



Newsletter No. 8 harlandsprimaryschool.org Friday, 6th November 2026

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New Fencing Work

Work on our new perimeter fencing continued this week, helping to further enhance the safety and security of our school site.







Thank you to pupils, staff, neighbours and contractors for working together so positively and safely while the project progresses.






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Gunpowder Plot

Children across the school have been learning about the history behind Bonfire Night, exploring the events of the Gunpowder Plot and the role of Guy Fawkes in this important moment from British history.

We would like to thank the children who confidently presented in Wednesday's assembly, helping everyone to understand why we still remember the 5th of November today.



As well as learning about the past, we also discussed how to stay safe at fireworks displays and bonfire events so that everyone can enjoy the celebrations responsibly.















KS1 Value Certificates



Well done to all the children across Key Stage 1 who received certificates this week in recognition of their acts of kindness during the first half of the autumn term.

Their thoughtfulness, helpfulness and consideration for others have been wonderful examples of our school values, helping to make our school a caring and welcoming place.





KS1 Value Certificates, cont'd





People Who Help Us



Before half-term, Luca's mum visited EYFS to explain to the children the importance of fire safety evacuation, and to talk about her work which is to plan how to evacuate everyone safely in the event of an emergency at large scale events.

Another visitor was Aila's dad who came into talk about his work waste management. He taught the children about safe battery disposal and read a fun story about recycling, teamwork and looking after our world!





EYFS would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who have given their time to talk to them!















Autumn Poetry

On Monday, the children listened to a selection of autumn poems in assembly, including ***Leisure*** by W.H. Davies.



The poems reminded us to slow down, notice the signs of autumn around us and appreciate the changing weather and colours of the season. We encouraged the children to take time to observe the world around them, whether that is watching leaves fall, spotting wildlife or enjoying a crisp autumn day. We also talked about the importance of looking out for one another and checking in with friends and members of our school community.



KS2 Carol Services

With the larger number of children in KS2, and also due to more restricted access at St Wilfrid's Church due to building works, this year's KS2 Carol Services will be taking place across two days.

The anticipated split is as follows:

Monday, 14 December @ 1.30pm – Children in **Hazel, Chestnut, Birch and Maple classes**

Tuesday, 15 December @ 1.30pm – Children in **Elm, Laurel, Hawthorn, Acer and Lime classes.**

it may be possible to arrange adjustments where there are multiple members of the same family whose carol service will be on different days; details on how to request this will be shared later.

Please note that children in Year 6 will be going to the church on both days, but parents in Maple and Lime are asked to attend on the specific day indicated above only, due to space considerations.





Admin matters

Payment reminders:

- **Year 6 Residential** – ongoing monthly instalments
- **Year 5 Fishbourne** – overdue
- **Year 4 Preston Manor** – new, due by Wednesday, 18 November

DIARY DATES

Wk beg 9 November	**Extended Parent Consultations**
Wednesday, 11 November	Year 5 to Fishbourne
	Year 6 Remembrance Service
Monday, 16-Friday 20 November	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday, 20 November	School Photographer
Friday, 27 November	PTA Cake Sale
Tuesday, 1 December	Flu vaccinations
Saturday, 5 December	PTA Winter Trail 5.00-7.30pm
Wednesday, 9 December	EYFS Nativity @ 9.30am
Thursday, 10 December	Year 1 Nativity @ 9.30am
Friday, 11 December	Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am
	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday, 14 December	KS2 Carol Service (1) pm
Tuesday, 15 December	KS2 Carol Service (2) pm
Thursday, 17 December	GoCatering Christmas Lunches
	School Christmas parties
Friday, 18 December	Last day of term

