



Harling Herald

'Endeavour, Enjoy and Achieve Together' 10th Nov 2025

School Council

Our new School Council have been consulting with the rest of the school to decide which charity to support this year. They have chosen to support a charity that supports those affected by homelessness and are in the process of deciding which specific charity to support.

They have also decided that they would like to support Children in Need on Friday 14th by holding a non-uniform day. They are encouraging everyone to donate a £1 to come to school in wild and wacky clothing. Wear your clothes back to front, upside down or mismatched. Come in your pjs or a costume—it's up to you!

Winter is on it's way!

We have had a distinct change to the weather in recent weeks; please could all children come to school with a water resistant coat every day. We stay outside even when it rains at break and lunchtime and so it is important that the children have a suitable, warm coat to wear.

The school field is becoming quite muddy so the welly boot is up to remind all of the children that they need to change into wellies or another pair of water proof shoes if they want to play on the field. The digging area and den making areas are still really popular with children and a pair of waterproof trousers would also be a good idea to help keep their uniform dry and mud free if your child likes to enjoy these areas!

And so is Christmas!

Please check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter for information about all the Christmas events in school. The office have sent a separate email out this week to parents of children in reception, year one and year two with information about how to order tickets for the children's performances of 'Knock, Knock - A Nativity' via Compass. There are three tickets per family available in the first instance.

The PTA are planning a Christmas Fair for Friday 5th December—please add this date to your diaries and keep an eye out for more information.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. Any parent of a child in school is eligible to stand for this role; further information about the election process will be sent home separately but if you would like to find out more about this role, please contact the school office and we will put you in touch with one of our governors. This vacancy has arisen as Simon Allan-Brooks' term of office as a parent governor has come to an end. Simon will remain a member of the governing body but as a co-opted governor, filling the vacancy created as Tim Edmonds has stepped down as a governor.



Donations for lunchtime play

If you are having a sort out before Christmas to make way for new toys, we would really appreciate any donations of the following for lunchtimes:

Toys cars and other vehicles (ideally bigger than Matchbox size so that they won't get easily lost outside)

Lego

Action hero figures

Items for our digging area— handheld trowels and forks

Thank you.

Winter Holiday Fun

Active Norfolk and Norfolk activity providers run a range of fun activities designed for children aged 5-16 during the holidays, with free slots for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Over the Christmas holidays there is a limited number of sessions available before and after Christmas during the school holidays.

Parents and carers can book their child's holiday activities using the activity finder: <https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>

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) 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

Tues 11th Nov	Mobile library van outside of school, 14:45—15:40
Wed 12th Nov	Cherry Class to Thorpe Woodlands all day
Thurs 13th Nov	PTFA discos for pupils (Infants 5pm—6pm, Juniors 6.05pm— 7.30pm)
Fri 5th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair, 3.30pm—5.00pm
Tues 9th Dec	Mobile library van outside of school, 14:45—15:40
Wed 10th Dec	Cherry Class to visit Thorpe Woodlands
Thurs 11th Dec	‘Knock, knock—A Christmas nativity’ Infant performance for parents, 9.30am Full Governing Body meeting, 6.30pm (online)
Fri 12th Dec	‘Knock, knock—A Christmas nativity’ Infant performance for parents, 9.30am
Mon 15th Dec	School choir to sing at The Beeches (3.00pm—4.00pm)
Tues 16th Dec	Mulberry Class to visit the Castle Museum
Wed 17th Dec	Christmas lunch—children can wear their Christmas jumpers today (if they have one) Nursery Christmas café for parents, 10.30am Oak Class’ last swimming session
Thurs 18th Dec	Junior Carol Service, East Harling Church, 10am. Parents welcome to join us (yrs 3—6)
Fri 19th Dec	Last day of term, break up for the Christmas holidays
Tues 6th Jan 2026	First day of term for children
Wed 7th Jan	Mulberry Class’ first swimming session
11th—14th May 2026	Year 6 SATs week
17th—19th June 2026	Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands

Term Dates for 2025—2026

Spring term 2026

Tuesday 6th January - Friday 13th February 2026

Half-term holiday: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March 2026

Easter holiday: Monday 30th March - Monday 13th April 2026

Summer term 2026

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

Half-term holiday: Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June—Friday 17th July

