

School Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

Welcome back!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been a fantastic first week back and a pleasure having the children return to school.



Celebration assembly

Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's assembly for making a great start to the new school year.

Year 1 Ash Class	Teddie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Lucca
Year 2 Birch Class	Archie
Year 2 Elder Class	Marta
Year 3 Iroko Class	Abdul-Halim
Year 3 Willow Class	Calamity and Oliver-Josh
Year 4 Juniper Class	Ben and Ellie
Year 4 Spruce Class	Ermil
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Kiaan and Charlie
Year 5 Walnut Class	Harrison and Lennon
Year 6 Aspen Class	Archie
Year 6 Beech Class	Jack B

House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points this week.

Year 1 Ash Class	Elsie
Year 1 Redwood Class	Madison
Year 2 Birch Class	Selena
Year 2 Elder Class	Octavia
Year 3 Iroko Class	Roan and Oscar
Year 3 Willow Class	Kelsey and Brooklyn
Year 4 Juniper Class	Amanda
Year 4 Spruce Class	Georgie-Mae
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Flynn and Aiden J
Year 5 Walnut Class	Louie and Bella
Year 6 Aspen Class	Scarlett
Year 6 Beech Class	Eladie

Well done to the pupils in **Red** house for earning the most house points this week.

"School staff form caring, nurturing, professional relationships with pupils."
 Infant school Ofsted Inspection report

Meet the teacher tea/coffee mornings



It was great seeing so many year 1 and 2 parents at the coffee mornings this week. The Junior school coffee mornings are next week. These are a great opportunity to informally meet class teachers and members of the school's leadership team. Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee, some biscuits and a chat in the Junior school hall at the times below.

Monday 8th September 9am: Year 3

Tuesday 9th September 9am: Year 4

Wednesday 10th September 9am: Year 5

Thursday 11th September 9am: Year 6

Communication with teachers

Please feel free to speak to teachers at the start and the end of the day if you need to. You can also use the class email accounts to contact your child's class teacher. Teachers check these accounts regularly and aim to get back to parents within a couple of working days.

Class	Email Address
Nursery Acorn	acornclass@harefieldinfant.com
Reception Chestnut	chestnutclass@harefieldinfant.com
Reception Maple	mapleclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 1 Ash	ashclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 1 Redwood	redwoodclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 2 Birch	birchclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 2 Elder	elderclass@harefieldinfant.com
Year 3 Iroko	irokoclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 3 Willow	willowclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 4 Juniper	juniperclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 4 Spruce	spruceclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 5 Sycamore	sycamoreclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 5 Walnut	walnutclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 6 Aspen	aspenclass@harefieldjunior.com
Year 6 Beech	beechclass@harefieldjunior.com

"The school's work to enhance the development of pupils' character is exceptional."
 Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Downs, the Head of School.

The safeguarding officer at the Infants is Mrs Harrison, and at the Juniors is Mrs Sullivan.

If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of any of our children, please contact the school office to speak to them. They will offer advice and take appropriate action.



Special Educational Needs



Our SENDCo (special educational needs and disabilities coordinator) is Miss Lumm and her role is to support children with additional needs, and their families. If you would like to talk to Miss Lumm and discuss your child's needs, you can catch her in the morning between 8.45am and 9am in the Junior playground on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Infant playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to make an appointment.

Home time routine

Please ensure you pick your child up on time at the end of the school day, which is 3.15pm. Any children not collected on time will be taken to after school club and parents will be charged the entire cost of an after school club session which is £6.

Snacks

We provide a fruit snack for children at the Infant school every day, so there is no need to send any snacks in with your Infant child.

At the Junior school, we do not provide a fruit snack. If you choose to send your Junior child in with a snack, please ensure that it is a healthy one (no sweets, chocolates or crisps).

Staff news

Congratulations to Miss Heraty who is expecting a baby and will be going on maternity leave at the end of next week. We wish her well for the remainder of the pregnancy.

"I was really impressed not only as a governor, but as a parent at the nurturing way all teachers had with their classes. Children were engaged, happy and enjoying lessons."

School governor

Emotional literacy



Our children learn essential social and emotional skills through The Happy Confident School's Feelit! Programme. This includes conflict resolution, communication, and empathy, which help them to get along with their peers and develop positive relationships. The programme involves learning about the 12 feelings words below in each year group. This term, we will be introducing the words to the children and discussing their meanings.

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Happy	Brave	Ecstatic	Joyful	Motivated	Inspired	Courageous
Sad	Shy	Disappointed	Excluded	Ashamed	Hopeless	Helpless
Calm	Relaxed	Content	Relieved	Satisfied	Empathetic	Blissful
Angry	Annoyed	Frustrated	Furious	Irritated	Anxious	Defiant
Excited	Confident	Proud	Surprised	Curious	Delighted	Determined
Tired	Down	Guilty	Powerless	Exhausted	Vulnerable	Inadequate
Kind	Loved	Grateful	Understood	Generous	Sympathetic	Compassionate
Scared	Embarrassed	Confused	Jealous	Shocked	Terrified	Patronised
Pleased	Keen	Amazed	Interested	Enthusiastic	Focused	Optimistic
Lonely	Bored	Miserable	Discouraged	Insecure	Apathetic	Depressed
Safe	Included	Accepted	Secure	Connected	Trusted	Appreciated
Worried	Nervous	Impatient	Disgusted	Stressed	Overwhelmed	Envious

School uniform

We will be insisting that everyone follows the school dress code this year. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of the Autumn term, as outlined below.

Main Uniform:

- Black shoes;
- Black, grey or white socks or tights;
- Black or grey trousers or shorts or skirt (knee length) or pinafore (knee length) or blue and white summer dress (knee length);
- White polo shirt* or white shirt or white blouse;
- Royal blue sweatshirt* or royal blue cardigan* or royal blue fleece*.

"My last visit to the school was 6 years ago and I can categorically say that the improvements that have been made are outstanding."
 School governor

PE kit:

- Plimsolls or trainers;
- White socks;
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms;
- White t-shirt or a t-shirt in house colours*.

Other:

- Royal blue book bag*;
- Royal blue PE kit bag*;
- Jewellery is not allowed and pupils with pierced ears should wear studs;
- Make up is not allowed.

All of the asterisked* items can be purchased with or without school logo. Logoed items can be purchased online from our school uniform supplier, Mapac

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/harefieldinfantschoolub96bt>

Self care September

This month, take care of yourself with these daily actions.

Self-Care September 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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"We learn about different feelings so we can regulate our emotions."
 Year 2 pupil



HAREFIELD
INFANT SCHOOL



HAREFIELD
JUNIOR SCHOOL

GROW WITH US
NOURISH
TALK LIKE A PIRATE

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Sea Dog (Fish finger Roll) **1,5,8**

Cheesy Bean Treasure Chests **1,7 v**

Baked Skull with a Choice of Fillings (Jacket Potato) **7,8,9**

Cross Bone Chips

Cannonball Peas

Shipwreck Salad **9**

Captains Ginger Cake **1 v6**

Jolly Roger Jelly **v6**

Parrots Fruit Salad **v6**



Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

1 Wheat Gluten **2** Crustaceans **3** Soybean **4** Mustard **5** Sesame **6** Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide **7** Milk **8** Fish
9 Egg **10** Peanuts **11** Molluscs **12** Celeriac/Celery **13** Nuts **14** Lupins **15** Oat Gluten **16** Barley Gluten

Key dates for your diary

September

Monday 8th September 9am: Year 3 'meet the teacher' coffee morning.

Tuesday 9th September 9am: Year 4 'meet the teacher' coffee morning.

Wednesday 10th September 9am: Year 5 'meet the teacher' coffee morning.

Thursday 11th September 9am: Year 6 'meet the teacher' coffee morning.

October

Thursday 16th October 9am: Y5 Walnut assembly for parents in the Junior hall

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd October 3.30-6pm: parent-teacher meetings-further details to follow.

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October: Half term break.

November

Thursday 27th November 9am: Y5 Sycamore assembly for parents in the Junior hall

December

Friday 5th December: Travel back in time day-further details to follow.

Wednesday 10th December 9am: Reception Nativity for parents in the Infant hall.

Tuesday 16th December 9am & 2.30pm: Infant Christmas Concert-further details to follow.

Wednesday 17th December 9am & 2.30pm: Junior Christmas Concert-further details to follow.

Thursday 18th December: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Friday 19th December: Last day of term for Reception to Year 6 pupils-school finishes at 1pm.

Spring term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)

Term starts

Half term

Term ends

Monday 5th January 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Friday 27th March 2026 at 1pm

Summer term 2026

Training day (school closed for pupils)

Term starts

Half term

Term ends

Monday 13th April 2026

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026

Friday 17th July 2026 at 1pm