY 14TH 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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In support of
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

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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Together
we can make
a difference



FREE 6 session parenting support courses starting mid September

with Sam Stocken of



- Understanding anxiety and emotional wellbeing
- Supporting children through emotionally based school avoidance
- Strengthening relationships through connection rather than conflict
- Practical communication and co-regulation strategies
- Encouraging resilience, confidence and independence
- Looking after your own wellbeing whilst supporting your child

Daytime (Face-to-face):	Mondays 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Evening (Face-to-face):	Tuesdays, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Online:	Wednesdays (+ one Thursday), 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Face-to-face classes take place at Headspace Unit 7,
Old Station Yard, Bourton Industrial Estate,
Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2RZ.

Pre-booking essential, for
dates & booking form
visit myheadspace.org.uk
or scan this QR code



Severn Vale School's Open Evening will take place on Thursday 17 September 2026 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. As this is usually a busy event, parking can be difficult therefore we ask that if you are able, could you please walk?

Open Mornings will take place on Tuesday 22 September and Thursday 1 October, from 9:30 – 11:00am.

There is no need to book, just simply turn up for the event that is most convenient for you. We look forward to showing you, and you child, our school.

Lyn Woodrow

Headteacher's PA and Clerk to the Governors



Severn Vale School