



21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

## HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Based on today's weather it would appear that winter has certainly arrived. Driving in to school this morning I certainly saw some snow for the first time. Thankfully it didn't hang around too long, although I am not sure the children would agree with me. Despite the changing weather the last couple of weeks have continued to be action packed.

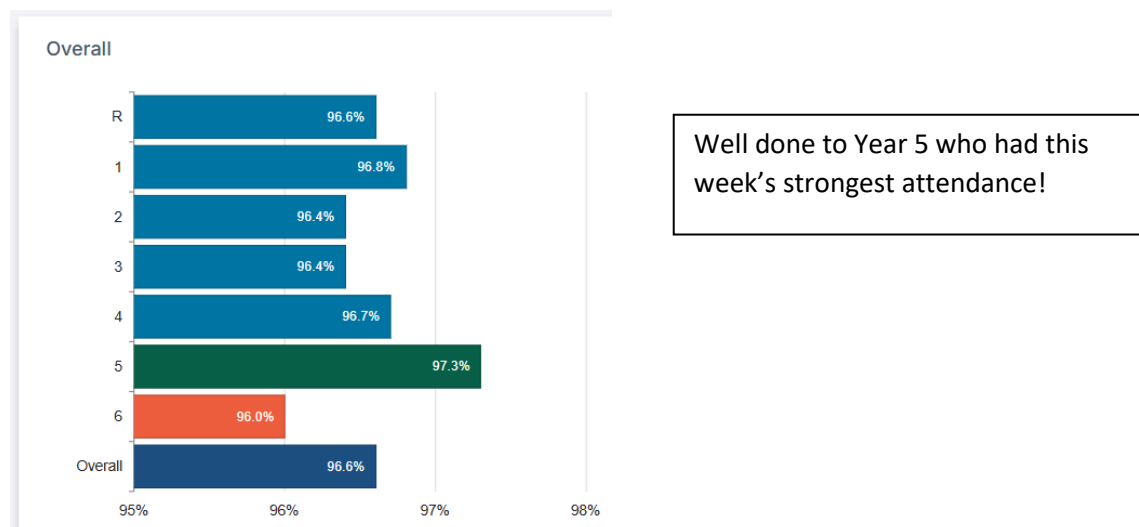
### School Closure on Monday

I would like to start with an apology for the inconvenience caused when we unexpectedly had to close the school on Monday. Unfortunately, we had a leak that left quite a bit of flooding and we had to turn both the water supply and electrics off. Sadly these things happen in a building as old as ours.

### Severe Weather Closures

Although it doesn't happen often, there has been times when we have needed to close the school due to snow or other significant weather. The vast majority of the teaching staff do not live in Folkestone which means we can't always provide a safe ratio to open. If this was to happen, we would communicate this to you as quickly as possible via Bromcom, Facebook and by logging it on KCCs School Closure Website.

### School Attendance



We know that the children pick up lots of coughs and colds at this time of year but that doesn't mean they can't be in school. If you are unsure about whether your child should be in school, call the office and we can discuss this with you.

This week I have sent out a number of letters to parents regarding attendance that is below 90% as the Department for Education classify these children as being Persistently Absent. If you received one of these letters and have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. We hope you will work with us to support your children coming into school more often.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, all of the children spent a great deal of time learning about appropriate relationships and anti-bullying. Congratulations to our anti-bullying ambassadors that have been appointed for this very important role in the school.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you to all of you that donated to last week's Children in Need appeal. Due to your generosity we raised £127.34 for this great cause. Thank you once again.

### **Coats, Hats and Gloves**

Despite the cold weather, we have still had some pupils in school without coats this week. If this is the case the children do need to stay inside at breaktime and lunchtime I am afraid. Please can I gently remind you to label all of the children's clothing, our lost property box is overflowing and one school jumper or black hat looks much the same as all the others.

### **Lost Property**

We currently have quite a lot of lost property in the box outside the school office. If you have lost something it may well be there. Once again, when washing your children's clothes this weekend please do check that their names are still written in them. Losing uniform is really costly and if the items do not have names in we struggle to find who it belongs to.

### **Girls Futsal League**

This week, seven of our girls took part in the first day of a futsal league for Folkestone School. They played incredibly well, winning four out of the first five league games. We look forward to the second week of fixtures to see how we get on overall. Well done Harcourt!

### **PTFA Christmas Non-Uniform Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

Next Friday we asking the children to wear their own clothes in support of the PTFA Christmas Fayre that is taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the message sent on Bromcom or Facebook for further information.

### **Year Four Geography Field Work**

A gentle reminder that on Monday afternoon will be undertaking a geography field work in the local area. This is covered under our local area trip permission form. Please make sure the children have a coat. Any problems please email the class teacher.

### **Future Dates for the Diary**

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