

Friday 17th November 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Individuality

DIARY DATES

Monday 27th November

Whole School Panto in the Hall

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 & Reception Nativity Performance
2pm & 5pm

Wednesday 20th December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert Performance
2pm & 5pm

Friday 22nd December

End of Term 1:30pm Finish

Attendance

Our updated [Attendance Policy](#) is now available to read on the school website and by following this link. Your child's regular school attendance and punctuality are 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.

This week's attendance – whole school: 96%

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	96%	98%	95%	97%	95%	95%

The [2024.25 Term and Holiday dates](#) are now on Harris website [are via this link](#).

Donations of games and books

If you have any unwanted good-quality and decent condition board games or books that you would be willing to donation to school, please bring them to the school office next week.

The books and games will be used in the Learning Support room at lunchtime and with Mrs Walker, and from January in the Harris Hub (before and after school provision).

Thank you in advance!

★ 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: **Albie (Rec), Muhammad (Y1), Indie (Y2), Theo (Y3), Summer (Y4), Fayha (Y5) and Macey (Y6)**

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Marley**

Reception: **Nelly and Alice**

Year 1: **Amelia and Ashi**

Year 2: **Max and Evie**

Year 3: **Harrison and Eleeza**

Year 4: **Millie and Frankie**

Year 5: **Rahaf and Lev**

Year 6: **Lucy W and Ibrahim**

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



This week in Preschool we have been reading 'The Best Diwali Ever' to help us learn about the festival of Diwali. We decorated our home corner with colourful flower garlands and tealights to help us role play our own Diwali party, had a go at creating Mehndi patterns with paint, and used our fine motor skills to create amazing, sparkly Diya lamps! As a group art project, we made a large Rangoli pattern using flower petals, pastels, and tissue paper. We also had a lovely visit from one of the year 6 pupils, who kindly shared her own firsthand experience and knowledge of Diwali with the children.

Reception



In Literacy this week, we have been reading 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' and have been talking about what helps us sleep at night. We have also had a go at writing some labels. In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 7. In Understanding the World, we have been learning about Diwali! We read a story and watched some video clips that showed us how Hindus celebrate Diwali. We have also created some rangoli patterns using different coloured rice and made some diya lamps. In PE, we focused on rolling in a variety of ways. It has been such a busy week, we've even managed to start learning our songs and lines for the nativity! **Reminder - Please send your children's nativity costumes in by Friday 8th December.**

Year 1



We have been reading the story Zog. We have been learning that names need a capital letter and role playing the main events from the story. In Maths, we have started to learn that fractions are equal parts of a whole. We continued to learn about the Great Fire of London and reasons why the fire spread so quickly. In Art, we sketched some of Joana's sculptures and explored different types of lines using chalk. We have started learning the Nativity Story and the songs for our KS1 Nativity. For our Key Stage One nativity we ask that the children dress for the performance. To ensure no added costs we suggest: An oversized shirt/t-shirt, A belt or rope to tie around their waist, A pillowcase or tea towel for the head dress, An elastic headband or rope for the headdress.

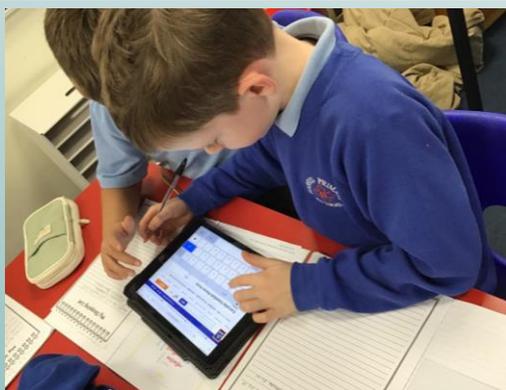
YEAR TWO



Year 2 have started writing their own fairytales in English and we have been learning about grouping, multiplication and sorting in maths. We have finished constructing our chairs for Goldilocks in DT and in PSHE we learnt how to solve problems in the playground when children are feeling left out. On Friday, we had lots of fun taking part in Children in Need activities and everyone looked brilliant in their colourful outfits! School will provide the nativity costumes for each character. Any additional nativity costume must be in school by **Friday 1st December** in a named carrier bag. If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Rigby.

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



Year 3 have had another busy week learning lots in our new topics. In Science we have been learning about the food groups. We did some online shopping on IPADS looking at the range of foods available and creating a shopping list - including items from each food group (with prices). We had fun in French practicing our numbers beyond 20 - the children really impressed me! In PSHE we have been doing lots of role play making noise about bullying. Year 3 came up with lots of strategies to help resolve and deal with bullying - well done all.

YEAR FOUR



The class have been planning their own fantasy story this week using the Firework Maker's Daughter as a model. Their ideas have been fantastic! They have been collecting expanded noun phrases to use when they come to write their stories over the next week. In Maths we have been multiplying larger numbers using the grid method. We finished off our Science unit on sound by recapping and consolidating. In PSHE we have been covering the topic - Valuing Differences - a good fit with assemblies on anti-bullying and differences for Odd Socks Day.

YEAR FIVE



Year 5 have had another busy week of space exploration. We found out about the difference between rotation and orbit and investigated how the planets, moon and sun all work together. The children created some excellent models and even accepted the challenge of adding the moon into their work. We have had a look at poetry in English and have used similes and metaphors to write some lovely space themed poems - the children have thought of some really imaginative ideas! Well done again, Year 5!

YEAR SIX



This week in English, Year 6 began writing their own newspaper articles to report on the death of King Macbeth at the hands of Macduff. In Maths, we worked with mixed numbers and fractions as well as finding fractions of an amount. In Science, we looked at the Eatwell plate to see what constitutes a healthy balanced diet and in Art, we used our sketchbook studies of poppies to paint a lovely finished piece of work. A busy, hard-working and fun week!



School Term and Holiday Pattern 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset Day 1 (school closed to pupils)	Monday 2nd September 2024
Re-Open	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2024(inclusive)
End of Autumn term closure after school	Friday 20th December 2024
Number of openings	74 plus 1 INSET Day

Spring Term 2025

Re-Open	Monday 6th January 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025 (inclusive)
Inset Day 2 (school closed to pupils)	Monday 24 th February 2025
End of Spring Term closure after school	Friday 4th April 2025
Number of openings	59 plus 1 INSET Day

Summer Term 2025

Re-Open	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)
Inset Day 3 (closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Inset Day 4 (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Inset Day 5 (closed to pupils)	Wednesday 4 th June 2025
End of Summer Term closure after school	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
Number of openings	57 plus 3 INSET Days
Total number of school openings	190 plus 5 INSET Days

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
Y1/2	Multi skills	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Mr Ridge
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 <i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		Enso Martial Arts
Y5/6	Dance	Friday 22 nd Sept	Friday 1 st Dec	Miss Sumner

