

Friday 22nd December 2023

This Half-Term's Value: Individuality

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th January 2024

Start of Spring term

Thursday 18th January 2024

Year 3 Showcase Assembly 9:30am
(Parents invited)

Thursday 29th February 2024

Year 4 Showcase Assembly 9:30am
(Parents invited)



Goodbye Mrs Hartley

Mrs Hartley will be leaving the school team at the end of the term. It was her final day in school on Thursday. We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye. Miss Hartley has been part of the Harris family for 14 years and helped and support many classes and children during her time. She will certainly be missed.

★ Stars of the Week! ★

Huge congratulations to...

Preschool: **Florence**

Reception: **Isaac and Albie**

Year 1: **Mia and Eleanor**

Year 2: **Sam and Janielle**

Year 3: **Ghalia, Lewi**

Year 4: **Andrew and Elsie**

Year 5: **Alice and Jackson**

Year 6: **Faye and Lucy W**

Harris PTFA

Thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered their time to help out at the Christmas Fair last week. It was great to see so many of the community attending and we raised £1120. This will go towards purchasing our new [Interactive Fitness Boards](#) for the children to use at break and in PE. The Fitness boards will hopefully be installed ready for the new year.

Welcome to new and returning staff

We are pleased to let you know that two new teaching assistants will be joining the team from January. Miss Marsh and Mrs Vella will be officially joining the Key Stage 1 team.

Mrs Driver (formerly Miss Dewhurst) will be returning from her maternity leave and the end of January and joining the Year 4 teaching team, alongside Mrs Vaughan-Dyke.



This week in EYFS and Key Stage 1

PRESCHOOL



What a busy few weeks in Preschool we have had! Mrs Bilsbrough and Mrs Thompson would like to say a HUGE WELL DONE to all the children, for their super Nativity performances. We hope that parents enjoyed watching the children and would like to offer our thanks for your patience and help during the busy build up to the Christmas break. We would like to wish all our children and families a peaceful and restful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Reception



We have had a lovely last week of term in Reception. We've exchanged Christmas cards, made lots of Christmas crafts and had a cracking Christmas party. The children deserve a long rest this Christmas, they have worked so hard during their first ever term of school. Have a lovely Christmas and see you all in January 2024!

Year 1



The children have been incredibly busy this week. Firstly, weren't they amazing singers in our Nativity. We saw lots of smiles and dance moves. We have been completing maths booklets to see all the progress the children have made. The boys and girls have been adding details to their Tudor houses such as tiled or thatched roofs, black beams and small panes in the windows. In History, we finished our sequencing events of the fire and created some fire artwork using chalks and black paint. In PE they have finished their Fire Fire dance with Mr Ridge and we will share this soon. Have a restful weekend, ready for our final week before Christmas!

YEAR TWO



What a busy half-term it has been! Well done Year 2 for a brilliant Autumn term, you have all worked so hard and I am so proud of the progress you have all made. This week in English, we have written and published our own instructions for a new playground game. In maths, we have finished our fractions unit where we have learnt about halves and quarters. In Geography, we wrote a diary entry about India and visiting the Taj Mahal. In science, we learnt about how we grow and stay healthy, including why exercise and a balanced diet is important.

This week in Key Stage 2

YEAR THREE



Year 3 have been fantastic this term! The children's hard work, energy and enthusiasm were fabulous as they delivered a memorable performance this week for the Christmas Concert which will live long in the audiences' minds. Well done Everyone and have a lovely Christmas break!

YEAR FOUR



Well done to the class for their performance of 'Twas a Night Before Christmas. They were amazing! We've managed to squeeze plenty of learning into the week, continuing with our Art unit which has seen us compare Egyptian pottery with modern. The class have made their pot this week and will leave it to dry over the holidays before collaging it. We've spent our last day making some lovely winter scenes - one of which can be viewed in our entrance hall. Thank you so much for all the gifts and cards received - they are much appreciated and are under the tree ready for Christmas Day.

YEAR FIVE



And just like that, the first term is over! Year 5 have worked so hard since September and have made me immensely proud with their achievements, not only in academic subjects but also in terms of behaviour, attitude to learning and their resilience when trying new (sometimes challenging) things. I would like to say on behalf of myself, Miss Goulding and Miss Jackson have a happy and healthy break, thank you for all of your continued support and we will see you in 2024!

YEAR SIX



It has been such a busy and fun final week of term in Year 6! We started the week with our joint class party with Y5 and in the afternoon we ate our tasty party food from home whilst watching the film version of our class novel *Carrie's War*. In Maths, we successfully plotted co-ordinates in all 4 quadrants to make some festive pictures. In Art, we painted a lovely winter scene featuring our favourite winter birds; one of these will be displayed in the main entrance for your viewing. A huge thank you for all your support this term. Year 6 wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



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

