

Friday 3rd November 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Individuality

DIARY DATES

Thursday 9th November

Year 5/6 Boys football match (selected team)

Monday 27th November

Whole School Panto in the Hall

Thursday 9th November

Year 5/6 Boys football match (selected team)

Monday 4th – Friday 8th December

Year 5 Swimming week (more information to follow)

Monday 11th December

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance 2pm & 5pm

Thursday 14th December

Preschool and Reception Nativity Performance 2pm & 5pm

Wednesday 20th December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert Performance 5pm

Friday 22nd December

End of Term 1:30pm Finish

Attendance

Your child's regular school attendance is paramount to their success and development. By sending your child to school each day, you're giving them the opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for a bright future. Consistent school attendance establishes good habits and fosters a strong work ethic. It also allows your child to form lasting friendship and build social skills. Your involvement in their education sends a powerful message about the importance of learning, setting the stage for a lifetime of achievement.

The Lancashire School Attendance Team have been working with Harris Primary this term and have reviewed our approaches to punctuality, attendance and persistent absences.

School Admissions

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary school in September 2024 at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2024 is 15th January 2024.

★ Writers of the Week! ★

Each week the teachers choose an impressive piece of writing, from a child in their class, to go on display in the school entrance and receive the Star Writer award.

This week our Star Writers are: **Bertie (Rec), Lily (Y1), Andrew (Y2), Fatima (Y3), Charlie (Y4), Junayd (Y5) and Millie (Y6)**

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Sophie**

Reception: **Hamza and Troy**

Year 1: **Frankie and Elliott**

Year 2: **Nikhil and Marlee**

Year 3: **Joshua and Esa**

Year 4: **Sadie and Savannah**

Year 5: **Alizah and Josh B**

Year 6: **Kaitlin and Jenson**

Online Safety Newsletter

The online safety section of our school website has lots of information to support parents and children with staying safe online:

<https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/140624>

Each month we issue an online safety newsletter, October's edition is available on the website or by clicking here: [November Online Safety Newsletter](#)

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



It was lovely to welcome the children back to Preschool this week. We began by reading 'Little Glow,' a story that highlights celebrations of light across different communities. Throughout the year, a small flame watches on as families use various kinds of light to celebrate Lunar New Year, Diwali, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Halloween, and Christmas. This gave us lots of opportunity to share our own experiences, using our speaking, and listening skills. The children have also enjoyed painting and decoupage on pumpkins, creating beautiful firework artwork and malleable play with the sparkly playdough.

Reception



In Literacy this week, we have been learning 'Firework Poem' by James Carter. The children have performed the poem with actions. Have a look on Tapestry to watch our performances! In Maths, we have been exploring the properties and names of 2D shapes. In Understanding the World, we have been looking at signs of Autumn so we went on a local walk to explore the autumnal environment. The children loved exploring the outdoors, collecting natural items and jumping in the muddy puddles. In Art, the children are beginning to draw Autumn trees, making sure they are using the right colours for the leaves and smudging the chalk pastels to create different effects. In PE, we focused on different ways of travelling. We walked around like cows, stomped like giants and climbed like Jack from 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Year 1



In English, we have been reading bonfire night themed poems. We recited our whole class Firework Party poem with actions and thought of different verbs for our own poems that we will write next week. In Maths, we learnt about 2D and 3D shapes and the children really enjoyed making 3D shapes with playdoh. The boys and girls have enjoyed lots of Autumn activities linked to our Science unit. We've recorded the daily weather and temperatures, made autumn leaf wreaths and garlands, ripped up leaves to make a deciduous tree, made dens and autumn potions.

YEAR TWO



Welcome back Year 2! This week in English, we have been reading Little Red Riding Hood as part of our new unit about fairy tales. We took part in role play activities and have started writing a diary entry about her day. In maths, we finished our addition and subtraction unit and we have started looking at 2D shape. In PSHE, we have been learning about who our special people are and how we are all different. On Thursday, we enjoyed an interesting visit from the Fire Service who talked to us about fire safety and taught us how to be safe on Bonfire night.

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



In Art this week, we have been busy making our own cave pictures. We stuck paper to the underside of our tables and sat underneath (as if in a cave) we used pencils and chalks to draw the designs onto the paper. In Maths this week we have been focusing on subtracting three-digit numbers using the grid method. In Geography, we have started our new topic 'How does the ring of fire affect people?' we learnt why volcanic eruptions happen by firstly understanding the structure of the earth. What a fantastic week of learning Year 3!

YEAR FOUR



Welcome to the new half term and our new class member Hassan. This week we started our new book *The Firework Makers Daughter* - one of my favourites! The children have explored the vocabulary in the text and build up a good picture of where the story is set and the characters. In Maths we have finished off our addition & subtraction unit and now the children can identify a range of appropriate methods to use including mental, jottings and column. In Science we have explored pitch and now the children can identify loud & quite and high & low sound waves. We have also begun testing with sound insulating.

YEAR FIVE



What a busy, yet fun, week back at school. The children have begun their new topic all about Earth and space. Our literacy unit also ties in very closely with it as we are beginning to learn about sci-fi. We have also started to our art topic, finding out about the artist Damien Hirst and his colourful designs and patterns. I have been blown away with the effort the children have put into their research and creative ways of displaying what they have found out. A great start to this half term, well done Year 5!

YEAR SIX



This week in English, Year 6 looked at the class text *Frankenstein* and used this to inspire their own spooky short stories. In Maths, we worked on our short and long multiplication written methods as well as trying (and succeeding!) in beating Mr Price in a game of Speed Maths. In Science, we explored what the circulatory system is in our bodies and examined a real sheep's heart...ewe! In History, we looked at the tragic yet inspirational life of Anne Frank, who went into hiding to avoid Nazi arrest. We were moved by one of Anne Frank's lines from her diary: "Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy."

Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Dates 2023

Before School Clubs 8:00-8:45 or 8:15-8:45				
Year Groups	Club	Start Date	End Date	Staff
Y3/4	Boys Football 8:00-8:45	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Athletics 8:00-8:45	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y3/4	Hockey 8:00-8:45	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
KS2	Cross Country 8:15-8:45	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
Lunchtime Clubs 12:00-12:30 or 12:25-12:55				
KS2	Rubix Cube	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Mr Ridge
After School Clubs 3:20-4:15				
Y5/6	Boys Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Groom
KS2	Girls Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 1	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 16 th Oct	Miss Wilkinson
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 2	Monday 30 th Oct	Monday 27 th Nov	Miss Wilkinson
Y5/6	Hockey	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Whole School	Drama	Set their own dates		Players in Education
Y4/5/6	Netball	Thursday 21 st Sept	Thursday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
		<i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		
Whole School	Ju Jitsu	Set their own dates		Enso Martial Arts
		<i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		
Y5/6	Dance	Friday 22 nd Sept	Friday 1 st Dec	Miss Sumner



HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Term and Holiday Pattern: 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Start of term Friday 1st September
Half-term close Friday 20th October
Re-open Monday 30th October
End of term Friday 22nd December

Spring Term 2024

Start of term Monday 8th January
Half-term close Friday 9th February
Re-open Monday 19th February
End of term Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

Start of term Monday 15th April
Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
Half-term close Friday 24th May
Re-open Monday 3rd June
End of term Monday 22nd July

INSET Days

Day 1 Friday 1st September 2023
Day 2 Monday 3rd June 2024
Day 3 Tuesday 4th June 2024
Day 4 Wednesday 5th June 2024
Day 5 Thursday 6th June

Term dates for 2024/25 will be released next week.

