



Harpley CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very happy new year to you all! I would like to introduce myself as your new Executive Headteacher for Great Massingham and Harpley schools. I am delighted to be joining the GMH federation family and I'm very much looking forward to getting to know you all. It is clear that both schools have been well led and managed, culminating in highly positive Ofsted and SIAMS reports, some very recent. I hope to continue that good work and look forward to working with the excellent staff here at the federation to build upon this success going forward. Before Christmas I visited both schools on several occasions and was able to enjoy their superb Christmas performances. I hope you will agree that these really demonstrated the talent of the children and the dedication of the staff.

I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome and kind wishes, very best wishes to you all as we start 2025.

Hilary Myhill

News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

This week the Ladybirds have begun their new topic all about "Transport" and have been busy thinking about different types of vehicles. If you have, or know anyone who has an interesting vehicle please let Mrs West or the team know. At home why not see how many different vehicles you can name as you travel about.

The Bees have also begun their new topic "Hot and cold places around the world" and have been super excited to find a rainforest in the classroom. They have already been having fun being explorers and using all their senses (maybe not taste!) to explore a rainforest environment. It was so lovely to hear about the special times the children had over the Christmas holiday. They were able to tell us with clarity and confidence what they got up to and used their listening skills to listen to their partner and ask questions.

The Bees began reading a new text this week "Jim and the Beanstalk" and had a go at telling their own "Twisted" fairy tales, changing parts of a well known story. It was a very funny session indeed!



Mrs Cushley is running a half marathon in March in order to raise money for the charity "Alzheimers Research". If you would like to make a donation and support her run she would be very grateful.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/becki-cushley-1732353489496?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR20virkGJiNnQErSEuzWXIRAKLLnSdA15RaBOL7wEzj6LhJVTn4KUpDqW0_aem_y7J5jN5ICilNzJeIT14e7g#sharePage

SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Juniors:

News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year

The Juniors have had a great start to the new term. They had a brilliant first swimming lesson and all worked really hard to show off their swimming skills! They listened well and the coaches were very impressed. We have started our new science this week with year 3 and 4. They have been looking at light and the difference between light and dark. We also talked about light sources. Year 5 and 6 have had a great week writing their Percy Jackson style stories, they really got into this and have produced some lovely stories as well.

Early interventions will resume next week - w/c 20th January.

Please can water bottles be small enough to go in our bottle carriers and not have handles as they just don't fit, thank you.

REGULAR DATES

School gates are open 8.40am - 8.50am (the gate closes at 8.50 and after this time your child will be marked in the register as late) Pick up is 3.20pm.

MONDAY - 13th January 2024 (Week 3 on the NORSE menu - please pay for school lunches on a Monday)

TUESDAY

3.30-4.15 ICS Coaching after school football club <https://icscoaching.pembee.app/>

WEDNESDAY

AM Tom Relihan, drum tutor

To sign up please contact Tom via email on tomrelihan@gmx.com

THURSDAY

Junior & Infant library day

12.00 menu change

All pupils to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. Please could children bring in spare socks and school shoes so that if they have been out on the field and their shoes and socks are wet, they have another pair to change in to.

FRIDAY

All Infants, Ladybirds and Bees, need to bring their PE kits into school today (until half term)

9.30-10.30 Junior swimming at The Oasis in Hunstanton.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP -

Collective Worship: This week's collective worship was on new year's resolutions. Next week we begin our new collective worship theme for this half term - peace.

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:






FIRST ADMISSIONS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Parents of children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 23rd September 2024 and 15th January 2025)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 15th January 2025 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

TERM DATES

2025 AUTUMN TERM 	2025 SPRING TERM 	2025 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 3 rd September - Friday 19 th December (Half term - Monday 27 th October - Friday 1 st November)	Tuesday 7 th January - Friday 4 th April (Half term - Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February)	Wednesday 23 rd April - Tuesday 22 nd July (Half term - Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May)

Please can all absences be emailed or texted (rather than telephoned) with a reason, because we have to evidence all absences.



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

December attendance: **88.42%**

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend
Mrs Myhill and the Harpley team

Fun at the Circus

Come one, come all...

Thursday 16th January 2025

Big Top Hot Dog

Pork Sausage **or** Plant Sausage (v)
in a Homemade Roll
with Optional Onions and Tomato Sauce

served with Chips
and Mini Corn on the Cob

Chewy Popcorn Bar
with Icing and Sprinkles





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We hope that you and your child enjoyed their after school club ICS Coaching! (please note that this email is sent to all registered participants, regardless of attendance).

A reminder that parents can secure their child's place for next half term (Spring 1) at any time via this link - <https://icscoaching.pembex.app> and search for your school or venue. Places go very quickly for after school clubs and some have limited places so please don't miss out and book ASAP.

One great way to immerse yourself within your local ICS Coaching community is by joining our dedicated Facebook group by searching @ICScoaching If you haven't done so already.

After School Sports Club starting for Spring 1

ICS Coaching will be continuing the after school sports clubs and you can find all the information here - www.icscoaching.co.uk/book-online please just search for your school. If you're unable to find the information you require then feel free to email us or WhatsApp 07765601690.

Why join us? Not only will you get to engage in sports you love, but you'll also make new friends and create lasting memories along the way. Our supportive coaches are excited to teach new techniques, encourage teamwork, and keep the spirit of sportsmanship alive! We prioritise fun at our after school clubs and furthermore, we aim to foster a team spirit focused on discipline, resilience and most importantly good sportsmanship.

Please remember to bring:

- A water bottle
- Trainers
- Appropriate clothing (wet weather gear, warm clothing for winter etc.)

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Please click on the link below to make a booking for the Sports Club

<https://icscoaching.pembex.app>

🌟 Join the Fun at Our After School Sports Clubs! 🌟

ICS
Coaching

Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Services wishes you a very happy New Year. See below our January newsletter which this month is focusing on PDA and ODD and offering advice around parenting approaches when faced with oppositional behaviours which in fact the child or young person may not always be in control of. The newsletter also contains information about our free courses, workshops and drop-in support sessions running in January. Just click to view.



[Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service](#)

We hope that the holiday season was all that you wanted it to be and wish you a very happy 2025. Some of you will be already worrying about the return to school and for others it cannot co...

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ARTS EAST


JUMP IN!

Join our dancers and sound artist as they Jump In to a hilarious, imaginative world!

A fun, accessible and joyous performance for ages 3-6!

Thursday 20th February
10.30am & 11.30am
Fakenham Library
Oak Street, Fakenham, NR21 9DY

Free unticketed event, booking recommended



REKINDLE
GET CREATIVE IN LIBRARIES


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Coding Club

Fakenham Library
SCRATCH coding for beginners
Saturdays 8 and 15 February, 1, 8, 15 and 22 March
2pm - 3pm



Suitable for children aged 7+ .
Booking essential.
BOOK ALL 6 WEEKS where possible.
If you would like further information or to book please contact Fakenham Library on 01328 862715

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Miniature Donkeys for Wellbeing



The Mini Donks are coming to Holt Library as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Come along and meet them, plus lots of other donkey themed activities to do!

Holt Library
Saturday 8th February 1.30pm

No need to book just come along. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information call the library on 01263 712202.

This event has kindly been funded by the Holt Library Friends.

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