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Newsletter 7

Friday 17th October 2025

Here we are at the end of our last full week of term! It has been another fantastic week in school and we are, as ever, so proud of all the children and their attitude and approach to learning. This week, we have seen some incredible early writing from EYFS who are beginning to build words with the sounds they have already learned! In Year 1, children have been learning about the 4 countries of the United Kingdom, their capital cities, flags and flowers. Year 2 went on their visits to the Harnham Water Meadows this week too. Thank you to all the volunteers who were able to support this visit.

It has been lovely to see so many parents join the classes for their Stay and... sessions this week. We hope you have found these valuable. Thank you to the teaching staff who work hard to plan these valuable experiences and thank you to parents for supporting the school to.

We'll look forward to seeing some of you at the HSA Chocolate Bingo event this evening...we have seen the most delicious looking prizes up for grabs!

School Dinners – week beginning 20th October 2025

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with...	Choice of Dessert
Monday	Margherita or Vegetable Pizza Vegetable Curry with Rice Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Baguette with choice of fillings	Green Beans Sweetcorn Salad bar Homemade Bread	Ice Cream and Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Fajita with Nachos Neapolitan Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Baguette with choice of fillings	Steamed Rice Carrots and Cabbage Salad bar Homemade bread	Oaty Fruit Crunch and Custard Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Teacher Training Day – School Closed for Children		
Thursday	Half Term – School Closed		
Friday	Half Term – School Closed		

School Dinners – week beginning 3rd November 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	Bonfire Banger – Sausage Roll Vegan Hot Dog Hot Baked Potato with Quorn Korma or BBQ Chicken	Firework Coleslaw Sweetcorn, Potato Wedges, Ketchup Salad bar	Chocolate Catherine Wheel Fruit Rocket Lolly

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

Dojo Rewards

Congratulations to the **Bee** class who have reached 1000 dojo points. They have voted to have a **movie** afternoon on **Monday 20th October**. Children are welcome to bring a movie snack from home such as popcorn or an alternative healthy snack to eat whilst watching a movie (no sweets or chocolate please). Congratulations to the **Badger** class who have also reached their first 1000 dojo points. They have decided to have a **pyjama day** on **Tuesday 21st October**. Badgers are welcome to bring a small teddy with them too, but please remember to wear suitable shoes so that children can still go outside for playtimes. Congratulations to the **Robins**, **Ladybirds** and **Hedgehogs** who also have their 1000 dojo point treat next week on **Tuesday 21st October**. They have all requested to have a **dressing up day**, so please do send your child to school in a costume of their choice, or home clothes if you prefer. If you would like to borrow a costume from school, please do speak to the class teacher.

Well done everyone for all your hard work! We hope you enjoy your treats!

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Jesse – Ladybird, Kora and Elodie – Hedgehog, Poppy – Bee, Ivan – Woodpecker, Felix – Squirrel, Arlo – Dragonfly, Oliver – Badger and Ana-Maria and Victoria – 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.

Message from EYFS team

Robin, Hedgehog and Ladybird classes are learning about fireworks after half term. On Tuesday 4th November, we are planning an exciting event involving dancing, music, ribbons and indoor fireworks. To celebrate this day please can you dress in sparkly and/or bright colours like a firework. A full risk assessment has taken place, and the children will not be handling any sparklers. If you have any questions about this, please speak to your class teacher.

Year 2 Blue Peter Badges

During the children's time at Harnham Infant School, we hope to have given them 100 opportunities or memorable learning experiences; one of which is earning a Blue Peter badge. Unfortunately, Blue Peter do not allow the schools to apply for the children's badges any more so we do need to ask you to do this on your child's behalf (it is free), the link is: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>

The children can explain how they have been learning about being Eco-warriors and making posters, as well as writing letters and litter picking around school site. During parents evening, we will have work that you can take photos of to support the applications. We do hope you will complete the application for your child's Blue Peter Badge.

Reminder – Clubs next week

Please remember that there will be **no dance club on Monday** and **no colouring club on Tuesday** next week due to Parents Evenings. Thank you.

New 2 You – Donations Closed (for now)

Thank you to everyone who has kindly dropped off their outgrown uniform to replenish the New2You Uniform Shop. We are so very grateful. We are not accepting further donations for the time being. We hope to re-open accepting donations again in the Spring Term. If you are in need of uniform at any point during the school year, either pop in to the office to fill out a request form or email new2you@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk. You can also find plenty of stock available at the Parent Consultation Evenings next week. Thank you for supporting New2You at Harnham Infant School.

Playgrounds in the morning

Please keep your children with you in the mornings whilst waiting on the playground and do not allow them to climb the fences or swing on the poles during this time. This is for everyone's safety. We would hate for a terrible accident to occur. Thank you for your help with this.

Front of Office

Please may we request that parents and children do not sit on the steps at the front of the school office as it is blocking the entrance for other families who need to come inside, especially around drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

Notice from Year 2

There is no Forest School on Monday for Year 2, please send children to school in their uniform. Many thanks.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This week, we welcomed Rich Parsons from House of Opportunity who came to lead a school assembly for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025. The children will all be bringing home a leaflet about this in the hope that many of our families would consider making up a present for someone who otherwise wouldn't receive one. You could even team up with another family to do it together, if this is appropriate. You can also find out more online by visiting <https://houseofopportunity.org/christmas-box-overview-sp/> Please may all filled shoeboxes be returned to school ready to be collected by the morning of Friday 21st November. An electronic copy of the leaflet is attached in the email containing this newsletter. Thank you.

Headlice

We have some reported cases of these little critters in school at the moment. Please check your child's hair over the weekend and treat accordingly if needed. Thank you for your support with this.

Kids Klobber – School Uniform Supplier

Tracey and Martin at Kids Klobber have sent a reminder that their trading days have changed to Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9.30am – 5.00pm. You can also contact them via their Facebook page.

Term 2 – Club spaces available

There are still plenty of spaces available for the mini athletics club being run after half term. There was a recent glitch in the system on their website which said that the club is full, but this is not the case. If you would like your child to take part in this club, happening after school on a Thursday, please do book them on by visiting the following website: www.miniathletics.com/mini-athletics-salisbury-wincanton-and-blandford-forum-summary/

Election of parents governors letter

In the email sent out containing this newsletter, you will find a letter from Miss Dorrington which states the election of two new parent governors. We would like to welcome our new governors to the Full

Governing Body and trust that their term of office with us will be fruitful in supporting and challenging us to continue to give the children the best possible start to their education journey.

Parent Workshop – Supporting School Drop Offs

It was wonderful to welcome a group of parents in to school on Tuesday morning this week for Mrs Drennan's presentation of ideas to help with children who may struggle to separate from parents in the morning at school drop off times. For a copy of the slides, you can click on the link below. Alternatively, an electronic copy can be found in the email containing this newsletter. If you have any questions about anything or would like any additional support about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch requestforsupport@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

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

Wellbeing Team

Come and join the wellbeing team for our next coffee and chat! It's a great chance to meet other parents, have a chat with us, ask any questions about your child's wellbeing, and most importantly, sit back and enjoy a hot drink and some cake.



COFFEE AND CHAT

Wednesday 5th November
8:45 am - 09:30am in the school hall



Coffee and Chat with the Wellbeing Team

A friendly space to connect with others, ask questions, and relax with a hot drink and cake!

Letters sent out this week:

- Election of Parent Governors
- House of Opportunity Christmas Shoebox Appeal
- Slides from Supporting School Drop Offs Parent Workshop

Attendance

Weekly whole school attendance:	94.81% ↓ from last week	Number of late marks in the Registers:	49 ↑ from last week
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Upcoming Dates: (dates in bold are new)

Whole School	
20.10.25 and 21.10.25	Parent Consultation Evenings
22.10.25	Teacher Training Day – school closed for children
5.11.25, 8.45am	Coffee and Chat with the Wellbeing Team
13.11.25, 5-6pm	HSA Key Stage One Disco – see poster for details
14.11.25	Children in Need
21.11.25	Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Shoeboxes being collected
EYFS	
4.11.25	Come to school dressed in bright colours, sparkles – fireworks day!
13.11.25, 2.00pm	Stay and Maths – please book on Arbor
Year 1	
7.11.25	Theatre Trip to Salisbury Theatre and Art Gallery
12.11.25, 2.00pm	Grandparent Tea Party – see letter sent out
24.11.25, 10.45am	Squirrels to Harnham Croft
25.11.25, 10.45am	Bees to Harnham Croft
27.11.25, 10.45am	Woodpeckers to Harnham Croft
Year 2	
21.10.25, 9.00am	Stay and Phonics / Read – please book on Arbor
26.11.25, morning	Owls Tudor Walk and Salisbury Museum Visit
27.11.25, morning	Badgers Tudor Walk and Salisbury Museum Visit
28.11.25, morning	Dragonflies Tudor Walk and Salisbury Museum Visit

News from the HSA

The **HSA's Disco is on Thursday 13th November** with the one and only Disco Dion! All details are in the poster attached, including the times for each year group. **Ticket sales will open on Monday 3rd November via school payment apps**, please look out for school comms for when they are live.

We need a minimum of 14 volunteers for each year groups Disco to make sure it runs safely and smoothly, so if you are able to support we would be grateful of your help. Please sign up via the link below. Without the minimum number of helpers per year group, we would sadly have to cancel that year groups Disco.

<https://volunteersignup.org/T8BPF>

Just a couple of reminders ahead of the disco:

If your child is sensitive to noise, please supply a named pair of noise cancelling headphones for them to wear – we cannot supply these to the children.

If you are sending your child with money for the tuck shop, please ensure it is in a small purse/wallet so that they don't lose it and ideally send them with coins rather than large denomination notes.

All children must not bring mobile phones to the the Disco. If a child is found with a mobile phone they will have it passed to a member of staff who will then return it to the adult collecting that child at the end of their Disco time.

Thank you for supporting the HSA and helping raise funds for both our schools.



DISCO

WITH THE ONE AND ONLY DISCO DION!

• THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025 •

• TIMES FOR EACH YEAR GROUP •

5.00-6.00pm
Years 1-2

6.15-7.15pm
Years 3-4

7.30-8.30pm
Years 5-6

• HARNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL • **£2.50 ENTRANCE FEE**
BOOKING IN ADVANCE AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL'S ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEMS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE READ

SENSITIVITY TO NOISE: If your child is noise sensitive, please supply a named pair of noise cancelling headphones for them to wear – we cannot supply these to the children.

ENTRANCE TO THE DISCO: All children **MUST** be dropped off/signed in at the door.

PICK UP FROM THE DISCO: Children **WILL NOT** be allowed to leave unaccompanied.

To avoid congestion please arrive promptly.

SPENDING MONEY

All goodies will be 50p each. Please ensure your child brings a sensible amount of spending money and that it is kept in a safe place i.e. a zipped purse or wallet. We cannot accept responsibility for any lost money.

CLOTHING

Please ensure all jumpers, cardigans, coats and jackets are taken home. We do not have a cloakroom and cannot accept responsibility for any lost items. Any items found at the end will be left at the Harnham Junior Reception.

PARKING

Safety of all children is our priority. Please park in the Cricket Field car park and/or Parsonage Green to avoid traffic jams. **PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY** in Saxon Road and Hollows Close. **NO PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.** Please be considerate to all residents.



NO MOBILE PHONES

WE NEED YOU! We rely on parent volunteers and the good behaviour of the children to make the event fun for all, but more importantly **SAFE**. If you are able to help at the event please email: HSAeventscoordination@gmail.com

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKiA, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web 3. He has also written 15 guides for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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In the Community: Please note that our school is neither involved with, or endorsing the use of the services being advertised below. They are for families to access at their own discretion. Thank you.

Caring for children with COUGHS



This leaflet contains information about how to look after a child who has a cough (not due to asthma). For more detail see www.bristol.ac.uk/child-cough



COUGH

Coughs can last for 3-4 weeks and make your child feel quite unwell but will still get better by themselves.

'Noisy chests' or 'chesty coughs' are quite common when young children catch a cold and are not necessarily a sign of a 'chest infection'.

Healthy children typically get a cough 7-10 times a year and this is not a sign that there is anything wrong with their immune system.

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DISTURBED SLEEP

Coughs will often wake your child in the night. When the child lies down, more of the mucus from the nose and throat runs downwards and your child coughs more to clear it.

Coughing is part of the body's defence system which helps keep the lungs clear and fight the illness. Unfortunately this can wake the child in the night but does not mean the illness is more severe.

For children over 1 year, a spoon of honey (perhaps in a warm drink) half an hour before bed may help them to wake less often.

For children over 2 years, vapour rubs (containing camphor, menthol and/or eucalyptus) may help children sleep better.



FEVER/HIGH TEMPERATURE

In children, a temperature of over 37.5°C is considered a fever.

Fever is a normal response to illness and does not harm children. It may even help to fight illness.

Children with a high temperature may be more likely to have a more severe illness, although most do not. Occasionally a child may have a fit. This shouldn't cause harm and treating the fever doesn't prevent it.

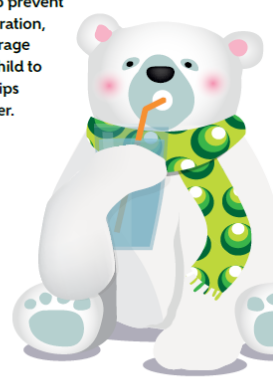
It is safe to use child paracetamol and ibuprofen to manage children's fever (and pain) for as long as needed. Follow the dosage on the bottle.

DRINKING/EATING LESS

Children often eat and drink less when they have normal childhood illnesses. Most children can go a few days without eating much and this will not affect their longer term growth and development.

All children need to drink regularly to avoid becoming dehydrated, especially if they are vomiting.

To help prevent dehydration, encourage your child to have sips of water.



WHEN TO SEE THE DOCTOR

Arrange to see or speak to your doctor today if any of the following occur:

RAPID OR DIFFICULT BREATHING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

AGE OF CHILD	BREATHING RATE
Babies under 6 months	over 60 breaths per minute
Babies 6-12 months	over 50 breaths per minute
Children over 1 year	over 40 breaths per minute
Any age	Being short of breath (as if your child has been running) or is 'working hard' to breathe when resting
Any age	Skin between and below the ribs gets sucked in each time your child takes a breath

HIGH OR PERSISTENT FEVER (DEPENDING ON AGE OF CHILD):

AGE OF CHILD	TEMPERATURE
Babies under 3 months	38°C or more
Babies 3-6 months	39°C or more
Children over 6 months	over 37.5°C for more than 5 days
If your child has a fever fit, call 999 or take them to A&E.	

VOMITING (DEPENDING ON AGE):

AGE OF CHILD	SYMPTOMS
Babies under 3 months	Vomiting + fever of 38°C or above
Babies 3-6 months	Vomiting + fever of 39°C or above
Children over 6 months	Vomiting + fever + extremely drowsy or listless
Any age	Severe vomiting (child not able to hold down fluids for 8 hours or showing signs of dehydration)
Any age	Persistent vomiting (more than 2 days)

SKIN PALER THAN USUAL

If your child appears much paler than usual; hands and feet are very cold while their body is warm. **If skin, lips or tongue appear blue, call 999.**

PAIN

Pain in the chest (not when coughing) combined with fever and rapid breathing.

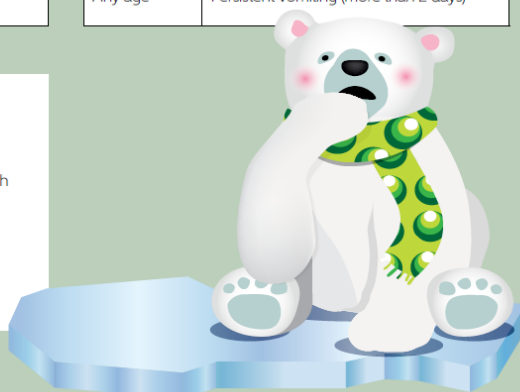
HARD TO WAKE / UNRESPONSIVE

Cannot be woken or wakes only slightly and then immediately goes back to sleep.

If your child wakes only with lots of stimulation, or is much less responsive to social stimulation (smiles and talking) than usual.

NOT FEEDING

Babies under 1 year: if your child stops feeding entirely.





Do you love and care for a child with Additional Needs or who is Neurodivergent? (11yrs and under)

If so, you are invited to **Sunlight Learning's**



Family



Play



Days

When?	Where?	Timings	Cost
Sunday 9 th Nov	Harnham Social Club, Parsonage Green, Salisbury, SP2 8LA	2.30pm to 4.30pm	£5.00 per family

What to expect

A safe space where you and all your children can meet and play with the available toys and games – *SEND, Neurodivergent, or Neurotypical*.

We offer a relaxed, welcoming space for you and your children to play, and connect.

Your kids (aged 11yrs and under) can enjoy a range of toys and games, playing solo or making new friends – all within a safe, parent supervised environment. As parents/carers, it's a chance to meet others, swap ideas, and share support with people who truly get it.

Plus, free drinks and snacks for everyone!

To book a place

Email – anns@sunlightlearning.co.uk
Phone – Ann Saunders – 077744 52085
or visit – www.sunlightlearning.co.uk

