🏫 Harehills Primary School
✨ October 2026 Headteacher Newsletter ✨

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting first half term, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful learning, experiences and community events that have taken place across Harehills Primary.

📈 Attendance Matters
Attendance is a key focus for us this year—from Nursery right through to Year 6. Our current whole school attendance stands at 92%, but we are aiming for 96%+ to meet national expectations. Every day counts, and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child is in school and ready to learn.

✍️ Learning Highlights
This half term, I've been incredibly impressed with the quality of work produced so far—some children have even visited my office to proudly share their writing. Well done!

🎒 Harehills Horizons: Trips & Enrichment
Harehills Horizons is our programme of experiences beyond the everyday curriculum. It helps every child broaden their horizons, build confidence, discover new interests and create lasting memories. Alongside trips, visitors, workshops and outdoor learning, we are introducing additional Harehills Horizons days so that children have even more opportunities to learn in exciting and practical ways.

This half term, Year 4 visited the park for bird spotting and built bird feeders, while Reception enjoyed an autumn walk and explored the seasonal changes around them. These build on the wide range of other experiences that children have enjoyed, including:

- Year 6 visiting Leeds Kirkgate Market for a cultural adventure
- Year 4 developing water confidence and skills through swimming lessons.
- Year 3 welcoming a Stone Age visitor to bring history to life.
- Year 5 exploring Shakespeare through an inspiring Macbeth potions lesson.
- Reception taking part in outdoor learning.
- Children in Willows and Poplars enjoying weekly sensory food education sessions.

We look forward to sharing more Harehills Horizons days and experiences throughout the year.

💛 Caring for Others

Thank you to all our families for supporting Hello Yellow and Wear It Pink. By joining in, our children showed that they care about the wellbeing of others and understand the importance of kindness, awareness and standing together as a community. Your support helped make both days feel very special.

👕 Uniform Reminder

A big thank you to all families for supporting our uniform policy. The children look so smart each day! Just a quick reminder: please ensure your child wears their PE T-shirt on PE days.

🛡️ Keeping Safe During Half Term

We want everyone to have a happy and safe break. Please make sure children are supervised appropriately, know how to cross roads safely and wear bright or reflective clothing when out in darker evenings. If they are cycling or using a scooter, please encourage them to wear a helmet. Children should also use the internet safely: keep devices in shared family spaces where possible, check age restrictions and remind children never to share personal information or arrange to meet anyone they only know online. As Halloween and Bonfire Night approach, please take extra care around costumes, candles, fireworks and open flames.

Half Term Break

School is closed for the half-term holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026

Please remember that school is also closed to pupils on Monday 2nd November for staff training. We are open for all pupils on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 and look forward to welcoming everyone back, well rested and ready for another exciting half term.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break!

Warm regards,
Mrs Wood
Headteacher

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Mrs J Wood
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