



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,

Polite reminder:

School open its gates from 8.40am and closes them at 8.50am. Please ensure your children arrive between these times so that a prompt start to the school day can be made. Some children are arriving a little earlier for planned interventions as agreed with Mrs Steel our SENDco. If your child is not in the intervention groups and you wish to drop off your children earlier than 8.40am, please speak to the office to book them into our new breakfast club.

Wraparound care:

Both schools now have a breakfast club with a choice of breakfast and fun activities. Great Massingham also has an afterschool club with a light supper available and fun activities. Please sign up for these additional services via the school office if they are of interest to you.

We hope to make both of these new ventures a sustainable part of our offering to parents and carers. To achieve this we need consistent strong numbers attending.

Please support these services if they are useful to you.

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

This week has been another busy one and we have really enjoyed being Number Ningas!

The Ladybirds have been working hard on ordering numbers and using the words more and less.

The Bees have been working on addition and subtraction and can now add 2, 2 digit numbers using equipment to add the ones first then the tens.

The Bees have also been learning about the Equator and how it effects the climate in different countries around the world. If you have time at home why not try some atlas surfing! Can you find any hot and cold places?

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

Every Monday we take part in mindfulness Monday. We have learnt some wonderful things including, breathing techniques, relaxation, yoga poses and how to get creative. This week we looked at gratitude and talked about what we were thankful for. We had some lovely responses that included parents, family, pets, school, nature, the world and much more. We then created a class gratitude tower (thank you Miss Harman for your engineering skills) with all the things the juniors felt thankful for. It was lovely to see how some had very similar ideas and some had more out of the box ones as well.

This week the juniors have also been working together to research and create posters about the different biomes of the world. They first had to delegate jobs between their groups and then work together to produce an eye catching and impactful poster, with facts and information about the Biome they were given. We had some great team work and lovely posters produced.



SPECIAL MENTIONS ★

Infants:

Max and **Maisie** for super effort with home learning tasks.

Juniors:

Romilly and **Maud** for their amazing joint homework project!

Edward for his excellent use of adjectives in his explanation while working in a team and his reading progress this.

Oliver P for his brilliant descriptions in his writing this week retelling the story we are reading.

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 - 27th January 2024 (Week 2 on the NORSE menu - please pay for school lunches on a Monday)

TUESDAY

2.00 PFA meeting in Rose & Crown

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

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. Juniors need to be at school at 8.30am please.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP -

Collective worship:

This half term the children are leaning about peace in collective worship. This week they have heard about how Jesus brought peace through healing and miracles.




Jesus promises peace to his disciples in John 14:27. He says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid".

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:



TERM DATES

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| 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

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.

Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:
<https://easgamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefrechildhood.co.uk>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/media-usage-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGIT have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swift.org.uk/magazine/introduce-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>



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We hope that you and your child enjoyed your 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://iciscoaching.pembree.org> 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.iciscoaching.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 07756561690.

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://iciscoaching.pembree.org>










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

ICS Coaching

FEBRUARY HALF TERM **CALENDAR**

Below are the dates, venues and activities we have planned for the upcoming holiday camps!

Please note, we will also be running Creativity activities alongside our sports activities, which include arts and crafts, board games, Lego and much more!

| Monday 17th February | Tuesday 18th February |
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| Fakenham Junior School  Dodgeball and Nerf Combat  | Roughton St. Mary's Endowed CofE Primary    Dodgeball and Nerf Combat |
| Wednesday 19th February | Thursday 20th February |
| Astley Primary School   Gymnastics/Dance | Astley Primary School   Dodgeball and Nerf Combat |



FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMPS

Sports Activities Include

- MULTI SPORTS
- DODGEBALL
- NERF COMBAT
- BASKETBALL
- TAG RUGBY
- AND MUCH MORE!

Creativity Activities Include

- FREE PLAY
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- FILMS
- DEN BUILDING
- BOARD GAMES
- CARDS

Regular Time (9am - 3pm) - £16
Early Drop Off (8:30am) - £2 extra
Late Collection (4pm) - £2 extra

Children will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink, suitable clothing/footwear and bundles of energy for the day!

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Ages 5-12 Years Old