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

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CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM – GENEROSITY

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (The Bible, Acts 20:35)

Hello!

Hello! I am thrilled to have been asked to act as Interim Headteacher for Haresfield C of E Primary School for the full year 2026-27. I'm very excited to be supporting you as your head into a new chapter, working with the staff, children, governors and wider community, to continue the good work within your existing vision and positive school ethos. If you see me 'on the gate', please stop and introduce yourselves.

Thank you to the pupils, staff and governors who have made my start here so enjoyable, and of course my thanks go to Mrs Bacon for facilitating such a smooth handover.

There is lots to do, but the team is very willing. I'll be sending a newsletter regularly, probably via Class Dojo (so make sure we have your correct contact details) but do let us know if this doesn't work for you. But on with the BIG news!



Ofsted Inspection Report

Our final inspection report arrived on the 1st September and can now be found in full on our website [Haresfield Primary School - Ofsted Reports](#). Congratulations to Mrs Bacon and the team. Here are some choice headlines but please read the full report!

- The safeguarding standards are met.
- By the end of Year 1, pupils achieve well in phonics and read with growing fluency.
- A genuine sense of belonging flows through the school.
- Attendance is currently above national figures, and persistent absence is low.
- Relationships are the bedrock of the school and shape the way pupils behave.
- Staff provide thoughtful adjustments for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Teaching is typically underpinned by effective modelling and clear explanations.
- Support staff are deployed well to guide pupils while promoting independence.
- Leaders organise staffing and mixed-age classes so that pupils receive effective support.
- Ongoing training equips staff with the knowledge they need to make purposeful adaptations.
- Leaders have identified the right priorities and actions to continue to improve the school.
- Staff are committed to continuous improvement.
- Enrichment is a strength.
- Pupils drive the life and rhythm of the school. They arrive each day eager to learn and keen to take part.

We have three 'Next Steps', where we will focus our energy and creativity this year:

- Leaders need to continue their work to strengthen pupils' foundational knowledge, including writing accuracy and presentation, building on recent improvements.
- Leaders should ensure that staff use assessment consistently and effectively to secure pupils' knowledge across all subjects.
- Leaders should continue to develop subject leadership so that leaders at all levels, including governors, have the expertise to evaluate the impact of the school's work with greater precision.



Welcome to our new friends

Haresfield is a lovely school 'family' and this term, alongside myself, we have Mrs Patrum and new Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 pupils joining us. Welcome to you all.

Congratulations!

Mrs Geatches has successfully completed and passed her SENDco training (Co-ordinator of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and now possesses the full qualification. Wonderful news for her and our school.

Benedict's Law

A new law came into force this September, around allergies, staff training and anaphylaxis. You will find the draft policy on our website policies page. In due course it will be ratified by school governors. But September is a timely occasion to remind you all that we need keeping up to date with any changes to your circumstances, contact details and diagnosis of conditions for pupils. Please see Mrs Buckle in confidence if this applies to you.

Wellies

Please make sure that your child has a pair of wellies at school for those planned and ad-hoc moments when waterproof footwear will be needed.

Class Dojo Points

During our training days we thought about the different qualities we want to promote in our children. We will shortly be aligning our 7 learning behaviours with the team points system within Class Dojo. Our newly elected school council will help determine how these are phrased to match the 'AIM HIGH' qualities which are widely known.

INSET days (IN Service Training)

On Wednesday, as part of our annual staff training on child protection and safeguarding, the staff learnt about the significant changes that have been made in guidance and legislation. We worked with our friends at Randwick Primary. Time was also spent in preparation for the children's return, and in maximising the space available within school. To that end, please can we ask for no more donations of soft toys and reading books? Thank you, however, for your kindness and generosity in previous times.

Clubs

We hope to start the clubs on the week beginning Monday 14th. Mrs Buckle will be in touch shortly.

Meeting teachers

You are very welcome to come and chat to the teachers or to Mr Batchelor after school any day. However, if the teacher has a club that evening, please come and book an appointment at the office for a more convenient time.

Hot School Lunches

Children in Hedgehogs Class and Foxes Class are entitled to a free school lunch and children in Squirrels and Badgers classes need to pay for meals online. The children have a choice of three main meals and can choose on the day what they would like. Copies of the menu have added to the school website. Please encourage your child to take a school meal.

Breakfast Club

The school gates are opened at 7:45 to allow children and parents in. Can I please ask you to remind your children of the rules of breakfast club: -

- Eat your food whilst sitting at a table – play after you have eaten
- Be respectful of adults
- No running, stay calm – save excitable play for the playground or field

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 incredibly grateful. New rules require that volunteers attending school 3 times in a month require an enhanced DBS check, which we can arrange. Please come and speak to one of the teachers for more information. We always ask parents to work in a different class from the one their child is in.

Pebbles and Stones!

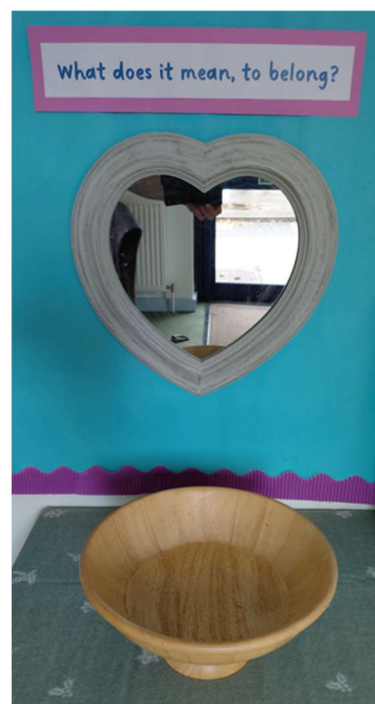
I have asked all the children to bring a stone in from home (or elsewhere) to represent themselves in a 'collection bowl' positioned at the front of the school. Years 1 to 6 can add theirs immediately – but can Reception Class hand theirs to Mrs Wallbridge – more on that later! The stones should, ideally,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

Phonics Meeting

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.

Uniform

It is such a pleasure seeing all of the children look so smart at the beginning of term. Thank you. Mrs Buckle has some uniform in her office that has previously been ordered, but also if you would like to order some please pop in to see her at pick up times, or email if that is easier.



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.

School Photographs

We have booked the photographer to come into school on Tuesday September 29th. If you would like younger siblings for a family photo we will start with them at 8:40 at the end of breakfast club.

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 7TH SEPTEMBER	PE with Atlas Sports resumes
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER	Forest School starts (don't forget your wellies!)
MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER	Clubs start in school during this week
FRIDAY 18TH SEPT	Little Wandle phonics meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents 3:15
TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER	School Photos – 8:40 for younger siblings
FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER	9:15 a.m. Harvest Festival @ St Peter's Church
MONDAY 19th OCTOBER	NHS nurses in school - Nasal Flu Spray
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 5:30
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER	HALF TERM WEEK
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER	All back in school
MONDAY 16TH NOV	Anti bullying week – Odd Sock Day

More dates to follow next time!