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Wildlife Path

The children have been enjoying being back and walking the extended wildlife path on the field. Many thanks to the PTA who raised money to make this happen.

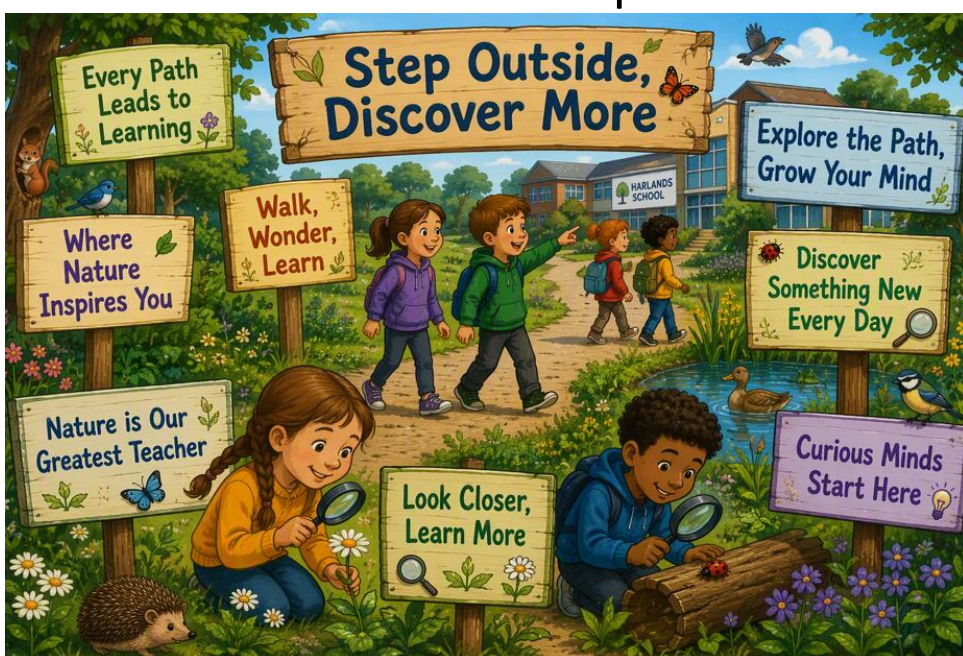


Wildlife Path

A huge well done to Rose, Cindy and Isla (Year 3) for their fantastic assembly about the wildlife path – which now extends around the field.



They spoke confidently about the benefits of walking the path, enjoying nature and discovering the wildlife and plants around our school. The girls were excellent ambassadors for outdoor learning and inspired us all to get outside and explore!



New starters

Our youngest children have made a fantastic start to life in Early Years, settling quickly into school and already beginning to master so many new routines and activities.



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We have been particularly impressed by the respectful way they explore their new environment and interact with one another, demonstrating our school values from the very beginning.

We look forward to watching them grow in confidence, develop new skills and truly thrive as they continue their journey at Harlands.



Explorers

We are delighted to share the successful launch of our new
Explorers Breakfast and After-School Club.

The club has got off to a fantastic start, providing a welcoming, engaging and enjoyable environment for our children before and after the school day.

 **EXPLORERS** 
are here...

Meet Miss W, our
Explorers Manager.



A warm welcome goes to **Miss W and her team**, who have worked incredibly hard to ensure everything has run smoothly from day one. We would also like to thank parents and carers for the many kind comments and positive feedback we have received about how successfully the new provision has started.



Explorers

Most importantly, the children have been having a wonderful time and have shared some lovely feedback about their experiences so far:

"I love the games we play. The dinners are really nice too."
Maddox (Year 3)

"I like playing with the new games and toys."
George (Year 3)

"We like the snacks that you get when you arrive. We like the choice of play activities and being with different friends. The staff are also really fun and kind."
Sophia, Elbie and Eva (Year 2)

It is wonderful to hear how much the children are enjoying the wide range of activities, new friendships and caring support from the Explorers team. We look forward to seeing the club continue to grow and thrive throughout the year.



If you would like to book your child into Explorers, or would like further information please contact them:

Website: [Harlands Primary School - Wraparound Childcare](https://www.harlandsprimaryschool.co.uk/wraparound-childcare)

Email: explorers@harlandsedtrust.org.uk

Telephone: **01444 523335**



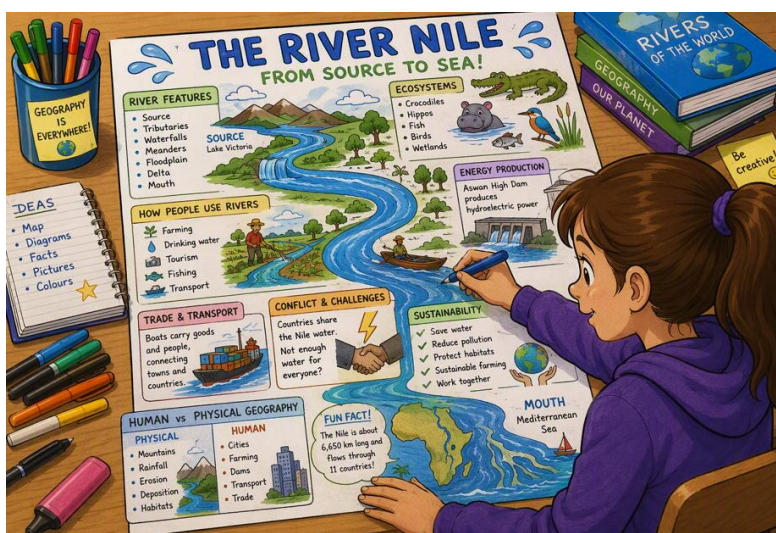
Role models

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have made a great start to the new school year, with several pupils already being recognised for settling into their new classes so well, showing kindness to others, and acting as excellent role models for our younger children.



Young Geographers

A huge thank you to Dr Doyle, parent and school trustee, for inspiring our Key Stage 2 children with an engaging assembly to launch the **Young Geographer of the Year 2026** competition. This year's theme, "**From Source to Sea**", encourages pupils to explore the fascinating journey of rivers while developing their geographical knowledge, research skills and creativity. All children in Years 3 to 6 are welcome to take part, and we look forward to seeing their fantastic entries!



Critical Thinkers

In assemblies, children have been learning about the **Bayeux Tapestry**, the remarkable artefact that is nearly 1,000 years old and tells the story of the **Battle of Hastings in 1066**. The tapestry provides historians with valuable clues about life in the past, helping us understand how people lived, travelled and fought during Norman times – and is currently on display in London for a special exhibition.



More importantly, the children have been developing their **critical thinking skills**, learning that historians do much more than simply read information. Like detectives, they ask questions, examine evidence and consider whether sources can be trusted. They explored how the Bayeux Tapestry tells one version of events and discussed why historians compare different sources before deciding what really happened.



Admin matters

Families in receipt of universal credit: any family that is in receipt of universal credit is now entitled to free school meals for their children, but they do need to apply for them via WSCC in order to trigger the process. The link to do so is [Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#). Families in receipt of free school meals will receive some remission in respect of school trips and activities as well.

Key Stage 2 Cross Country: this will restart on Friday, 18 September, when parents will be invited to come and watch at 2.45pm. The children in **year 3** had a run-through as part of their PE this week, so they know what to expect.

Food allergies: please can we remind everyone that due to children with severe allergies within the school, we request that **NO NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS** are included in packed lunches. Also, if providing sweets for your child's class as birthday treats, again we request nothing that contains nuts. Thank you for your co-operation.

Crossing Patrol: we have been advised that our Crossing Patrol, Mrs Nelson, is shortly going to be issued with a body camera for monitoring purposes. It is expected that she will have this early next week.

Uniform – reminder to parents and carers to stick to our school uniform policy – particularly for socks, shoes and hair.

[Harlands Primary School - School Uniform](#)

