

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Individuality

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 11th – Friday 15th December**

Year 5 Swimming

**Monday 11th December**

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performance

2pm & 5pm

**Thursday 14th December**

Preschool & Reception Nativity Performance

2pm & 5pm

More tickets available from the school office

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

PTFA Christmas Fair in school 1 -3:30pm

For information about running a stall, contact the

school office [bursar@harris.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@harris.lancs.sch.uk)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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: 95%**

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94%	96%	95%	97%	91%	95%	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: **Dylan (Rec), Mille (Y1), Serena (Y2), Isabelle (Y3), Caelim (Y4), Savannah (Y5) and Lydia (Y6)**

## ★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Luna**

Reception: **Amelia and Minha**

Year 1: **Axel and Jeremy**

Year 2: **Iona and Indie**

Year 3: **Asiya and Eleanor**

Year 4: **Scarlett and Arlo**

Year 5: **Megan and Nell**

Year 6: **Ben and Lydia**

## Harris PTFA Volunteers

Thank you to all the parents and staff (including DJ Jackson) who volunteered their time to help out at the Discos this week. The children had a brilliant time and we raised approx £850. This will go towards purchasing our new [Interactive Fitness Boards](#) for the children to use at break and in PE. There is still time to put your name down to help at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Decemember. Please email [harrisptfa@gmail.com](mailto:harrisptfa@gmail.com) for more information.

# This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

## PRESCHOOL



This week in Preschool has been an extremely creative one! The children have enjoyed lots of craft and art activities, making beautiful decorations for our classroom, as well as doing a superb job at decorating our class Christmas tree independently. We have been chatting about what makes this time of year special and asked, 'What is the best thing about Christmas time?' Our favourite answer was 'FAMILY!' [Remember to book your tickets to our Nativity performance on Thursday 14th December, via the School Spider App or from the school office.](#)

## Reception



This week, we have been recapping lots of our sounds in Phonics. The children are getting to grips with digraphs now and they are beginning to spot them in every day words. In Literacy this week, we have been looking at 'The Christmas Story'. We sequenced the story using a story map and added to our 'Words of the Week' jar. In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 10, gaining a deeper understanding of the number, what it means and where it is on a number line. This week in Art, we have been drawing some winter trees using charcoal. The children have been practising our Nativity this week on the big stage and they have been working so hard. Well done children!

## Year 1



It's been such a busy week! In Maths, we have been learning about money and making 2p 5p 10p and 20p using coins. We finished our firework sculptures and evaluated them by giving them a name and writing what we like about them and others. In DT, we continued to make our Tudor houses and made them stronger using papier mache. In History, we have been learning how the Great Fire of London stopped and what changes were made in London after the fire. We also had our Key Stage One Nativity rehearsal this week in front of the whole school and the boys and girls were brilliant. We can't wait for you to see it on Monday.

## YEAR TWO



We have been working incredibly hard on their maths, reading and writing assessments. The children showed fantastic resilience all week and worked hard to solve tricky questions - well done! In maths, we have been learning about block graphs and pictograms. In English, we started looking at instruction texts and discussed what instructions we would use in our KS1 playground games. In RE, we learnt about the nativity story and why Jesus is important to Christians. Year 2 are looking forward to performing the nativity next week and they are so excited!

## 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



The children had a lovely time making decorations at the care home this week and speaking with a few residents. We have also begun learning the Christmas songs for the KS2 Christmas Concert and they should have come home with part of a poem to learn. Despite all the Christmassy goings on we have been finishing our explanation texts and continued to learn telling the time in Maths. We've also learnt about mummification with a rather messy experiment. Looking forward to time travelling to Ancient Egyptian next week - don't forget your things.

### YEAR FIVE



What a busy week it has been. Year 5 have shown amazing ambition this week whilst completing all of their work and assessments, they have really given 100% and I couldn't ask for more. We have also completed our first week of swimming lessons. This has proven to be another time to shine - all children have tried their best and made super progress already and many have overcome some of their own barriers and shown the 'Harris way' even when faced with a challenge. Well done, Year 5 - we are proud of you all! **Reminder: Swimming lessons continue next Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December for the final week.**

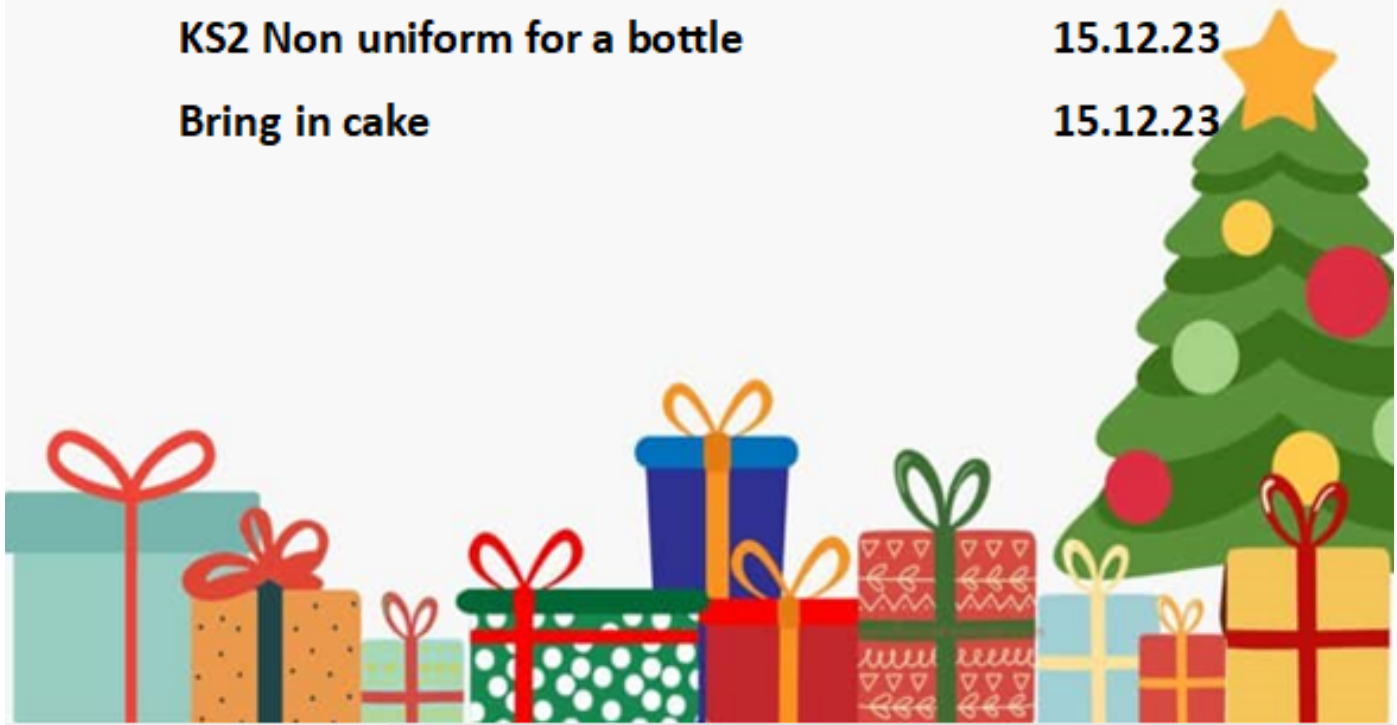
### YEAR SIX



Year 6 had their first ever look at SATs tests for English and Maths and their effort and positive attitudes made us all very proud. We can now focus on those areas we need to after Christmas in preparation for the actual SATs test in May. In English, we also looked at Charles Dickens and Ebenezer Scrooge. In Maths, we ended the week looking at different charts in statistics including tricky pie charts. In History, we began looking at how Preston was affected during WW2 and we focussed on Mr Fred Latham who was based at Nine Group Headquarters in Barton Hall, Preston. We were visited by our Neighbourhood Policing Team's PCSO, who told us how we can stay safe online and of the importance of our own personal

## Reminder Dates

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



# Coach Gunn Preston Christmas Holidays 2023/24 Multi Sports & Activity Days

Organised and led by Coach Gunn Limited providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE**

WEDNESDAY 3rd & THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2024 @ Harris Primary School, Preston (PR2 7EE)

9am-4pm each day

FREE 8am-5pm  
extended hours

Open to Reception  
to Y7 Boys & Girls

FULL DAY @ £24  
HALF DAY @ £12  
9am-12:30pm  
12:30pm-4pm

**JOIN THE TEAM...**  
Junior (ages 13-17)  
& Lead Coaches  
(18+) opportunities



**SPORTS &  
ACTIVITIES include...**

Multi Sports  
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BOUNCY CASTLE  
Lego & Let's Craft  
relaxing areas  
Climbing & Ropes  
Detective, Tag &  
Musical Games  
Parachute Games  
Supervised FREE play  
**...plus lots more FUN  
& creative activities**

Each day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of the fantastic spaces available encouraging ALL attending children to have lots of **#FUNwithFriends**

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## 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Inset Day 4 (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025
Inset Day 5 (closed to pupils)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
End of Summer Term closure after school	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025
Number of openings	57 plus 3 INSET Days
Total number of school openings	<b>190 plus 5 INSET Days</b>

## Autumn Term Extra-Curricular Dates 2023

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







