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Newsletter 6

Friday 10th October 2025

What a busy week it has been – though it feels like we could say that every week! Our school has been a hive of activity in all year groups this week from PE lessons to Forest School, Relax Kids sessions, visits to the school library, playtimes, clubs, assemblies, trips to the water meadows and completing HEEL (learning) challenges in the classrooms too!

We have also held our pupil progress meetings this week, where the class teachers and leadership team discuss every child in the school, how they are getting on with their academic, social and emotional development and carefully plan any next steps that are needed too. What is always a delight is just how well every single teacher and teaching assistant know every child as an individual and what works for them so that they can reach their potential.

We look forward to more of the same next week but in the meantime, have a lovely weekend and don't forget to check Seesaw for updates from the class teachers.

School Dinners – week beginning 13th October 2025

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with...	Choice of Dessert
Monday	Margherita Pizza with Garlic Slice Chinese BBQ Noodles Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Farmhouse Roll (choice of fillings)	Green Beans Sweetcorn Salad bar Homemade Bread	Vanilla Ice Cream Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Crispy Chicken Dippers Crispy Quorn Dippers Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Filled Roll (choice of fillings)	Steamed Rice Broccoli, Sweetcorn Salad bar Homemade bread	Marble Sponge and Custard Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Plant Based Sausages Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Filled Roll (choice of fillings)	Roast Potatoes, Carrots Peas and Gravy Salad bar Homemade bread	Raspberry Jelly and Peaches Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Beef and Vegetable Pie Tomato and Herb Pasta Bake Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Filled Roll (choice of fillings)	Mashed Potatoes Cabbage, Carrots Salad bar Homemade bread	Fruit Crumble and Custard Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Fish Fingers Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Filled Roll (choice of fillings)	Chips Peas or Baked Beans Salad bar Homemade bread	Lemon Cookie Fruit Yoghurt

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Aria – Ladybird, Peter – Robin, Lucas – Hedgehog, Issac – Bee, Millie – Woodpecker, Liliana – Squirrel, Sebastian – Dragonfly, Zakir – Badger and Isabella – Owl who were on the celebration bench this week. We are so proud of you all!

Invitations to Celebration Assembly are sent out on a Friday for the following week, plus a reminder the day before. Please check your email inbox carefully. We look forward to celebrating with more children and their parents next week.

Class Dojo Treats

Congratulations to the **Woodpecker** class who have reached 1,000 dojo points. The Woodpeckers have chosen to have a class party to celebrate on Tuesday 21st October. Please may the Woodpeckers come to school in party clothes on this day ready to play some games in the afternoon. Thank you.

School Office

Please remember that our school office opening times are from **8.30am** until **3.30pm**. Many parents are ringing the doorbell before 8.30am and the office is unmanned during this time. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to the grandparents of Hope and JJ who so kindly gave up their time for 3 mornings this week to show the Year 1 classes around their allotment. In addition, a huge thank you to the volunteers at Harnham Water Meadows who supported the year 1 classes this week too, as well as all the parent helpers! The children really loved their visits, so thank you!

Club Notices

Dance Club – there will be no dance club on Monday 20th October due to the hall being used for parents evening.

Colouring Club – there will be no colouring club on Tuesday 21st October due to parents evening appointments at the same time.

Thank you for your help with this.

World Mental Health Day – Friday 10th October

Today is **World Mental Health Day**, a lovely reminder that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health. In fact, every day can be a mental health day, whether that's taking a moment to breathe, talking to someone you trust, or doing something that makes you smile.



This week, we're especially excited to have chosen our brand new **Wellbeing Warriors** – six fantastic Year 2 children who will be working closely with **Mrs Drennan, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead**, to help make sure everyone in our school feels **safe, happy and cared for**. We will be sure to keep you up to date with what they get up to!

Please remember, if you ever have concerns about your child's wellbeing or your own, you can always talk to us. Our **Parent Support Advisor** is here to offer support and a listening ear, and there are brilliant charities available if you need extra help:

Young Minds Parent Helpline - 0808 802 5544

Samaritans 116 123

Date Mix Up

Apologies that in the Harnham Croft letter last week that stated the **Woodpecker** class are visiting Harnham Croft on Thursday 26th November in the morning. The correct date for this to happen is **Thursday 27th November**, from 10.45-11.45am.

Also, just for clarification, the **Year 1 Grandparent Tea Party** is on **Wednesday 12th November**.

Stay and... events

Every year group have got a Stay and... event coming up. The class teachers (and children) would love to see you there. In order to help us prepare enough resources for everyone, please may parents sign up on Arbor if you would like to come? Thank you for your support with this, we look forward to seeing you.

Parent Support Advisor

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants, and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters.

You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 07595217569



Parents Evening

Please don't forget to book your appointment to speak to your child's teacher at parents evening on 20th and 21st October. You can do this using Arbor. If you are experiencing difficulties, please do speak to a member of the admin team, who will be pleased to help and get you booked in.

If you would like to speak to Mrs Pike, our SENDCo, please email her directly lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Attendance

Weekly whole school attendance:	95.27% ↑ from last week	Number of late marks in the Registers:	37 ↓ from last week
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Upcoming Dates: (dates in bold are new)

Whole School	
14.10.25	Wellbeing team – Supporting your child with school drop offs workshop
20.10.25 and 21.10.25	Parent Consultation Evenings
22.10.25	Teacher Training Day – school closed for children
EYFS	
15.10.25, 2.00pm	Stay and Phonics / Read – please book on Arbor
Year 1	
17.10.25, 9.00am	Stay and Feast – please book in Arbor
12.11.25, 2.00pm	Grandparent Tea Party – see letter sent out
Year 2	
WB 13.10.25	Trip to Harnham Water Meadows – details to follow
21.10.25, 9.00am	Stay and Phonics / Read – please book on Arbor

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

"Supporting your child with school drop offs"

Tuesday 14th October
9:00 am - 10:00 am in the school hall

Does your child find it tricky to say goodbye to you at the school gate?

Are you curious about why this may be happening?

Would you like to learn some simple ways to help your child feel confident and calm in the mornings?

Then come along to our parent workshop, led by our wellbeing team, on Tuesday 14th October at 9:00am in the school hall. There will of course be tea and biscuits!

Don't forget the workshop for parents on Tuesday 14th October 9-10am. Ideas for supporting your child with school drop offs. We hope to see you there!

HSA News

HSA Chocolate Bingo

The HSA are kicking off their fundraising for this school year with the ever-popular Chocolate Bingo on **Friday 17th October** at the Infant School Hall. Full details are in the poster attached to this newsletter.

On **Wednesday 15th October** the HSA are holding a **non-uniform day** in exchange for chocolate (all chocolate donations MUST BE NUT FREE). Please support this if you can. Full details are in the poster attached to this newsletter. **Badger class will have their non-uniform day on Tuesday 14th due to their trip on the Wednesday.**

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 13th October. Please keep an eye out for school comms to let you when the ticket sales are live. Each school has the same amount of allocated tickets.

Please note: Due to the hall capacity places are limited and must be pre-booked; we can't accept walk-ins on the night. If you are a family with children in both schools, please only book tickets via one school. Please make sure you book a ticket for each person coming - i.e 4 people coming = 4 tickets must be booked.

We hope to see you there for a chance to win some yummy chocolate and support the HSA.

Please note: **Badger class** will have their non-uniform day on **Tuesday 14th October** due to their class trip.



• WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025 •

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

PLEASE BRING IN A CHOCOLATE ITEM TO
DONATE TO THE CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

This could be a single bar or a box of chocolates, whatever you can spare,
BUT IT MUST BE NUT FREE. Dairy free/Gluten free/Vegan items welcomed too!

  



EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THIS FAMILY FUN-RAISER!

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

• **FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025** •
HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL HALL

DOORS OPEN 5.45pm | EYES DOWN AT 6.15pm | BINGO ENDS 8.30pm

£3 PER PERSON

Includes a Bingo Book (6 games)
additional Bingo Books can
be purchased on the night

PRE-BOOKING ONLY
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Book via the school payment apps!

If you are an Infant & Junior family please only book
via one school payment app for your entire family

BAR & TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE (£2.50 A BEER!)

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINKS BUT WE HAVE A ZERO NUTS POLICY

Get ready for something fun! The HSA is excited to announce the launch of The Parents Lottery - a lighthearted way for parents to support our schools and have the chance to win cash prizes weekly. Please see attached flyer for more details. *if you are a member of the current 200 club please do get in contact via hseventscoordination@gmail.com*

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HARNHAM SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION
RAISING MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

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The parents lottery

Support your school with every ticket

**£25,000
jackpot!**

**Support
our school**

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Scan this QR
code and enter
Harnham School
Association to join
The Parents Lottery

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How does it work?

There will be **guaranteed prizes** up for grabs each week including the chance to win the **£25,000 jackpot!** Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week.



The Parents Lottery is a weekly lottery promoted by Parentkind Enterprises Ltd (P&L Company no. 3884280), a wholly owned subsidiary of Parentkind. It is run under our licence operating licence (Licence no. 057904). The Parents Lottery is strictly 18+ only. Playing a lottery is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call the National Gambling Helpline on 0800 8030 133.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

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Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people you know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5757 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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