

June 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Reception Pupils,

Welcome back! We can't quite believe that we are entering the last few weeks of your child's time in Reception. We would like to take this time to say a big thank you for your support during the last year- we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your fabulous children. We know this half term will continue to be full of exciting learning experiences- could it be the best one yet?

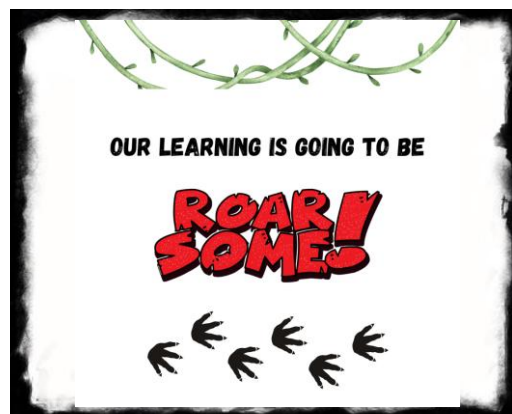
New Topic

Prehistoric Pets!

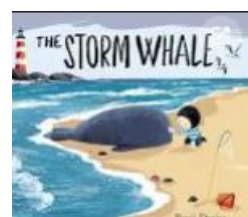
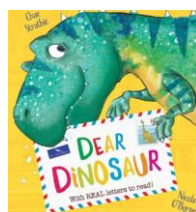
As you will see from the attached topic web, the children will be entering into another exciting topic this half term: Prehistoric Pets!! They will enjoy a range of dinosaur books, learn lots of new and exciting dinosaur facts, dig for fossils and they might even find some dinosaur eggs!

I am looking forward to seeing the children's excitement and sharing lots of WOW moments as they step into their Dinosaur World classroom and begin their prehistoric adventures!

Reception has a lot more learning opportunities to look forward to this term too.



Take a look at some of our exciting core texts that will inspire our learning



Reception's Dinosaur Day

Throughout your child's education at Harbury, they will encounter many WOW days- days designed to 'bring the class topics alive'; this term provides your child with the first chance to experience one of these.

Thursday 9th July will be Dinosaur Day! Your child can come to school dressed as a dinosaur, palaeontologist, explorer, museum guide or even just dressed in green for a day of dino fun! We will be going on a dinosaur hunt, doing the dinosaur stomp, preparing a dino feast and who knows, we may even have a visit from Rexy!

School Trip

This term we will also be going on a reception class trip to Ryton Pools. This will be taking place on **Thursday 25th June**. I will send out a separate letter about the trip.

PE

- PE sessions will continue to be on a Monday. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate kit in school.

The correct kit should consist of:

- Red t-shirt
- Black short/ plain jogging bottoms
- Black pumps/ black trainers

We also ask for hair to be tied back and earrings to either be removed or covered please.

A few reminders...

- Start-of-day and end-of-day routines will remain the same. It is wonderful to see the children developing their independence as they say their goodbyes to you on the playground and confidently walking into the classroom. This will really support their transition process as they move into year 1.
- As the weather improves, it is even more important for your child to have a named water bottle in school every day; water only please. Sun cream is encouraged as the warm weather increases; however, the 'all day' variety is best so that it only needs to be applied at home in the mornings- the children can get rather messy if applying it themselves at school!
- Please ensure that all items of clothing are named in order for them to be returned to their rightful owner.
- Books will continue to go home on a **Friday** and returned the following **Thursday**. Please return them in their packs in order for us to issue your child with a new book.



Please let us know about any changes in your child's medical needs. You will need to complete the relevant paperwork in the school office if we need to administer medication for your child during the school day.

A few changes to prepare the children for their transition into Year 1.

A little request

I know the children love bringing in a selection of items to show and proudly talk about with Mrs Rea on Wednesday. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to grow in confidence and develop their vocabulary too. However, as the children transition into year 1, we would discourage the children from bringing toys, teddies etc from home.

Playtimes

In Reception the children have access to the outdoor area and outdoor 'busy learning' throughout the day. In Year 1, the children will have a morning breaktime. This term, we will be joining the rest of the school for some morning play to prepare them for this change.

Our Carousel of learning

We are so proud of the enthusiasm and dedication the children have shown towards their learning this year. They've really embraced their 'busy learning' time, which includes the continuous and enhanced provision we offer each day to support their development through play and exploration.

As we look ahead to their transition into Year 1, we're beginning to gently introduce elements of the next stage in their learning journey. One of the ways we do this is through a 'carousel of activities' - this means all the children take part in focused tasks at the same time, similar to how learning is organised in Year 1.

We're careful to make this a gradual and positive change, and at the start of Year 1, children still have access to continuous provision to support a smooth and confident transition. It's all about helping them feel ready and excited for what comes next!



A summary of dates for the summer term:

Monday 2 nd June	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Friday 12 th June	Our long awaited ' Bring your wheels to school ' day! Fingers crossed for good weather!
Monday 22 nd June	'Joy' Workshop with Emma Kenyon. You are invited into school at 2:40 to listen to the children sing.
Tuesday 30 th June	Thrive afternoon
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day/ picnic lunch- early finish
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition Day
Thursday 9 th July	Dinosaur WOW Day!
Friday 10 th July	Reports Out
Tuesday 14 th July	Open Classroom
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers church service at all saint's church
Friday 17 th July	Break up for summer holidays!

A little reminder of the week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE Sports Coach		Mrs Rea to cover in the morning.	Reading books to be returned	9.00am Celebration Assembly if your child has been chosen New reading books issued

Thank you for working in partnership with us this year. It has been wonderful supporting your child to learn and grow.

As always, if you have any question or would like to know how to support your child with any aspect of their learning please don't hesitate to come and speak to me or contact me on Dojo.

Best Wishes.

The Reception Team

Mrs Erica James- Class Teacher

Mrs Karen Rea (Covering Mrs James every Wednesday morning)

Our wonderful learning support assistants

Mrs Cally Romero- TA (am)

Mrs Isobel Clarke TA (Monday, Thursday and Friday PM)

Miss Evie A Barrow TA (Tuesday and Wednesday PM)