

Friday 1st December 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Individuality

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th – Friday 15th December

Year 5 Swimming (2 weeks)

Thursday 7th December



PTFA

EYFS & KS1 – 3:30- 4:15pm

KS2 – 4:30 – 5:15pm

Monday 11th December

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity 2pm & 5pm

Thursday 14th December

Preschool & Reception Nativity 2pm & 5pm

Friday 15th December

Non-uniform day (Donation for the Christmas Fair Tombola EYFS & KS1 bring Chocolate, KS2 bring a bottle)

Sunday 17th December

PTFA Christmas Fair in school 1 -3:30pm

For information about running a stall, contact the school office bursar@harris.lancs.sch.uk

Monday 18th December

Christmas Jumper day and class parties

Wednesday 20th December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert Performance 2pm & 5pm

Friday 22nd December

End of Term 1:30pm Finish

Attendance

This week's attendance – whole school: 96% 😊

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97%	97%	94%	97%	96%	98%	95%

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

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our school website now has a section where you will find advice and activities you can do with your child to [support their mental health and wellbeing](#). There lots of documents available to download to support with anxiety and talking about mental health. Our [December Online Safety Newsletter](#) is available too!

★ 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: **Mollie (Rec), Laiba (Y1), Evie (Y2), Harrison (Y3), Harry (Y4), Will S (Y5) and Holly (Y6)**

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Emily**

Reception: **Poppy and Orren**

Year 1: **Muhammad and Matteo**

Year 2: **Pari and Harvey**

Year 3: **Lily and Zayd**

Year 4: **Aishah and Rafe**

Year 5: **Will M and Lydia**

Year 6: **Mason and Vienna**

Harris PTFA Volunteers

We need parents to join to join the Harris PTFA! If you would like to be a member of the PTFA and help fundraise for the Harris children, please get in touch via the school office or by emailing Emma Lynch harrisptfa@gmail.com

If you are able to help out at the Disco and/or the Christmas fayre that would be amazing. Even if you can only help out for an hour that would be great.

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



This week in Preschool we have been reading 'The Christmas Story' to help the children with their understanding of the Nativity. Rehearsals for our Nativity performance continue and the children are getting more confident each day. The excitement is growing now that we have our stage to perform on!

A polite reminder that Preschool children need their dark clothing (black/grey/brown) to wear for the Nativity. Please send into school in a labelled carrier bag by Friday 8th December.

Reception



We have been reading the poem 'The Christmas Pine'. We explored the rhyming words in the poem and highlighted them. In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 9, gaining a deeper understanding of the number, what it means and where it is on a number line. We have been comparing the four seasons and exploring the different things we may see in each season. In PE, we focused on ball skills - throwing, catching and rolling. Also this week, we have been working amazingly hard at rehearsing our lines and songs for our Nativity! Please continue helping your child learn their lines (they are doing a fantastic job!) and please send your children's nativity costumes in by Friday 8th December.

Year 1



This week in English, we have wrote our own dragon stories using the dragons from the story Zog. The children all worked really hard to produce some brilliant writing. In Maths, we are learning about volume and capacity and when containers are full, half full and empty. We then, measured the capacity of containers by pouring sand accurately and counting. In Art, we made our own firework sculptures using pipe cleaners and paper. In History, we learned about Samuel Pepys and his diary. We wrote our own diaries about what it was like in London, during the fire. In DT, we started making our Tudor houses. Well done for another busy week Year One!

YEAR TWO



Year 2 have worked really hard on their Nativity again this week, keep it up! We have been learning how to use correct homophones in our writing in English and we practised using tally charts in maths. In Art, Year 2 created some wonderful winter scene pieces, inspired by the northern lights. We used our skills from our Lowry art unit last half-term, smudging charcoal, chalk and white pencils to create interesting effects - with a touch of glitter!

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



This week in Art, Year 3 have been busy creating their own winter birch scenes. We used watercolour paints and two other fun materials - masking tape and salt, to make beautiful winter wonderland artwork! In English, we finished writing our own Fables including dialogue, fronted adverbials and lots of connectives. I look forward to reading what the children have created. In Maths this week we have been busy learning how to tell the time. Keep up the good work, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR



The class had a great time watching Cinderella on Monday! In Literacy we have started Explanation Text by watching Wallace & Gromit's Cracking Contraptions and orally explaining how their inventions work. In Maths we have continued with division by chunking. Please continue to support with multiplication facts at home as it makes many areas of Maths so much easier. We will also be moving on to 'time' soon so the more preparation they do at home the more confidence they will have when it comes to time lessons. We started our Egyptian history topic this week learning about pyramids and Gods. On Tuesday Year 4 will be walking over to Hulton House care home to make Christmas decorations.

YEAR FIVE



What a super week! The children really enjoyed the pantomime at the start of the week and have continued to work really hard in class. They have finally written their own Science-fiction stories and have done an amazing job of them. We have been exploring and investigating shadows in science and how they change over the course of a day. The children have also been creative designing and making collage winter scenes to be used in the art gallery - they have done a terrific job with them!! Swimming lessons start on Monday 4th December. We will be going every afternoon in school time, transport will be provided.

YEAR SIX



This week in English, we began writing a WW2-themed story about two boys who follow a downed Hurricane plane and inside they find a German pilot! What will they do? In Maths, we built 3-D shapes from their nets to counts vertices, edges and faces and we also began making our own 3D Tetris wall in class. In Science, we looked at the harmful affects smoking and vaping can have on the human body and in Art, we created a collage of the Blitz. Another superb and productive week in Year 6!



Harris Christmas Fair

Sunday 17th December

1:00 - 3:30

Reminder Dates

Santa's Grotto reply (School Spider)	1.12.23
Pledge to help on the day (School Spider)	8.12.23
Pledge to bring cake (School Spider)	8.12.23
Good condition toy/ book donation	11.12.23
KS1 Non uniform day for chocolate	15.12.23
KS2 Non uniform for a bottle	15.12.23
Bring in cake	15.12.23





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

