



## HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Highlights from this week are many! The children have been working really hard with their learning and we have celebrated lots of amazing writing, artwork and showing behaviours that are ready, respectful and safe too. We have also had several visitors in school this week too, from the immunisation team to school photographer to welcoming some potential new families to have a tour ahead of September 2025. If you have a sibling, neighbour or friend with a little one due to start school next September, please do let them know we are booking in tours for the next cohort to join the Harnham Infant School family.

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Zachary – Robin, Ava – Ladybird, Zachary – Hedgehog, Georgia – Bee, Favour – Woodpecker, Erik – Squirrel, Emlin – Dragonfly, Natalia – Badger and Willow – Owl. We are so proud of you all!

Invitations to Celebration Assembly are sent out on a Friday for the following week, plus a reminder the day before. Please check your email inbox carefully. We look forward to celebrating with more children and their parents next week.

### Menu for week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October:

	Choice of Main Meal	Served with...	Choice of Dessert
<b>Monday</b>	Margherita Pizza with Garlic Bread Spinach and Potato Curry Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Rice Broccoli and Sweetcorn Salad bar Homemade Bread	Crispy Cake Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sausages and Mashed Potato Winter Vegetable Casserole Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Hot Sandwich: Ham or Pepperoni Melt	Baked beans Carrots, Gravy Salad bar Homemade bread	Marble Sponge, Custard Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken Ratatouille Pasta Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Roast Potatoes Carrots, Cabbage, Gravy Salad bar Homemade bread	Chocolate Cookie Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Macaroni Beef Bolognese Cheese and Potato Pie Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Green Beans Cauliflower Salad bar Homemade bread	Apple Cake and Custard Homebake Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded Fish Fingers Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill Jacket Potato and choice of fillings Soft Roll with choice of fillings	Chips Peas or Baked Beans Salad bar Homemade bread	Fruits of the Forest Flapjack Crumble Homebake Fruit, Yoghurt

## Dojo Rewards

Congratulations to the **Squirrel** class who have reached 1000 dojo points. On **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, they have chosen to have a pyjama day! **Squirrels** can come to school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns! Please do layer up under the pyjamas as the weather is turning colder. Well done Squirrels. Congratulations also goes to the **Woodpecker** class for reaching their dojo milestone too. The **Woodpeckers** would like to wear their pyjamas to school and bring a soft toy! Woodpeckers are welcome to wear onesies and dressing gowns over the top of pyjamas to stay warm but they will need hard bottom shoes rather than slippers! This will happen on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. Well done Woodpeckers.

## Careers assemblies

We would love any parent volunteers to come in to school to talk to children about their job roles during our Monday morning assembly. If this is something you would be able to help with, please sign up using the school gateway app – clubs section. If you have any questions about this or if there is anything we can help with, please contact Mrs Pike who would be very happy to help. [lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lpike@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

## Reading to Murphy

Don't forget to sign up on the School Gateway app – payments section to give your consent for your child to read to Murphy, our school dog. It does not cost any money but Murphy will not be able to listen to your child read if we do not have your permission. Thank you.

## Year 1 Stay and...

Just to clarify that the Year 1 Stay and... is a Stay and Feast on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October (not the Stay and Phonics that was previously advertised)

## Calendar dates

In the email sent out with this newsletter attached, there is an updated school calendar from the one that was sent out a couple of weeks ago. This contains further information about dates for show performances, plus some trips etc. We hope this is helpful for you.

## Parent Communication

In response to parent feedback, we are trying hard to ensure that all communication is sent home to parents on a Friday with the newsletter rather than spread out through the week. This should hopefully mean that it all arrives together and helps to avoid any confusion with multiple things being sent out. There may be an occasional letter that is sent out at another time but where possible, we will keep everything to a Friday. Thank you.

## Sign Up for Stay and...

Our teachers are planning for Stay and... events in each year group this term. In order to support our plans and make sure we have enough resources for everyone coming, we are asking parents to sign up. You can do this on the School Gateway App – clubs section.

## Inter-Faith Group – postponed

Mrs Allexant is sorry to say that, due to little response to the event planned for next Tuesday, the Inter-Faith group meeting is going to be postponed. We will be in touch with a different date as soon as we can. If you were interested in attending but couldn't make that day/time, please could you let Mrs Allexant know and inform her of alternatives ones which would suit you better. Please contact her: [nallexant@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:nallexant@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

## Junior Gates

An advance warning that after October half term, the Junior school will be closing their gates at 8.50am every morning in line with the new attendance timings and procedures. Thank you.

### **Year 1 Theatre Trip**

Please may Year 1 parents check their email inboxes for a letter that has been sent out regarding the trip happening on 5<sup>th</sup> December. The year 1 teachers are looking for parents who would like to volunteer to accompany the children on the trip. Thank you.

### **Request from Year 2**

Year 2 classes would be very grateful for donations of magazines, newspapers, bottle labels, crisp packets or anything flat and clean that can be cut up for collage for their recycled art projects. Thank you in advance for your help.

### **Parents Evening Reminder**

Last Friday, the parents evening letter for this term was sent out with the newsletter. Please don't forget to request your appointment with the class teacher using the links below. We would appreciate your response by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October so that a schedule can be created and sent out to you in advance of the days. Many thanks.

**Badgers** <https://forms.office.com/e/yGrRF4YEns>

**Owls** <https://forms.office.com/e/M57NcfmMJT>

**Dragonflies** <https://forms.office.com/e/kYviM98C9j>

**Squirrels** <https://forms.office.com/e/d37QdDr2y0>

**Woodpeckers** <https://forms.office.com/e/fRFqimykdT>

**Bees** <https://forms.office.com/e/gppT2D90Ln>

**Hedgehogs** <https://forms.office.com/e/5EYDk0wgWe>

**Robins** <https://forms.office.com/e/vQy04pkB7k>

**Ladybirds** <https://forms.office.com/e/vfj4uf3zMF>

Please only complete this form if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

### **Parking**

Please may we politely request that once you have dropped your child off at school and have returned to your car, that you move on. The parking around school is in high demand and some parents are finding it difficult to park in the mornings due to parents remaining at their parking spot due to chatting with their friends. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body. Before we send out the application forms, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to have a coffee and chat with our chair of governors - Mrs Beth Evans. If you would be interested in joining our Governing Body and would like to find out more or have any questions for us, then please pop along to the coffee and chat on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 after school drop off. You can also email Beth Evans – [chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

### **Home/School Agreement**

Also attached with this newsletter, you will find a copy of the Home/School Agreement for this academic year. This is intended to foster a positive and productive partnership between our school and your family and outlines our mutual responsibilities, expectations and commitments to ensure a supportive and enriching learning environment for your child. We would like to ask that you read it through thoroughly. If you have any concerns or questions, please inform us by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume your agreement and commitment to working together to support your child's educational journey. We believe that a strong home / school partnership is essential to a child's success, and we look forward to collaborating with you to provide the best possible educational experience.

### **Blue Peter - Green Badges**

In Year 2 the children are learning about caring for our environment, as part of this the children will be participating in one the '100 opportunities at Harnham Infant School' and applying for a Blue Peter Badge. As part of the application, we need to share your child's personal details - name, address and DOB. Please can you give permission for this on the School Gateway App – payments section. There is not any payment required, this is just for permission for us to apply for this for you.

### **Video**

Harnham Infant and Junior Schools would like to create a promotional video for our websites. If you have any expertise in this area or think that you know of somebody that could help, please could you get in contact with Miss Dorrington. Many thanks.

### **Calpol**

In school we are able to administer Calpol. If your child is “under the weather” or a “bit off colour” but you think a dose of Calpol may get them through, we are able to do this. Permission for Calpol has been included in the Consent and Permissions form for 2024, which has recently been sent out to all families. However, we will always telephone you before administering Calpol to seek verbal consent and check the time of the previous dose etc. If you have any questions about any aspect of this, please do contact the school office.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please can we remind you that mobile phones should **not** be used on school site this includes when waiting to pick up children. This is in line with our safeguarding policy.

### **Toilets**

We apologise but due to our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, we are unable to allow younger siblings or adults to use the toilets in school. Thank you for your understanding.

### **NPQH**

Congratulations to Mrs Pike and Mrs Sowerby who have recently passed their National Professional Qualification in Headship (NPQH). This is a fantastic achievement after 18 months hard work, we are very proud of you both!

### **Support for Families**

On **15<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am**, Chris Lister our PSA is going to be leading a very short workshop about establishing **sleep routines** at home. You can book into this using the school gateway app – clubs section. Tea and Coffee will be available and the short presentation will be only 5-10 minutes long with an opportunity to ask questions and take away some useful hints, tips and goodies. We do hope you will join us!

### **Growth Mindset**

In our growth mindset assembly this week, we thought about the differences between having a fixed and a growth mindset. We watched a clip from the fable 'The Hare and the Tortoise' and discussed why the tortoise had a growth mindset. We thought about ways that the children could use this in their own learning and how it is important to 'love a challenge'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUngzUtFr7Q>

### **Our Harnham Infant School Reading Spine:**

At Harnham Infant School we love to share texts with the children, reading stories, poems, and non-fiction texts aloud each day during Read and Feed (snack time) is one of our favourite times of the day! This year we have introduced a Reading Spine of texts to our Reading Curriculum, each year group has chosen a selection of key, high quality texts that the children will listen to for a whole week at a time. You

can find out more about which texts we have chosen on our School website - English page link - <https://www.harnhaminfants.org.uk/phonics>

You may hear your children talking about our 'Reading Dogs', these are a set of five characters that support children to recognise and apply different reading skills.

We use the Reading Dogs during our Reading Spine sessions; you can find some images of the dogs below as well as some information about how we use each dog.

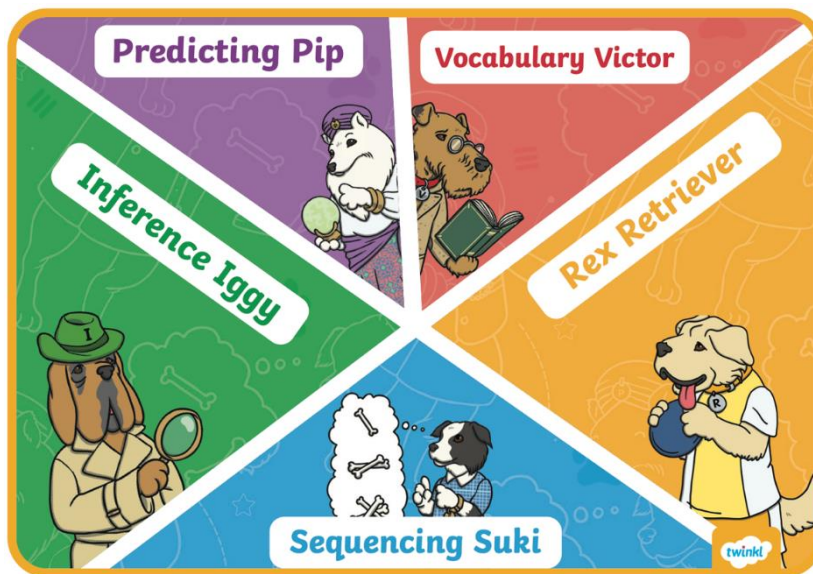
**Victor Vocabulary** – Victor helps us to understand new words.

**Rex Retriever** – Rex helps us to find out information from the text.

**Sequencing Suki** – Suki helps us to put a text back in the right order or to talk about what has happened so far.

**Inference Iggy** – Iggy asks us to reach a conclusion/answer based on what we have read and what we think.

**Predicting Pip** – Pip asks us to think about what might be coming next, she asks us to say what we think a book might be about by just looking at the front cover!



If you would like more information about any of the above please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or get in touch with Mrs Sowerby (our Reading Lead) at [fsowerby@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:fsowerby@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

### Parent Support Advisor

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants, and many families benefit from her expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters. You can contact her by email [psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk) or by telephone 07595217569



### Additional Club Opportunity for Next Term

Mad Science will be running a club in Term 2 for children in year 1 and year 2. If you are interested in your child taking part, please follow the instructions on the poster to get them booked in. This needs to be done by 21<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you.





## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Complement Your Child's Learning Experience with a Mad Science After-School Club. Our unique approach gives children a solid scientific foundation that goes beyond the classroom, through hands-on activities and spectacular demonstrations.

### Sign Up for your course today Harnham Infant School

Autumn Term Science will be a hair-raising electrifying experience, prepare for strange glowing liquids as we travel from Autumn to Winter with festive fun to end the term.

**Day and Time: Thursday 3.15 pm-4.15 pm**  
**Dates: 7<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Programme Duration: 6 x 1-hour sessions**

**Cost: £48**

**Please register by: 21<sup>st</sup> October 24**

## Register ONLINE

Visit [Wessex.madscience.org](http://Wessex.madscience.org) click REGISTER HERE

This will take you to the booking page run by Class4kids

If you are unable to access the internet, please call us to register by phone 01980 611807

Registration will be available until 21<sup>st</sup> October 24

Please ensure you register by this date to secure your child a place. In the interest of fairness places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

**Please note:** successful online registration with full payment secures your child's place on our After-School Club programme unless you are otherwise contacted.

For further information or if you encounter any problems please don't hesitate to contact us:

[schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk](mailto:schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk)

Due to the nature of this After School Club, all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the rules of the school and of Mad Science. Any child who consistently does not behave will be asked to leave the After School Club and will not be entitled to a refund.

[wessex.madscience.org](http://wessex.madscience.org)

01980 611807

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

CAMPS

SPECIAL EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

## Upcoming Dates

Whole School	
15.10.24, 8.45am	Bitesize Support for Families – workshop with Chris Lister
15.10.24, 10.00am	Community Forest School Event
21.10.24 and 22.10.24	Parents Evenings – see separate letter for details
23.10.24	TD day – school closed for children
EYFS	
8.10.24, 2.00pm	Stay and Phonics / Read
Year 1	
18.10.24, 9.00am	Stay and Feast
Year 2	
16.10.24, 9.00am	Stay and Phonics / Read

## Letters / Attachments sent out this week:

- Year 1 Theatre Trip Letter
- Year 2 Trip letter – Water Meadows
- Updated Parent Calendar
- Copy of Home / School Agreement
- You said, We will think about... parent survey

## Community Forest School

The date of this event has been changed due to lack of numbers. Please see the revised poster below. If you, or a local family you know would be interested in attending the Community Forest School event, please share the information with them and encourage them to book a place with the school office. We look forward to seeing them!



Harnham Infant School warmly invite you to join us at our

# Community Forest School

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10am – 12pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 10am – 12pm

Do you have a child or children under 5, then why not come along to our FREE forest session where we will be offering a range of fun forest based activities including pond dipping, willow weaving, find the animal activities and a fire pit! Plus a snack and drink will be provided.

**Everyone must come appropriately dressed – this includes wearing long sleeves and long trousers, suitable footwear, sun hats and sun cream if it is sunny, waterproof trousers and coats if its wet.**

Parents, Grandparents, Childminders and all most welcome – you do not have to be a current Harnham Infant school family to attend – we can't wait to meet you all!



Please book a space by calling us on 01722 327 338

**In the Community:** Please note that our school is neither involved with or endorsing the use of the services being advertised here. They are for families to access at their own discretion. Thank you.



**Mini Athletics**  
classes  
for ages 1 to 7  
on Sunday  
mornings  
at South Wilts  
Grammar  
School!

Book here  
now:



Come and burn off energy,  
learn new skills and build  
confidence with our super fun  
themed games! Every class ends  
with stickers on the podium!

**Message from Family and Community Learning**

From: familyandcommunitylearning <familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 October 2024 14:58

Subject: Extra Date for Helping My Child With Anxiety and Worry Tuesday 22 October 10am - 12pm

Hello, hello Wiltshire Schools

Following a very successful and well attended session of Understanding School Anxiety, we have arranged an extra date for Helping My Child With Anxiety and Worry on Tuesday 22 October 10am – 12pm. We have a few spaces free. Our courses are held in a friendly, safe space and are always supportive and empowering. This course offers simple, practical suggestions to support with anxiety.

Booking closes on Tuesday 22 October. Learners can make a booking by contacting us by email or on 01225 770478 or completing an enrolment form online here [Enrolment - Work Wiltshire](#).

Thank you for sharing our flyer and helping us reach those who could benefit.

Best wishes

Emma Blease

Training Advisor

Family and Community Learning





Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

## HELPING MY CHILD WITH ANXIETY AND WORRY



**Online Course**

**Tuesday 22 October  
10am - 12noon**

**Booking closes 15 October**

### **Positive and realistic help for family life**

- Explore the difference between anxiety and worry
- Understand how anxiety can affect learning
- Learn practical techniques and calming activities
- Manage anxiety and support wellbeing



Our courses are free if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+ years and meet eligibility criteria. Please see our website or contact us for more information.

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>  
01225 770478  
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**Wiltshire Council**

# HALF-TERM TENNIS CAMPS



**30TH & 31ST  
OCTOBER**



**FOR CHILDREN & TEENAGERS  
5-8 YRS | 9-10 YRS | 11-16 YRS**

**1 DAY = £40 OR 2 DAYS = £75**

VENUE: Downton Tennis Centre, Wick Lane, SP5 3NF

LTA certified & DBS checked coaches

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