



# Harling Herald

*'Endeavour, Enjoy and Achieve Together'* 22 September

## *Welcome back to a new school year*

We have had a smashing start to the new school year, it's been lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces. We have been so impressed with our new Cherries and Nursery children, they have settled in brilliantly and all of the older children have been working hard to have a great start in their new classes.

This term we welcome Mrs Gardner, who is joining Mrs Wills in teaching Mulberry Class (year three) on a Thursday and Friday each week. The children have done a brilliant job of making her feel really welcome and Mrs Gardner has already said that she loves her Thursdays and Fridays in school.

It's already been a busy start to term; year six have completed their Bikeability training learning how to ride their bicycles safely, first in the school grounds and then on the road. All of the children demonstrated that they were able to stop and start with confidence, negotiate the road safely (including quiet junctions and crossroads), pass stationary vehicles and recognised basic road signs and road markings.

Last week the children in years three, four and five enjoyed the Olly Day Road Safety Magic show (funded by Norfolk County Council); through magic and laughter Olly taught the children key messages around road safety when walking, wheeling and riding such as crossing the road safely, staying visible and the importance of wearing a helmet.

Finally, year four have also found time to hop into their time machine to spend the day as Romans, learning from Lulius Marcellinus, a Roman Legionary. The children learnt to handle a Roman shield, to march like a legionary, carry out camp jobs as well as sample lentil stew! The children then had the opportunity to be history detectives and explore replica artefacts to find out more about Roman life. A smashing way to bring the curriculum to life for our pupils.

## *Safer parking around our school*

Please could we remind all parents to be mindful of where they park at the start and end of the school day. Sadly, we have already had concerns raised around unsafe parking, particularly near to junctions or on corners (such as the top of Jubilee Avenue, Gallants Lane, The Pyghtle, and by the school gate). Cars parked too close to junctions are parked illegally, reduce visibility for other road users and make the area unsafe for our families as they arrive/leave the school grounds. Please ensure that you park safely around our school and are considerate of our neighbours, thank you.

## *The Den*

The Den, our before and after school club is currently thriving and there is only very limited availability for places, particularly after school when some days are already full. If you would like to book a place for an ad hoc session please contact the office as soon as possible to check availability. Thank you.



## *PTFA News*

### **Applications now open for our Library Book fundraiser - it's our 50/50 Lottery!**

Each month one lucky winner will win half of the pot - the other half goes to buy new library books for the children.

(so, if we have 50 participants, the prize would be £50. If we had 500, it'd be £500!)

It costs £24 for the year (12 draws) and can be paid monthly or as a lump sum.

The more people who join, the bigger the monthly prize! This is open to anyone - please do encourage your friends, families and neighbours to join in!

**First draw will be at the end of October (we'll have two draws in December!)**

**\*\*\*Deadline for applications is Friday October 3, 9pm\*\*\***

Sign up by filling out the form below

(if you joined in last year you'll need to register again as we don't hold details after the last draw in August)

<https://forms.gle/sYw6FKW8f79uJQMv7>

Thank you so much!

## *Our Parent Support Advisor*

Tracey Mitchell is our lovely Parent Support Advisor; she works across Banham, Bunwell, Thompson and East Harling primary schools and is available to offer free, confidential advice and support to our families. She is a fountain of knowledge and support, and if she cannot answer your questions, she will find out the answer! Tracey works in our school on Thursdays (but can offer support on other days of the week). She can be contacted during school hours by email ([psa@cee.coop](mailto:psa@cee.coop)) or via mobile on 07745523537.

## *Safeguarding children*

As a school we have a statutory duty to safeguard the well-being of all of our children. The school's designated safeguarding lead professional is the Headteacher, Miss Yates (or Miss Blackburn, the Deputy Headteacher, in her absence). Parents are strongly encouraged to share/report any child protection or safeguarding concerns with the designated teacher at any time. Alternatively, anyone can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 8005000 or Norfolk Children's Services on 0344 800 8020, this can be done anonymously.



## *Dates for your diary*

Fri 26th Sep	Individual and sibling photos taken by the school photographer (children in school only)
Tues 30th Sep	Year six and reception class heights and weights measured by school nursing team
Thurs 2nd Oct	Full Governing Body meeting, 6.30pm
Wed 8th Oct	Cherry Class to Thorpe Woodlands for forest school day
Tues 21st and Thurs 23rd Oct	Parent's evening appointments with class teachers
Mon 27th—Fri 31st Oct	Half term week—school closed
Mon 10th Nov	Odd socks day to kick-start Anti-Bullying week
Thurs 13th Nov	PTFA discos for pupils (Infants 5pm—6pm, Juniors 6.05pm— 7.30pm)
Fri 19th Dec	Last day of term, break up for the Christmas holidays
Tues 6th Jan	First day of term for children
11th—14th May 2026	Year 6 SATs week
17th—19th June 2026	Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands (more details to follow)

## *Term Dates for 2025—2026*

### **Autumn term 2025**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Half-term holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 - Monday 5th January 2026

### **Spring term 2026**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Half-term holiday: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Easter holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### **Summer term 2026**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Monday 1st June—Friday 17th July



## *School Uniform*

If you didn't get a chance at the start of term to name all of your children's uniform, please do so now. There are already lots of items in the lost property bin—all brand new items that have quickly become separated from their owners which must be so frustrating for you as parents!

Please could we also remind that children should only wear stud earrings (no hoops please) and that earrings should be removed (or covered for PE lessons). Children are required to remove earrings for swimming lessons so if you are planning to get your child's ears pierced, please do this after they have had swimming as they can take time to heal and for the children to be confident removing their own earrings.

Autumn has now arrived so everyone will also need a waterproof coat for playtimes, we love playing out in the rain but we cannot do this unless the children are dressed appropriately.

## *Job Vacancy*

### Midday Supervisory Assistant

Monday to Friday, 12.05pm – 1.20pm (term time only)

Required as soon as possible

Hourly rate: £12.65 per hour

We are currently seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly and supportive staff team. The post is primarily to provide one to one (or small group support) for some of our youngest children with additional needs during lunch times. The post will also involve supervising the children (4-11 years) during lunchtimes; encouraging healthy eating and appropriate behaviour, promoting positive play and setting up and clearing away dining facilities (including some lifting).

You must enjoy being with children, have a calm and positive manner, be reliable and enjoy working as part of a team. Applicants will be required to complete training (such as first aid and safeguarding) outside the set hours for the post.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, therefore any successful applicant will be required to share this commitment and undertake an enhanced DBS check. Two independent, professional references will be required.

This post is likely to come under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations and the successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations.

For further information and an application form are available on the school website ([www.eastharlingprimary.co.uk](http://www.eastharlingprimary.co.uk)), alternatively contact the school by telephone or email ([head@eastharling.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@eastharling.norfolk.sch.uk))

Closing date for applications: 06.10.25

