



HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter 2

Friday 12th September 2025

It has been a lovely week in our school. The children have been continuing to get to know their new teachers, classrooms, routines and expectations. Please do make sure you check Seesaw for the latest update from the class teachers about what the children have been doing in class, plus some photographs and any important messages and reminders too.

In our assemblies this week, we have started considering our focus school value of this term, which is kindness. The children watched a video called 'Colour your world with kindness' and learned about how an act of kindness can spread to others and make their world more colourful too. Perhaps over the weekend you can come up with some acts of kindness to do together? We'll look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

School Dinners – week beginning 15th September 2025

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with...	Choice of Dessert
Monday	Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza Rich Tomato Pasta with Lentils Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings)	Green Beans Sweetcorn Salad bar Homemade Bread	Crispy Cake Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Biryani Oven Baked Macaroni Cheese Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings)	Cauliflower Garden Peas Salad bar Homemade bread	Apple Sponge and Custard Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Baked Bean and Cheese Puff Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings)	Baked New Potatoes Cabbage, carrots and gravy Salad bar Homemade bread	Strawberry Mousse Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Traditional All Day Breakfast All Day veggie Breakfast Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings)	Hash Brown, Baked Beans Garden Peas Salad bar Homemade bread	Fruit Salad Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Fish Fingers Cheese and Onion Gratin Fishless Fingers Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Wholemeal Sandwich	Chips Peas or Baked Beans Salad bar Homemade bread	Chocolate Fudge Pudding Fruit Yoghurt

Coats

The weather is very changeable at the moment. Today has been a great demonstration of this. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. Thank you.

Whole School Calendar

Attached to the email containing this newsletter, you will find our whole-school calendar of events for this academic year. This includes things like dates for show performances, special events, trips, parents evenings and charity days. We aim to give parents as much notice as possible for these events and we will endeavour to keep any changes to an absolute minimum and only when absolutely necessary. The calendar will be updated termly and sent out to you with any additions or revised changes.

Cost of the school year

In addition to giving families notice about upcoming events, we also aim to give an idea of costings for the academic year to support preparation and budgeting requirements. In the email containing this newsletter, you will also find a document which gives an overview of costings for the year. Please note that the costings are approximate guidelines only but we do hope that you find this useful.

Volunteers

A letter was sent out this week from Mrs Pike about opportunities to volunteer in school. If you would like to be involved in school life and feel that you can commit to attending regularly, we would love to hear from you by answering the questions found at the following link or via the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tE8dwt0rMh>



Reminder from Year 1 - Scootability

Please remember to give consent for your child to take part in Scootability, which is happening next week. This needs to be done using Arbor. Our admin team have kindly extended bookings to remain open until Saturday evening so do make sure your child is able to take part. Thank you.

On Tuesday and Thursday next week, children taking part can wear their own clothes. School are providing scooters, helmets and knee and elbow protection.

Expectations on Staff and Abusive Behaviour

Every member of the Harnham Infant School team works incredibly hard. From the caretaker to the midday supervisors, the teaching assistants, the admin team, our parent support advisor, the governors, the teachers and senior leadership team too. We are all invested, we care deeply and are committed to ensuring that every child has a happy, safe and successful learning journey throughout their time with us and our desire is to work closely *with* families to make that possible. We would, however, like to remind you that our staff are also human beings and that there is only so much time within a school day! Therefore, please may families be considerate of this, exercising patience and caution with your expectations when communicating with us, whether face to face, on the telephone or via other technology. Thank you for your support.

Information from the Governing Body

The governors and staff of our school would like to thank Mr M Trigg for his service to the Governing Body over the last few years. Our school has been enriched by his hard work as the head of Finance Committee and as Vice-Chair and though we are sad that he has had to step down, we would like to express our gratitude for his time and commitment to the role. Thank you!

We currently have vacancies for 3 parent governors and, over the coming weeks, further information about this exciting opportunity will be sent to you. Being a governor is very rewarding and a great opportunity to be involved at a strategic level in the school's direction towards continual improvement. If, at this early stage, you would like to know more, please do come and speak to Miss Dorrington or Mrs Pike or email Beth Evans, Chair of Governors using chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk We look forward to hearing from you!

School Photographs – 3rd October

The school photographer is taking the individual photographs of the children on 3rd October. As part of this, during the day, children with siblings in the infant school will also be photographed together. If you have a further sibling at home, at Puddleducks, Harnham Junior School or any other setting and would like them to be photographed together, these will be taken after school time in the school library. Please collect your child as normal, enter the site via the small playground gate and make your way up to the school library. Thank you.

Reading with Murphy – Reminder

If you are happy for your child to take part in reading with our school dog, Murphy; a gentle reminder for you to sign up and give consent for this on Arbor. Murphy has already started listening to children read this academic year. He loves it!

Can you help...?

Year 1 are going on a trip to the Water Meadows and would like to combine this with a visit to the local allotments too. If any parents or members of the school community have an allotment and would be happy to show a year 1 class around and answer their questions, the year 1 team would be delighted to hear from you. It would be for about 20 minutes on one (or all) of the following dates: 7th, 8th and 9th October. Thank you in advance for your help in bringing their learning to life!

Letters sent out this week:

- Volunteers for this academic year
- Clubs

Attendance

Weekly whole school attendance:	96.74%	Number of late marks in the Registers:	20
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- Research shows that children who miss one of the first few days of the new term for unauthorised reasons are much more likely to miss long periods of their schooling than their peers who attended those first few days. These children had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term. This shows just how important it is that children are at school, ready to learn in the first days of the September term.
- If you need some support with school attendance, please do come and speak to us as there are things we can do to help. Thank you.

Class email addresses

Just a reminder that you can use the class email addresses to make contact and pass on important messages. Some parents have been making contact through the school website and whilst these messages do get to us, there may be a delay in getting them to the correct teacher. Therefore, don't forget you can contact them directly using:

hedgehogs@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

robins@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

ladybirds@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

squirrels@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

woodpeckers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

bees@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

badgers@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

owls@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

dragonflies@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk

If you use these email addresses rather than the class teacher's personal ones this would be helpful because they also go to any further members of staff working in that class e.g. job shares and teaching assistants.

Teachers check the class emails by 8.30am every morning and again by 1.00pm each afternoon. If it is a message that is more urgent, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates:

Whole School	
29.9.25	Harnham Croft Visit
1.10.25	Community Forest School Event – see poster
2.10.25	Autumn Census Day
3.10.25	Individual School Photos
14.10.25	Coffee and Chat – Meet the Pastoral Team – details to follow
20.10.25 and 21.10.25	Parent Consultation Evenings
22.10.25	Teacher Training Day – school closed for children
EYFS	
16.9.24, 3.30pm	Parent Information Session – creche available
15.10.25, 2.00pm	Stay and Phonics / Read
Year 1	
15.9.25	Scootability – please see letter sent out
17.9.25, 3.30pm	Parent Information Session – creche available
17.10.25, 9.00am	Stay and Feast
Year 2	
18.9.25, 3.30pm	Parent Information Session – creche available
18.9.25	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops
WB 13.10.25	Trip to Harnham Water Meadows – details to follow
21.10.25, 9.00am	Stay and Phonics / Read

Notices from the Harnham Schools Association – HSA:



The HSA would like to invite you to the first HSA planning meeting (more of a get together rather than anything formal) of the new school year. This is being held on Monday 15th September, 7pm at the Riverside Hotel. We will be discussing events we want to host this year, any requests that schools have already approached us for and some general HSA admin too. Everyone is welcome to attend – please bring any school parent friends with you. Hope to see you there! ☺

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





Harnham Infant School warmly invite you to join us at our

Community Forest School

Wednesday 1st October, 10am-12pm

Do you have a child or children under 5, then why not come along to our FREE forest session where we will be offering a range of fun forest based activities including pond dipping, willow weaving, find the animal activities and a fire pit! Plus a snack and drink will be provided.

Everyone must come appropriately dressed – this includes wearing long sleeves and long trousers, suitable footwear, sun hats and sun cream if it is sunny, waterproof trousers and coats if its wet.

Parents, Grandparents, Childminders and all most welcome – you do not have to be a current Harnham Infant school family to attend – we can't wait to meet you all!



Please book a space by scanning the QR Code!

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.

After School Tennis Coaching

Dear Parents,

A quick email with the information about our **after-school tennis coaching for juniors (ages 4–18)** at Downton Tennis Centre.

It is a great way for children & teenagers to:

- Stay active and develop new skills
- Build confidence on and off the court

AUTUMN TERM TENNIS CLUBS – Starts W/C 8th September

- **Mini Red (Ages 4–8): Mon & Fri, 4–5pm**
- **Orange Ball (Age 9): Mon, 5–6pm**
- **U12/U14 Club (Ages 10–14): Mon & Fri, 5–6pm**
- **18 & Under Club (Ages 15–18): Fri, 6–7pm**
- Performance groups are also available for experienced players – please get in touch for details.

**** FREE TASTER AVAILABLE ****

Venue: Downton Tennis Centre, Wick Ln, Downton, Salisbury SP5 3NF

To book, complete a booking form below...

[**BOOKING FORM >**](#)

Please get in touch if you have any questions

Email: mahonytennis@gmail.com

Many thanks,

Lee Mahony

Head Coach - Downton Tennis Centre

[**www.mahonytennis.com**](http://www.mahonytennis.com)

Autumn Term-Time Tennis - Starts W/C 8th Sept - [**Find Out More >**](#)

October Half-Term Tennis Camp - 29th Oct - [**Book Now >**](#)

Stay Well Planner

A copy of the template below is available for you to download in the email containing this school newsletter. This is ideal for sticking on your fridge at home to keep all the details handy to support your family's health and wellbeing.

This is a perfect space for a fridge magnet!

#StayWellBSW

STAY WELL NHS

FAMILY PLANNER

Our plan of action if someone is unwell or injured

-  Self Care - Treat an upset stomach or cuts and grazes at home.
-  Think pharmacy first - Community pharmacies can offer treatment and some prescription medicine.
-  NHS 111 - Use NHS 111 for urgent medical advice, 24/7.
-  Use Urgent Treatment Centres or Minor Injury Units for injuries that are urgent but not life-threatening.

bswtogether.org.uk/yourhealth

Important Contacts

Our local pharmacy contact number is: _____

Our GP Surgery contact number is: _____

Our nearest Minor Injury Unit is: _____

Our nearest Urgent Treatment Centre is: _____

Our nearest A&E is: _____


For urgent medical advice visit 111.nhs.uk to get directed to the right place.

HARNHAM SOCIAL CLUB AND
HARNHAM COMMUNITY
NETWORK PRESENT

FILM NIGHT

AT HARNHAM SPORTS
AND SOCIAL
COMMUNITY CLUB



**£5
ENTRY**

TICKETS AVAILABLE
ON THE DOOR

BAR AVAILABLE

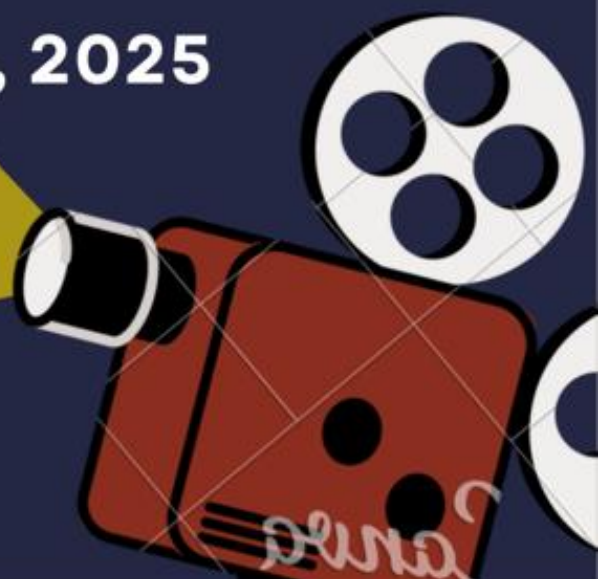
FEATURED FILM:

MR BURTON

12A, 2025

**17TH
SEPTEMBER**

DOORS OPEN 7PM
FILM STARTS
7:30PM



HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ NIGHT

27 SEPTEMBER
18.30 Parish Hall,
Lower St

Apple Pie
competition



Quiz teams
of 8

*Individuals welcome to join an amalgamated quiz team.
Bring an apple pie for judging for a chance to win the coveted
golden rolling pin!*

£ 10 per person. Book by 26 Sept.

reverendbecky@gmail.com

All funds raised towards the work of Harnham Parish Churches.



Harnham Parish Hall Lower Street SP2 8EY

1st.talk **wednesday**

**Every other First Wednesday
from February 2025**

... 7.30 pm

Wednesday 1 October
Joanna Nair
LEARNING FROM NEPAL
SINCE 1993

No booking necessary - donations invited on the door.

**Interval drinks. Funds raised
will support the work of Harnham Parish**

Further information visit: [https://www.harnhamparish.org.uk/
whats-going-on/events](https://www.harnhamparish.org.uk/whats-going-on/events) or scan the QR code

Harnham Parish Churches - Registered Charity No: 1193766



FREE gaming and gambling harm prevention workshops for all youth-facing professionals

Scan a QR code
to register for FREE

"I enjoyed the content
and I think it is very
relevant and up to speed
with the times and what
children and young
people are doing and
connecting with."

Police Officer Based
in Wiltshire



Education

Monday 15th
September

1pm - 3pm



**Community
and Faith
Leaders**

Monday 15th
September

1.30pm - 4pm



Healthcare

Wednesday 17th
September

9am - 11.30am



**Supporting
Children in
Care**

Thursday 18th
September

10am - 1pm



Social Care

Thursday 25th
September

3pm - 5.30pm



Parents

Thursday 11th
September

5.30pm - 7pm

Wiltshire Council

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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2026?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2026

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on 01225 713010

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be seven years old before September 2026?

You must apply for a junior school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2026

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

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