



St Hardulph's C of E Primary School

School Newsletter



2025/26
3 October

*May Christ dwell in your hearts
through faith, as you are being
rooted and grounded in love.
Ephesians 3:17*

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No Celebration Worship
this week, so House
Points & awards will be
carried forward.

Reminders for next week :

Monday Class 1 & Class 3 PE

Tuesday - Class 1 & 2 Forest School

Wednesday PE - All Classes

Family Lunch at 12:00 for those who booked

Thursday Y2/3 Multi-Skills at Ashby School - PE Kit needed

Children will have an early lunch and will travel there & back
by bus, returning for the end of the school day

Friday Y5 Sports & Science Day at St Hardulph's - PE Kit needed

Harvest - Thursday 2 October

Even if you were unable to join us for our Harvest Service, it
is not too late to make a donation to Christian Aid via St
Hardulph's Christian Aid fundraising page [https://
fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/st-hardulphs-c-
e-primary-school](https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/st-hardulphs-c-e-primary-school)

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This year we are fundraising only, so are not asking for any food
donations.

Bookings for Wrap-around Care (Breakfast & After School Care)

You are now able to book wrap-around sessions up to 30 minutes
before the start of the session (07:15 for Breakfast Club & 14:45 for
After School Care). Please ensure that your child's place is booked
and paid for in advance, so that they can be checked off the
register when they arrive at club and have their attendance
recorded correctly. If your child's attendance at club is due to a
last minute change to plans, please contact the office for After
School Care or make the club leader aware that you haven't
booked when dropping off at Breakfast Club.

Attendance

Our average attendance this
year to date.

Number of minutes lost this week
due to children arriving late: 42

It is wonderful to see such a great

start to the school year with
attendance.

Keep it up!

	% attendance this year
Class 1	98.5%
Class 2	99.7%
Class 3	97.4%
Total	98.7%

Please remember that we open
the door at 8:35am and children
are required to be in school by
8:45am so we can have a
prompt start to the day. Thank
you for your support with this.



Photos from our Harvest Service



REMEMBER TO CHECK THAT ALL OF NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MEALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED & PAID FOR

Secondary School Application Deadline Reminder - LCC Communications Team

We are now just a few weeks away from the deadline for secondary school applications. Please help us remind parents and carers of children currently in year 6 they need to submit their application by **Thursday 31st October 2025**.

Key reminders for families:

- Applications must be made through the Parent Portal on the Leicestershire County Council website.
- Families should include at least three preferences, and up to five, to give their child the best chance of securing a local school place.
- At least one preference should be for their catchment school.
- Simply selecting one school does not improve a child's chances of securing a place there.
- Parents should make sure they are happy with the order of preference before the deadline.

Applications close at **11.59pm on Thursday 31st October 2025**. Any applications submitted after this date will be treated as late and processed after those received on time.

Bookings on Arbor

Bookings on Arbor work differently to how they did on ParentPay. Please be aware that when a deadline date and time is specified, it is absolute and no further bookings can be made after that time, so please don't ask us to make an exception because if we do it for one parent, we need to be able to do it for all. If you don't want your child/children to miss out, please make sure that you book on time.

Panto

This year we will be taking all the children to see Cinderella at Loughborough Town Hall on Monday 1st December.



This is now live on Arbor to book and pay in the School Shop. The deadline for payment is the start of the school day on Monday 10th November, then Arbor automatically removes the item.



Transport Costs

This item is live on Arbor to pay in the School Shop for those children taking part in Young Voices. The deadline for payment is the start of the school day on Monday 10th November, then Arbor automatically removes the item.

ST HARDULPH'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Flourishing lives, rooted in God, nurturing all.

Is your child starting school in Autumn 2026?

Come along to one of our open day or evening sessions to see our wonderful and happy school in action and find out about the opportunities we offer for every child to succeed.

Thursday 16th October 1pm – 3pm
Saturday 1st November 9am-11am
Tuesday 4th November 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 12th November 5pm – 6:30pm
Friday 28th November 9am-11am

Please call or email the school office to book a place or arrange a visit at a time that suits you.

We are also accepting admissions for all other year groups, please contact us for further information.

We pride ourselves in being a school that *nurtures the seeds of potential* in every child, enabling them to grow and flourish into their own unique contribution to the world. We have a happy, caring and supportive learning environment with our own school dog, small class sizes, an abundance of space, weekly forest school sessions and daily school-led wrap around provision from 7:45am – 5:30pm.

This is a GOOD school where pupils 'go into school happy and come out happy.' Ofsted November 2022

Ofsted
Good Provision

'The ambitious curriculum balances academic rigour with a sense of belonging.'

'Parents rightly appreciate the discrete, personalised care that they and their children receive.' SIAMS January 2025

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Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

Free School Meals relate to Pupil Premium (PP) that lower income families may qualify for and is about more than just a free school lunches.

School qualifies for additional funding based on the number of children qualifying for PP and receives that funding in bulk, to be used at the Headteacher's discretion; it is not ring-fenced for individual children. The funding must be used for the benefit of PP children as a whole and school reports on its use annually. In some cases it can be used to support individual families with the cost of more expensive trips or various other things.

Currently the Local Authority funds shopping vouchers for PP families for the period between terms & half-terms.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, even if they already receive free lunches (YR to Y2), please see the information sheet below for details of how to check your child's eligibility. This information and a link to the application site is also available on our school website <https://www.st-hardulphs.leics.sch.uk/parents-information/food-and-drink-in-school>

If your application is successful, please forward your child's entitlement certificate to school.

Please use the link <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> to check your family's eligibility for Free School Meals. If your child is eligible, the school office will need a copy of the certificate as proof of eligibility.



Free School Meals Eligibility Checker



<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Help obtain government funding for your child's school in England!

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals (pupil premium)?

Schools use this money to obtain additional staff and resources that help improve the quality of education.

To find out whether your child qualifies for pupil premium, and hence whether their school would receive additional funding, please fill in the details requested on this site. In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals (pupil premium) as follows:

Pupils who were eligible on 1 April 2018, or who became eligible since then, continue to receive free meals, even if their household is no longer eligible under the benefits/low-earnings criteria, up until March 2025 and then until the end of their phase of education

New applicants for free school meals on or after 1 April 2018, who are in receipt of Universal Credit and have earnings above the earned income threshold, will not be eligible for free school meals

The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2025
We have made a couple of enhancements to the website, for further information please see the FAQ's, the enhancements are:

A parent of a child attending any LGfL school can now use this website to check their eligibility.

A Certificate of Eligibility is available through our website for any child eligible for a free school meal that is attending a school in England. The Certificate of Eligibility should be taken to your child's school.

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Diary Dates

2025/26	Who?	What
08/10	All	Family Lunch (Roast Dinner)
09/10	Y2/3	Y2/3 Multi Skills at Ashby School PM - PE kit needed
10/10	Y5	Y5 Sports & Science at St Hardulph's PE kit needed
13/10	All	Flu immunisations
16/10	All	Open Day for families of children due to start school Autumn 2026
16/10	Y1	Y1 Multi Skills at Ashby School PM—PE Kit needed
20-24/10	All	Half term break
27/10	All	INSET Day (no children in school)
30/10	All	School Photos—Individual
31/10	Y6	Deadline for Y6 applications for secondary school places
01/11	All	Open Day for families of children due to start school Autumn 2026
04/11	All	Open Day for families of children due to start school Autumn 2026
07/11	All	PTFA Disco after school
12/11	All	Open Day for families of children due to start school Autumn 2026
28/11	All	Open Day for families of children due to start school Autumn 2026
28/11	All	PTFA—non-uniform day—Bring a bottle
01/12	All	Panto at Loughborough Town Hall
05/12	All	Christingle at Church
05/12	All	PTFA Christmas Fair after school
09/12	C2&3	Christmas Performance 2pm
10/12	C1	Nativity in Church 2:15pm
10/12	C2&3	Christmas Performance 3:30pm
11/12	C1	Nativity in Church 2:15pm
12/12	All	Christmas Jumper Day
19/12	All	Last Day of term
05/01	All	Back to School
10/02	All	Safer Internet Day
16/02 to 20/02	All	Half Term Break
23/02	All	INSET Day
05/03	All	World Book Day
13/03	All	Mother's Day Lunch
13/03	All	Mothers' Day Service in church 2:15pm
18/03	All	Parents' Evening
27/03	All	Easter Service in church 2:15pm
27/03	All	School Closes
30/03 to 10/04	All	Easter Break
13/04	All	School Opens
04/05	All	May Day Bank Holiday
11 to 14/05	Y6	SATS week
18 to 22/05	All	Safety week
25/05 to 29/05	All	Half Term Break
19/06	All	Fathers' Day Breakfast 8:00am
24/06	All	Sports Day
24/06	All	Sports Day Parent Lunch
06/07	Y6	Y6 Leaving Activity
09/07	All	Family Picnic 12:00
09/07	All	Final Celebration worship
09/07	All	School Closes for summer break

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