



19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

### End of Year SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems a little strange sat here on my own at school on a Saturday afternoon. The school is certainly much quieter without our wonderful children. Whilst sat in the peace and quiet, I have reflected on the fantastic year that we have had at Harcourt Primary and how lucky we are that your trust us with your children.

The last couple of days in school are going to be extremely busy so I thought I would get my end of year newsletter to you today. I can't believe we are heading towards the end of another academic year. It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming our new Acorn Class and their families in to our school community. Where has the time gone?

#### **Goodbye Year 6**

The saddest part of any school year is when we have to say goodbye to members of staff and our Year 6 Class. We will be extremely sad to say goodbye to Oak Class. They have been a 'sparky', kind and hardworking class that will be missed by all of us. We wish all pupils that are leaving us the very best in the future.

Sadly we also need to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Fowler who has been working in Year2 this year. Mrs Fowler will be moving on to a new school in Folkestone. We wish Louise every happiness and success in her new role.

#### **A Few Thanks Yous**

As we approach the end of the year I wanted to say thank you to the whole school community that makes our school so special. Firstly, I want to thank all of the wonderful staff that work so hard and do an amazing job. Secondly, I would like to thank the volunteers that make up our PTFA and Members of the Governing Body. Their work is invaluable and due to them working in the background they do not get the praise they deserve. Finally a thank you to you, our families who work closely with us to support your children. You may not realise it, but the happy smiles you give us and your kind words in the morning mean a great deal.

#### **Summer Building Work**

By now you will know that the school is set for another extremely busy summer of building work that is going to impact on about two thirds of the school. In the last couple of days of term the staff are going to be working really hard to box and move much of our furniture and resources, this is a massive job and we won't let it affect the children. Hopefully when we come back in September we will have new ceilings, lighting and the props in KS1 will have been removed. Due to the extensive amount of work and the impact this will have on the school Kent County Council have given the school an addition INSET day for this academic year, I will inform you when this will be early next term.

#### **After School Club**

Hopefully you will have seen my ParentMail to you regarding an afterschool provision that has been set up in collaboration with Kidz Planet. If this is something you would like to take advantage of, or require any additional information please email [afterschoolclub@kidzplanet.co.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@kidzplanet.co.uk).

#### **No School Meals**

Unfortunately the first part of the school to be worked on is the kitchen. This means we can't provide any meals on the final two days of term. If you are struggling to provide your child with a lunch please email me confidentially on [headteacher@harcourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@harcourt.kent.sch.uk) and we will sort something out.

### **School Meal Price Increase**

Unfortunately due to rising costs and a shrinking school budget we have been forced to increase the cost of school meals from September.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal voucher you should have received your voucher via email yesterday. Each voucher is for £80. If you haven't please contact us so we can help you out.

### **Trophy Assembly**

On Monday afternoon at 2pm we will be holding our annual Trophy Assembly. We have sent a ParentMail out to parents of those children that have been nominated. All parents are welcome to come and share this popular school occasion.

### **Leavers Service**

On Tuesday at 9.15am we will be holding a leavers assembly for the children and their families of pupils in Year 6. As always, I am sure this will be an emotional time for you. Don't forget your tissues! The children in Year 6 will then leave us via the KS1 exit at 2.45pm. Please check the ParentMail we sent you for more information.

### **Provisional Dates for the Diary**

Date	Event	Year Group/Staff Member
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Staff Training Day	No Pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff Training Day	No Pupils
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First Day of Year – Yr 1 to 6	Year 1 to 6
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Staggered Start	Year R
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Staggered Start	Year R

**Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful summer.**

Anthony

Headteacher



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### TERM DATES 2025-2026

Term 1	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Staff Development Day 1
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Staff Development Day 2
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	First Day of School for Year 1 to Year 6
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	First Day of School for New Reception – Staggered Start – Please see Reception Handbook.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Second Day of School for New Reception – Staggered Start – Please see Reception Handbook.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Last Day of Term 1

Term 2	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Staff Development Day 3
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Start of Term 2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last Day of Term 2

Term 3	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Staff Development Day 4

Term 4	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	First Day of Term 4
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	Last Day of Term 4

Term 5	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	First Day of Term 5
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Last Day of Term 5

Term 6	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	First Day of Term 6
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Staff Development Day 5
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Last Day of Term 6

**One additional INSET day to be determined.**

**Please note that schools are not able to authorise any term time absence unless parents and carers are able to evidence that this is for an exception reason. Any term time leave is likely to result in the Local Authority issuing a Penalty Notice.**