

Hatfield Heath Primary School

Newsletter

"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"

Issue 8



Hello there!

Eight weeks is a very long half term and your children and our staff have done an amazing job of settling into the new school year.

Yellow House narrowly won the half term points challenge

Yellow -1st 1323 points

Green- 2nd 1322 points

Blue 3rd 1209 points

Red 4th 1149 points

They have voted for a 'Wear your own clothes day' on Friday 7th November. So please send your Yellow House child in their own clothes (if they wish) but please make sure they will be warm enough and with sensible shoes.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful half term!

Upcoming Dates

3.11.25 Year 6 – Trip to Warner Brother Studios

4.11.2025 School Tour for new Reception intake 9.30am

7.11.25 Yellow Team! Wear your own clothes day

10.11.25- Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum

13.11.2025- PFA Christmas Crafternoon

14.11.2025 BBC Children in Need fundraising day- Be comfy and cosy

26.11.25 PFA Wreath Making- After school

27.11.25 Christmas Bazaar

28.11.25 INSET day

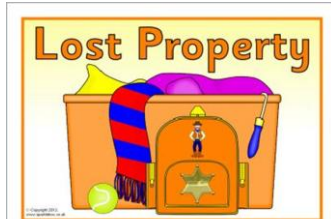
Attendance from September until now:

Overall attendance: 97.8% (-0.1%) from last week

Year 1	97.5% (+0.2)	Year 4	98.6% (+0.1)
Year 2	96.9% (-0.3)	Year 5	98.0% (-0.5)
Year 3	98.2% (+0.2)	Year 6	97.8% (+0.4)

I have recently been as for quite a few leave of absence requests, tagging on, or extending the half term holiday. Whilst I understand the financial implications of going on holiday a little earlier or returning a little later, these requests **will not be authorised**. From last year, the Department For Education (DFE) introduced a new National Framework which all schools in England MUST follow.

Our HEATH value was **Heart** this week. This week we talked about having **personal responsibility** and looking after our things at school, as well as not throwing our snack wrappers onto the ground at playtime.



Well done to the children who showed the value of **Heart- Showing** a sense of responsibility, thankfulness and care! We are so proud of you!



Meet our new School Councillors! This wonderful group will help to shape school life.



This is the collection of items from this half term. These items are all without names. They will be washed and recycled for others to buy. When we return, please re-label everything again.



PE Kit – When we return to school please make sure your child is in their Winter P.E. kit. It is too cold to be outside just in shorts and a T-shirt for the day.

- Royal blue tee-shirt and shorts
- Dark coloured track/jogging suit
- Plimsolls (trainers can be worn for outside games)

Year 4 have had a fantastic week in maths. They have learnt to calculate the area of different shapes and have enjoyed investigating different rectilinear shapes and patterns.



Smartphone Free Childhood

The survey will be closing after the weekend. Do other parents worry about smartphones? Find out the results soon

Please fill in this survey about your child's use of Smartphones. It is very much a hot topic and one which we have to navigate together.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEcITCTcvLx61XB6F6tZAKHRzuou1HINhU2sToQ9PXTqX2Qg/viewform?usp=dialog>

Year 3 Art – Gestural Drawing in Charcoal

Year 3 have been exploring **gestural drawing** inspired by artist **Laura McKendry**, using their whole bodies to influence the marks they make with **charcoal**. This week, the children compared Laura's expressive style with the **charcoal drawings of Edgar Degas**. They created some **beautiful, dynamic artworks** showing confidence and creativity.



Year 1 have been enjoying their Continuous Provision. They have been working on Maths, fine motor, history and creative skills.



We have been getting sporty over the last few weeks. Children from across year 5 & 6 took part in the Harlow Schools Dodgeball Festival at Mark Hall. They played in a series of matches over a league format to determine who took part in the finals. Both teams won several legs, but neither side qualified. All the children were determined, supportive and excellent sports, again a credit to the school.

Last Friday, children from across the school got to try out a range of sports at the Harlow Festival. They played golf, football, hockey and boccia and all had an amazing time.



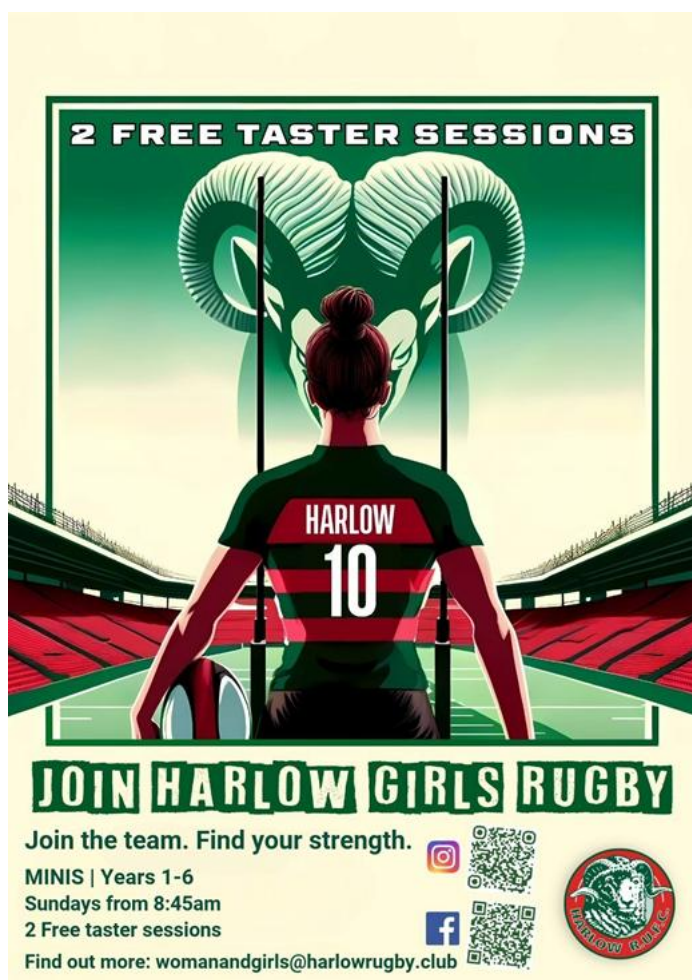


Seeking Young Rugby Players for Under 7s

We welcome enthusiastic kids to join us!

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Join our team








Free half term clubs, fun activities and food across Essex!

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex Activate is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During half terms, local club providers across Essex deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities for eligible primary and secondary children to get them active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

WHAT DO HALF TERM CLUBS OFFER?

Activities include sports, games, crafts, dance, baking, and more! Clubs will provide nutritious meals and snacks, along with food education, to engage young people and support parents during half term holidays.

CAN I BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM CLUB?

Children and young people eligible for pupil premium, free school meals, or income-related benefits can be booked onto our activity clubs for free, and clubs may also offer discretionary paid for and paid places, ensuring there is something for everyone!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM CLUB?

Families will not receive or book on with a HolidayActivities voucher code for half term clubs.

To book onto a local club, you will head over to the Activity Finder on the Essex Activate website and use the booking link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly to book a space.

Please note: Half term holidays are funded by Essex County Council and other supporting local councils. Funded places are limited and priority will be given to those families most in need of support.




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WICKED

WORKSHOP

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

10AM-3PM

SOUTHMILL ARTS CENTRE, BISHOP'S
STORTFORD

£30 per person

25% sibling discount

25% discount if you introduce a non APA
friend

Ages 6-17 welcome. No experience
necessary!

LIMITED SPACES!

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