



Term 4 Newsletter Harlaxton

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Message from Mrs Edwards



This has been an extremely busy term packed with lots of learning, sporting events and festive activities, including our Easter Cup event and wonderful church services.

We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and taking part in British Science week and there have been some fantastic walks, visits and workshops including positive health, E safety, an author visit and a 'Singstation' workshop. Thank you to all staff, pupils, the PTA and parents for making this term yet another successful and enjoyable one and a special thank you to our House Captains for a brilliant WWF fundraiser event earlier in the term.

Term 5, despite being a short one, is set to be another very busy term, especially for our Year 6 children who will have their SATs during the second week of May. Please refer to diary dates below and the calendar on the school website to keep track of upcoming events.

Also, Term 5 School Lunch [menu](#) has been added to the website, **Just a polite reminder to order your School Lunches for next term, the cut-off date for orders for the first week back will be: Tuesday 14th April at 9:00am.**

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing all the children return on Tuesday 21st April.

Mrs. Edwards

Executive Head Teacher

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 21 April - Start of Term 5

Thursday 30 April - KS1 Cricket (selected children)

Thursday 30 April - KS2 Cross Country (selected children)

Monday 11 May - Start of SATs

Thursday 14 May - End of SATs

Friday 22 May - End of Term 5

Monday 01 June - Start of term 6

Early Warning Dates

Wednesday 24th June - Sports Day KS1 and KS2- More details to follow

Thursday 9th July - PTA End of Year Disco

Tuesday 14 July 2nd - Leaver's Service for Year 6 parents / carers

Wednesday 22nd July - Term Ends

Attendance Term 4



Please do ensure that your child attends school every opportunity they can. A missed attendance can impact negatively on your child's mental health. With parents permission, we are able to administer over the counter medications such as paracetamol and ibuprofen. Please refer to this government guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Attendance percentage from 4th September 2025 to 1st April 2026

Reception = 96.7%

Year 1 = 95.7%

Year 2 = 95.5%

Year 3 = 97.0%

Year 4 = 95.6%

Year 5 = 95.4%

Year 6 = 94.3%

A whole school total of **95.7%** against a target of 97%

Term 5 Clubs

Clubs

Clubs will start in the second week back after half term, the week commencing 27th April 2026, and will continue after the half term, except STEM club which will swap to Year 5 & 6; and Adventure Club which will swap to KS1. Enterprise Club is the only club continuing with the same students from Term 4 so you do not need to reapply for this one.

KS2: Adventure Club with Mrs Pacey - Monday after school. Maximum 8 children

Years 5 & 6: Enterprise Club with Miss Burch and Miss Tyne - Monday after school.
Children continuing from Term 4.

Year 5 11+ Club with Mrs Edwards - Tuesday Lunchtime Club

Years 1 & 2 and EYFS Colouring and Activities with Mrs Mackey- Wednesday after school

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Netball with Christine Stewart - Wednesday after school. Maximum 20 children

Years 2, 3 & 4: STEM Club with Miss Hailes - Wednesday after school. Maximum 12 children

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: Choir with Mrs Edwards - Thursday lunchtime Club.

Years 4, 5 & 6: Cross Country Club with Mrs Harper - Friday after school (MUST BE ABLE TO RUN 4KM as they will be running long distance) children will need weather appropriate clothing, including base layers, gloves and trainers they are happy to get muddy. Maximum 12 children

E- Safety News



For Parents - New YouTube Feature

One of the most common concerns from parents when it comes to YouTube is the lack of parental management features, in other words the videos their children can and should not see. Many parents I speak to don't know that there are features within both the main YouTube app and the YouTube Kids app. As such I have shared these features in this newsletter a few times in the past.

But Google have now released another feature, specifically this allows a parent to set up a Supervised Experience account on the parents device. This is important because many younger children will watch YouTube videos on their parents device, where it is likely there are no restrictions in place. So this new feature is a welcome addition.

To tie all these features together I have produced an article explaining Supervised Experience (on the main YouTube app) and Parent Allowlisting (on the YouTube Kids app)

Link: [YouTube Settings for Parents](#)

Child Care Survey



Lincolnshire County Council wants to hear from you to help shape childcare for in Lincolnshire.

The survey is open until **12th April** and responses are anonymous, however parents do have the chance to win £50 high street voucher by completing the survey. The more feedback we receive, the better we can understand and support the childcare landscape across the area.

We want to make sure every family in Lincolnshire can access childcare that truly works for them, from nurseries and childminders to breakfast clubs, after-school sessions, and holiday clubs.

Your voice is vital in helping us understand what's working well and where there may be gaps. Your feedback will help shape childcare across Lincolnshire.

For a chance to win a £50 high street voucher, complete the survey here: [Childcare survey 2026 | Let's Talk Lincolnshire](#) (T&Cs apply)

Message from LCC -Heating Oil Payments

In March, the UK Government announced that it would provide targeted support for households reliant on heating oil who are facing financial hardship because of the increase in heating oil prices and, as a result, are at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water.

The funding is being provided to areas with high levels of households reliant on oil as a top-up to the previously announced [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) (CRF) and on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, will be administered locally by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation.

As a result, eligible households will receive a £300 prepaid off-grid energy voucher. If the household has no means of receiving an electronic voucher, alternative methods will be explored on a case-by-case basis.

To qualify, households must:

- Have a below average income (under £36,000 combined household income)
- Have savings of less than £6,000 after the cost of oil
- Not be on a mains gas supply and use heating oil as the primary fuel for heating and/or hot water
- Be at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water due to a lack of heating oil
- Be able to pay the difference between the voucher value (£300.00) and the full cost of the heating oil, including delivery

Applications are now being accepted via the [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Heating Oil Support Scheme – Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#) and are limited to one per household.

Applications will be processed as soon as possible, with an aim to determine eligibility for complete applications within 2 working days, subject to demand and the complexity of supporting evidence.

Further information can be found at [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Heating Oil Support Scheme - Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#). The Lincolnshire Community Foundation can also be contacted via crf@lincolnshirecf.co.uk or on 01529 572575.

Please note that the Lincolnshire Community Foundation will be closed across the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, from Thursday 2nd April at 5pm and will reopen on Tuesday 7th April at 9am.

Update from the PTA: We're Looking for a New PTA Secretary!

Our wonderful PTA is looking for a new Secretary to join our friendly and successful team, following the stepping down of our current secretary.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, make a real difference to our school community, and be part of a group that organises fun events, raises valuable funds, and supports our children in so many ways.

- **What does a PTA Secretary do?** The role is key to keeping everything running smoothly and typically includes: Organising and taking minutes at PTA meetings • Managing communications (emails, notices, and updates) • Keeping records and important documents up to date • Supporting the committee with planning events and activities • Helping ensure we meet any legal or charity requirements

Don't worry - you won't be on your own! You'll be supported by a welcoming committee who all work together to make things happen, so lots of these tasks are shared!

- **Why get involved?** • Meet other parents and become part of a supportive community • Use and develop valuable skills • Play a direct role in enhancing our children's school experience • Be part of a fun, positive, and impactful team

If you're organised, friendly, and keen to help (even if you've never done anything like this before!), we'd love to hear from you. Please message us or speak to a member of the PTA to find out more!

Thank you for supporting our school!

Class pages and Facebook Page



Check out all the fabulous learning in our classrooms by clicking on the following link.

[Class Pages | Harlaxton Church of England Primary School](#)

You will also find news updates by following our Facebook Page

www.facebook.com



EYFS - On Thursday, we arrived back to class to find a note from our Everywhere Bear. She had gone on an adventure and wanted the children to find her. So we packed our things and off we went. We had so much fun deciding where she had gone. The children thought maybe she had gone on a holiday. We eventually found her at the park and she had some lovely snacks to share.

Year 2- In DT, Year 2 enjoyed using saws to make their moving vehicles. They learnt how to cut materials safely before joining to make strong and sturdy. Their vehicles either had moving or fixed axels.

We had a great experience day from DanTastic. Dan is a real life, modern explorer who visited us in school. He told us about his adventures to all seven continents. How lucky! We looked at artifacts, animal skins, bones, claws and tusks as well as photographs of his expeditions.

Last week, Year 2 went on a hike to discover “where an adventure could take us.” They trekked through long grass, around Harlaxton Manor, and across fields full of geese, collecting treasure tokens along the way before stopping for lunch. Their last stop was the shop for chocolate treasure which was well deserved after the 7 km — or should we say 12,000-step — adventure!

Years 3 and 4

We've had a busy term including World Book Day and Science Week as well as our usual lessons. In Science we have been learning about the states of matter and the water cycle. In PE, Year 3 have been doing dance and tag rugby. Year 4 have been doing handball and gymnastics. In RE, we have been exploring wedding traditions in different religions and world views. We even acted out a wedding ceremony!

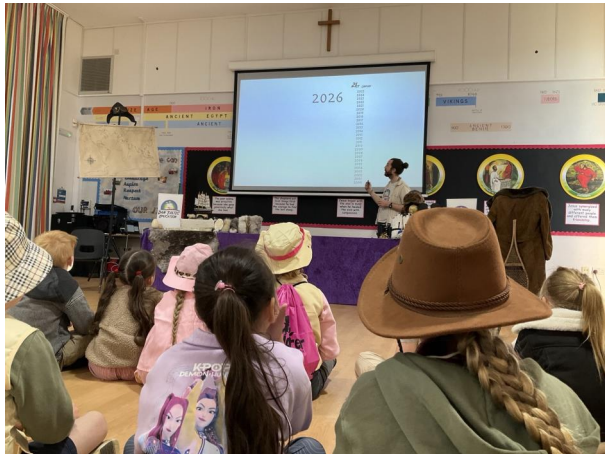


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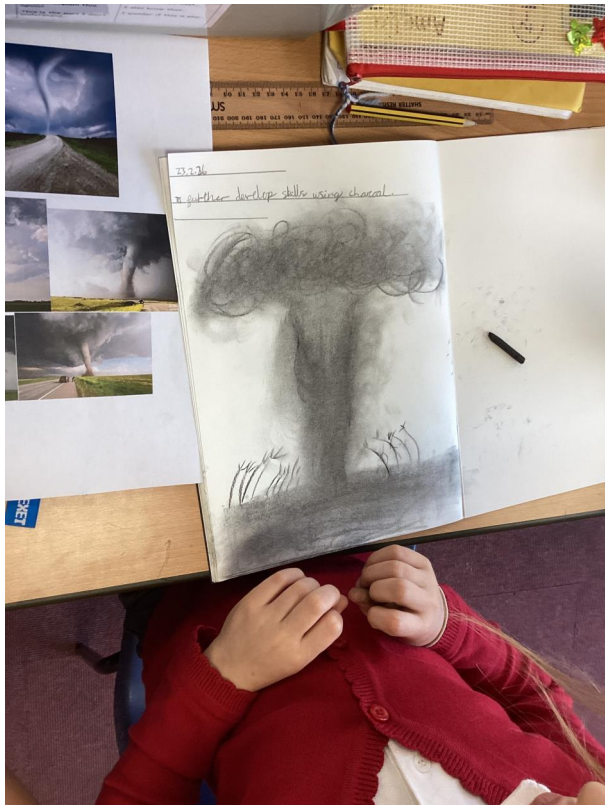
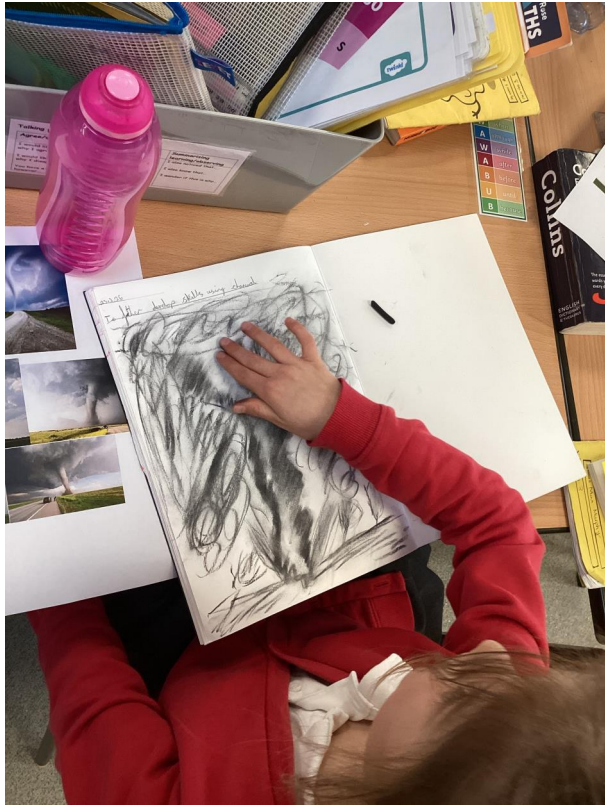






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Sporting News



Wheelchair Basketball: A selection of Year 6 pupils completed a course of six activities at Harlaxton Manor on 11th March. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school. Rokas was awarded a certificate as he was identified as being respectful towards other members at the event- so very well done to him!

Swimming Gala: Harlaxton were joint winners with Denton in this year's Small School's Swim Gala! Congratulations to our swim team!

Gymnastics: We had a lot of children from Harlaxton on the Medals Podium this year- U7 team came 3rd, U9 Team came 2nd and U11 Team came 1st for the 4th year in a row!! Congratulation to all the competitors who took part- we were very proud of you!

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