



13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## HARCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry that it has been a couple of weeks since I last wrote to you. The last three weeks have been incredibly busy in school. So much has happened which I will share with you today.

### **OFSTED Inspection**

You will be aware that we were visited by His Majesty's Inspectors during the first week of term. Over the two days, we were delighted to show three inspections our wonderful school. As always, the pupils were fantastic and shared with the inspectors what they love about our school. I also wanted to say a huge thank you to the many parents and family members that shared kind words, encouragement, chocolate and cakes with us to help us with a gruelling 48 hour period. We are incredibly grateful. Finally, a thank you for the overwhelmingly positive responses to the OFSTED parent survey.

At the current time we are not allowed to share the outcome of the inspection. We expect to receive our report after the Easter Holiday. We will, of course, share this as soon we are allowed to.

### **Parent Consultations - Change of Date**

As some of you know, Mr Yates is currently away from work due to a serious break/arm dislocation. Due to this, we are going to move our Parent Consultations until after the Easter Holiday in the hope that Mr Yates will be back with us. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused by this.

### **Red Nose Day – 20<sup>th</sup> March**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March the children are encouraged to wear non-uniform for the day including something red for Red Nose Day. We will put a bucket on the gate in the morning for any coins you want to donate.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

On the last day of term, Reception and KS1 will be holding our traditional Easter Bonnet parade in the hall. We are aiming to be as close to 9.15am as possible. More information will follow via the MCAS App. Please add this date to your diary so you can come and watch your child parade!

### **Young Voices 2026**



In the middle of our inspection we took a number of our KS2 pupils to the O2 for the annual Young Voices concert. As always, this was an incredible experience for our children. A huge thank you to Mrs MacWatt for leading the weekly rehearsals alongside Mrs Kemp.

### **Bikeability**

Over a two day period, a number of our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability Training. For anyone as old as me, this is the equivalent to the old fashioned cycling proficiency sessions. The children learnt to ride their bikes safely on the roads in preparation for their transition to secondary school. The instructors praised our children highly for their great attitude, listening and team work. Well done Year 6.

### **Fire Fighter Visit**

Our Key Stage One pupils were delighted to be visited by some Fire Fighters from Kent Fire and Rescue last week. The children greatly enjoyed finding out about the essential work that they do to keep us safe and the different equipment that is used. A huge thank you to Reuben and Ava's dad for making this visit so special for the children.



### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March it was lovely to celebrate World Book Day with our children and lots of family members. Thank you to everyone that supported their children to come dressed as their favourite book character and/or coming to read with their children during the afternoon.



### **Dinner Money Accounts**

We have a number of families that now owe a significant amount of money on their dinner money accounts. Please can we ask you to bring these up to date as soon as possible. If there is reason for this, please do speak to a member of the office staff or a senior leader.

### **Swap Shop**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding one of our ever popular Swap Shop events. If you have any items to donate please send these into school with your children. Please do pop in on the 27<sup>th</sup> March to pick up a preloved item.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
3:15pm in the Hall



The Swap Shop is a way of giving new homes to things that you no longer need or want. This reduces waste and is an environmentally friendly way of getting new stuff!  
From Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, please bring in any donations of children's clothes, books, toys, magazines and more.  
Come along to the Swap Shop on 27<sup>th</sup> March to take any items for free.  
Give these unloved items a new home at the Harcourt Swap Shop!

#### **Term 4 Key Dates**

Date	Event	Pupils Involved
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March – 2.30pm	Mother's Day Event	Reception and KS1
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March - 2.30pm	Mother's Day Event	KS2 and Siblings
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	All Pupils
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	All Pupils
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – 3.15pm	Swap Shop	All Pupils and Parents
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTFA Break the Rules Day	All Pupils
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Reception Vision and Hearing Screen	Reception Class
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 2.30pm	Science Fair	All Pupils
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last Day of Term 4	All Pupils
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 5	All Pupils

Thank you for your continued support.

Anthony