



31st October 2025

HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always it has been an action packed first week back at Harcourt Primary.

On Tuesday it was lovely to see the children return to school after half term, it really is a pleasure to welcome the children into school on the gate each morning.

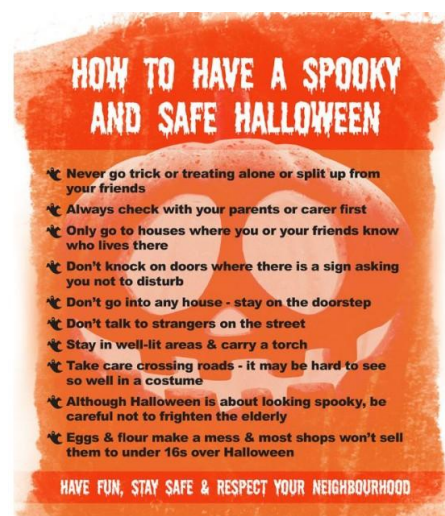
Term Two is always incredibly busy. I think I have already heard the distant sound of Christmas songs being learnt in the hall and it is only the end of October!

Parent Consultations

During the last week of term we held our Parent Consultations. Thank you to everyone that attended these appointments. If you missed your appointment or couldn't attend please do get in touch with the school and we will be happy to arrange a new time for you.

Halloween – Trick or Treat Assembly

I have no doubt many of our pupils will be going out Trick or Treating later today. In one of our assemblies this week we have spent time with the children looking at how we can keep all of our children safe when collecting those delicious sweets. Unfortunately, we have had some occasions in recent years when accidents do happen so it is certainly worth reminding the children of some top tips to keep them safe.



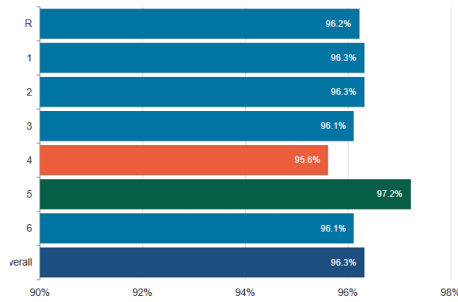
PTFA Disco

This week also saw our first PTFA event of the school year, our Halloween Disco. I think it is fair to say that the children really enjoyed themselves. Please can I say a huge thank you to everyone involved in making this event a massive success.

School Attendance

As the winter months close in, we seem to always see a drop in our school attendance levels. Please remember that the children are able to come into school with a bit of a cough or cold. If your child isn't managing in school due to illness we will always give you a call. The NHS have a really useful guide called, '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' that gives more details about if your child should come to school. Don't forget you can always give us a call and we would be happy to advise you.

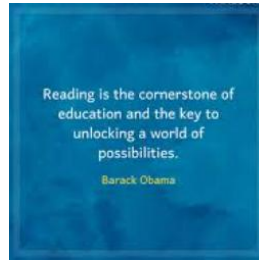
School Attendance



Strong school attendance is crucial. If children aren't in school we can't teach them. Please support us by making sure your children come to school when well enough.

Well done Year 5, amazing attendance so far this year!

Reading is Everything



As many of you know, the staff at Harcourt firmly believe that reading is so important to everything that we do in school. Unfortunately, we are seeing fewer children reading regularly at home and this really impacts on the children's reading fluency and understanding. We know that modern life is busy, but please help us by reading with your child for ten minutes each night. A little effort now will make so much difference to the children's lives in the future. If you need any support with this, please do speak to a member of staff.

Odd Socks Day – 10th November

On Monday 10th November we will be marking the start of anti-bullying week by participating in Odd Socks Day. The aim of Odd Socks Day is to celebrate what makes everyone unique and to promote kindness and acceptance for all. The great thing is, Odd Socks Day is so easy to take part in. All the children need to do is wear two odd socks, the crazier the better.



Coats, Hats and Gloves

With the clocks changing and November arriving we have certainly seen a change in the weather. Please send your child into school with a coat each day. Also please remember to write your child's name into everything, hats, gloves and coats.



Year 5 London Trip – Tuesday 4th November

A gentle reminder for Year 5 parents that on Tuesday the pupils in Elms Class will be going to London. Please ensure the children have a coat as the weather is unpredictable and a packed lunch. Don't forget drop off and pick up is at Folkestone West. If you are entitled to a Free School Meal and wish for the school to provide a packed lunch please email the school office to let us know. The cut off point for this is midday on Monday. Fingers crossed it doesn't rain.

Future Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 27 th October	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 28 th October	First Day of Term Two
Thursday 30 th October	School Disco
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 5 Trip to London
Saturday 8 th November	Open Day
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week Year 6 Assessment Week
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day Reception Open Day Year 6 PCSO Anti-Bullying Workshop
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st November	Year 5 Assessment Week
Monday 17 th November	Year 5 Visit to All Souls Church
Wednesday 19 th November	Year R and Year 6 NHS National Child Measurement
Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th November	Year 3 Assessment Week
Monday 1 st to Friday 5 th December	Year 4 Assessment Week
Tuesday 16 th December	Key Stage One Nativity (AM)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 th December	Key Stage Two – Carols Around the Christmas Tree Target Documents Sent to Parents Last Day of Term 2

Thank you for your continued support.

Anthony