



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

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Happy New Year, Parents and Carers!

We hope you all had a wonderful festive season! It has been absolutely delightful to see all our young people return to school, focused and ready for learning. As the colder weather sets in, please ensure your child wraps up well in warm clothing. Layering up with hats, scarves, and gloves will keep them cosy during outdoor activities!

☀️ A Big Thank You!

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive parents who are making a difference in our pupils' lives every day! Your commitment is invaluable, and we appreciate all that you do. A special shoutout to our PTFA whose Christmas Raffle raised an incredible £675 and the Bake Sale was a sweet success, raising £327!

🌐 Check Out Our Refreshed Website!

We are excited to announce that our website has been refreshed! It's now easier to navigate on mobile devices and packed with key information. Check it out [here](#) for regular updates!

📊 Attendance Matters!

Last term, our overall attendance was **83.86%**. The National target is 95%. We want to emphasise the importance of attending school regularly. Every day counts in your child's education, and consistent attendance helps build a strong foundation for their future.

🔒 Safeguarding Our Pupils

We take safeguarding very seriously. If you have any concerns about a child, please report them immediately to our safeguarding team. If your concern is immediate, please call rather than email.

Role	Contact Email
Safeguarding Lead	Head@HarlowFields.essex.sch.uk
Deputy Safeguarding Leads	Deputyhead@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk Michelle.sparks@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk
Safeguarding Officers	Craig.Baileywhyte@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk Rebeccawillers@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk
6th Form Safeguarding Officer	chris.donno@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk
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Chair of Governors	paula.violetgov@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk

You can join the PTFA community group on Facebook [here](#) and follow the official PTA page [here](#).



Key Dates for Your Diary

- Parental Coffee Morning: Thursday, 9th January (PAACT for autism attending)
- Safer Internet Day: Tuesday, 11th February
- NSPCC Number Day: Friday, 7th February
- World Book Day: Thursday, 6th March
- British Science Week: Friday, 7th March – Sunday, 15th March
- Parental Coffee Morning: Monday, 3rd March
- Young Carers Action Day: Wednesday, 15th March
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week: Monday, 17th March – Sunday, 23rd March
- PMLD Merit Assembly: Friday, 28th March at 2pm
- Parent Meetings: Week commencing 24th March
- Autism Acceptance Week: Monday, 31st March – Sunday, 6th April
- End of Term: Friday, 4th April (½ day for pupils and young people)



Looking Ahead: Academic Year 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025:

- Start: Monday, 1 September 2025
- Half Term: Monday, 27 October to Friday, 31 October 2025
- End: Friday, 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026:

- Start: Monday, 5 January 2026
- Half Term: Monday, 15 February to Friday, 19 February 2026
- End: Friday, 26 March 2026

Summer Term 2026:

- Start: Monday, 12 April 2026
- Half Term: Monday, 31 May to Friday, 4 June 2026
- End: Friday, 23 July 2026

Staff Training Days (Pupils at Home):

- 1st September 2025
- 3rd November 2025
- 28th November 2025
- 5th January 2026
- 1st June 2026
- 26th June 2026

Let's make this term a fantastic one together!

Kindest regards,
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