

Friday 24th November 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Individuality

DIARY DATES

Monday 27th November

Whole School Panto in the Hall

Monday 4th – Friday 8th December

Year 5 Swimming week

Thursday 7th December



PTFA

EYFS & KS1 – 3:15- 4:30pm

KS2 – 4:45 – 5:30pm

Monday 11th December

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance

2pm & 5pm

Thursday 14th December

Preschool & Reception Nativity Performance

2pm & 5pm

Sunday 17th December

PTFA Christmas Fair in school 1 -3:30pm

For information about running a stall , contact the school office bursar@harris.lancs.sch.uk

Monday 18th December

Christmas Jumper day and class parties

Wednesday 20th December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert Performance

2pm & 5pm

Friday 22nd December

End of Term 1:30pm Finish

Attendance

Our updated [Attendance Policy](#) is now available to read on the school website and by following this link. Your child's regular school attendance and punctuality are paramount to their success and development. By sending your child to school each day, you're giving them the opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for a bright future.

This week's attendance – whole school: 96% 😊

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94%	98%	95%	98%	90%	96%	95%

The [2024.25 Term and Holiday dates](#) are now on Harris website **are via this link.**

★ Writers of the Week! ★

Each week the teachers choose an impressive piece of writing, from a child in their class, to go on display in the school entrance and receive the Star Writer award.

This week our Star Writers are: **Isaac (Rec), Amelia (Y1), Marlee (Y2), Oscar (Y3), Zoe (Y4), Joshua E (Y5) and Ben (Y6)**

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Marley**

Reception: **James and Joseph**

Year 1: **Lily and Amalie**

Year 2: **Andrew and Irfa**

Year 3: **Rhea and Noah**

Year 4: **William and Harry**

Year 5: **Anashe and Bella**

Year 6: **Remaya and Huey**

Harris PTFA Volunteers

We need parents to join to join the Harris PTFA! If you would like to be a member of the PTFA and help fundraise for the Harris children, please get in touch via the school office or by emailing Emma Lynch harrisptfa@gmail.com

If you are able to help out at the Disco and/or the Christmas fayre that would be amazing. Even if you can only help out for an hour that would be great.

This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



This week in Preschool we have been reading 'The Best Diwali Ever' to help us learn about the festival of Diwali. We decorated our home corner with colourful flower garlands and tealights to help us role play our own Diwali party, had a go at creating Mehndi patterns with paint, and used our fine motor skills to create amazing, sparkly Diya lamps! As a group art project, we made a large Rangoli pattern using flower petals, pastels, and tissue paper. We also had a lovely visit from one of the year 6 pupils, who kindly shared her own firsthand experience and knowledge of Diwali with the children.

Reception



This week we have been reading 'The Dark, Dark Night' and have been talking about shadows. We have been exploring the shadows different objects make and have been using our Phonics to write what we think they are. In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 8. In Understanding the World, we have been learning about Harvest! We have been looking at the different vegetables that are grown during harvest and have learnt a song to help us understand the process. This week in Art, we have been using the vegetables that are grown during the harvest period to create some repeating pattern prints, looking at the different shapes and sizes. In PE, we continued to focus on rolling in a variety of ways. [Reminder - Please send your children's nativity costumes in by Friday 8th December.](#)

Year 1



This week in English, we have been learning to retell the Zog using our story maps. We then made our own changes to the main characters and events ready to write them next week. In Maths, we have been learning about $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ as equal parts of the whole. In Art, we explored different lines and used chalk, pastels, crayons, pens and felt tips to create fireworks. In History, we role played what it was like in London as the fire spread and wrote speech bubbles of what people might have been shouting. In DT, we started to think about the recycled materials we will need to make our Tudor houses. The children have continued to learn our nativity songs.

YEAR TWO



Year 2 have published their fantastic fairytales this week in English. In maths, we have been solving tricky problems using our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. We also learnt how to use and read tables, bar charts and tally charts. We have evaluated our chair design for Goldilocks in DT and we have started our stop-motion animations in Computing. Well done Year 2 for working so hard this week, practising our nativity play lines and all of the songs.

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



Year 3 have been working collaboratively - their task was to come up with a game they could play together using only two pieces of equipment. Their ideas have been fantastic! We had fun in French learning numbers and playing bingo! In Maths we have been looking at different ways to divide 2-digit numbers by 1 digit number. In English, the class have been planning their own fables using The Hare and Tortoise as a model. They found out lots of facts about their 2 chosen animals.

YEAR FOUR



We have finished off our own fantasy stories based on the Firework Maker's Daughter and they are fantastic! The class have really taken on board feedback to continually improve their writing. We will be moving onto Explanation Texts next week. We've spent time on Computing this week tinkering with the Microbit programming platform ahead of making a programme and uploading it to Microbits to see the programmed sequence in action. The class are enjoying their gymnastics lessons in PE

YEAR FIVE



The children have been continuing to enjoy and explore their topics of science-fiction and Space. We have been learning about how day and night works in relation to the Earth's rotation and planning our own versions of a science-fiction text. I look forward to reading what the children have created! We have also been building on our work in art, looking at Damien Hirst's artwork for inspiration to create Mexican Day of the Dead inspired skulls. Keep up the good work, Year 5! Swimming lessons start on Monday 4th December. We will be going every afternoon in school time, transport will be provided.

YEAR SIX



This week in English, we watched a silent animated film called The Piano and we wrote our own moving versions of it. Wonderful authorship from every pupil! In Maths, we used protractors to accurately measure and draw angles and calculate missing angles. In Science, we investigated how exercise affects our heart rate by checking our pulses after different activities. In Art, we created a line drawing of the Old Cathedral in Coventry (which was heavily bombed during WW2) and our finished pieces look so visually striking.



Harris Christmas Fair

Sunday 17th December

1:00 - 3:30

Reminder Dates

Santa's Grotto reply (School Spider)	1.12.23
Pledge to help on the day (School Spider)	8.12.23
Pledge to bring cake (School Spider)	8.12.23
Good condition toy/ book donation	11.12.23
KS1 Non uniform day for chocolate	15.12.23
KS2 Non uniform for a bottle	15.12.23
Bring in cake	15.12.23





School Term and Holiday Pattern 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset Day 1 (school closed to pupils)	Monday 2nd September 2024
Re-Open	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2024(inclusive)
End of Autumn term closure after school	Friday 20th December 2024
Number of openings	74 plus 1 INSET Day

Spring Term 2025

Re-Open	Monday 6th January 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025 (inclusive)
Inset Day 2 (school closed to pupils)	Monday 24 th February 2025
End of Spring Term closure after school	Friday 4th April 2025
Number of openings	59 plus 1 INSET Day

Summer Term 2025

Re-Open	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Mid-term closure	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025 (inclusive)
Inset Day 3 (closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Inset Day 4 (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Inset Day 5 (closed to pupils)	Wednesday 4 th June 2025
End of Summer Term closure after school	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
Number of openings	57 plus 3 INSET Days
Total number of school openings	190 plus 5 INSET Days

Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Dates 2023

Before School Clubs 8:00-8:45 or 8:15-8:45				
Year Groups	Club	Start Date	End Date	Staff
Y3/4	Boys Football 8:00-8:45	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Athletics 8:00-8:45	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y3/4	Hockey 8:00-8:45	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
KS2	Cross Country 8:15-8:45	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
Lunchtime Clubs 12:00-12:30 or 12:25-12:55				
KS2	Rubix Cube	Thursday 21 st Sept	Wednesday 30 th Nov	Mr Ridge
After School Clubs 3:20-4:15				
Y5/6	Boys Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Groom
KS2	Girls Football	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 27 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 1	Monday 18 th Sept	Monday 16 th Oct	Miss Wilkinson
Y1/2	Multi skills	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Y5/6	Gymnastics Group 2	Monday 30 th Oct	Monday 27 th Nov	Miss Wilkinson
Y5/6	Hockey	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Mr Ridge
Whole School	Drama	Set their own dates		Players in Education
Y4/5/6	Netball	Thursday 21 st Sept	Thursday 30 th Nov	Miss Rigby
		<i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		
Whole School	Ju Jitsu	Set their own dates <i>Cancelled Thursday 12th Oct due to parents evening</i>		Enso Martial Arts
Y5/6	Dance	Friday 22 nd Sept	Friday 1 st Dec	Miss Sumner

