



# Harlow Fields School and College

## Family Newsletter

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Dear all,

It has been a lovely start to the new term, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils, families and staff returning with such positivity and enthusiasm. Classrooms are already full of energy, curiosity and smiles, and it feels as though we have picked up exactly where we left off - with the same strong sense of community and shared purpose.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Please see some important key messages below.

Warmest regards

Kathleen



### Tuesday 20th January

We will mark the anniversary of Paul Cash's passing with a quiet remembrance.

📌 The Therapy Suite will be open 8:30–9:30am & 2:30–3:30pm. Families may visit, reflect, or send written/drawn messages. Classes will visit throughout the day in a calm and supported way.

Paul's family will then join us for a smaller, personal opening on the 22nd January, led by Paul's wife, Karen. Thank you for holding our community with care during this time.

### 📍 Celebrating Our PTFA - a HUGE THANK YOU!

We are delighted to share the amazing impact of our Parent-Teacher and Friends Association - and to offer a heartfelt thank you to every volunteer and supporter.

Our PTFA is a dedicated group of parents, carers, staff and friends who give their time, energy and creativity to enrich school life. Because of their efforts, our pupils have benefited from:

- 🌟 Sensory and wellbeing equipment
- 🌟 Classroom celebration resources
- 🌟 Play and gym area improvements
- 🌟 Contributions to the Sixth Form Prom
- 🌟 A fully funded Sixth Form defibrillator

Most importantly, the PTFA has brought our community together through joyful events, including our fantastic Summer and Winter Fairs..

## **Community Food Bank**

Available to any family who may need it

-  Opposite the Headteacher's Office
-  Donations welcome via reception
-  Quiet collection available — speak to staff in confidence

Supporting one another, always.

## **Facilities for Hire**

Planning a birthday or celebration?

Our spaces include:

-  Large halls
-  Specialist playgrounds
-  Sensory areas

Perfect for inclusive, relaxed events where every child feels welcome.

## **Support Our Minibus Goal**

Visit our JustGiving page:

 [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harlow-fields-minibus](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harlow-fields-minibus)

## **Term Dates 2025–2026**

### **Spring Term**

-  5 Jan–27 Mar
-  Half Term: 16–20 Feb
-  INSET: 5 Jan
-  Half-Day Finish: 3 Apr  INSET: 1 June, 20 July
-  Half-Day Finish: 17 July

### **Summer Term**

-  13 Apr–23 July
-  Half Term: 25–29 May

## **HFSC Term Dates 2026–27**

 **Pupils return:** 3 Sept 2026

 **Half terms:** 26–30 Oct | 15–19 Feb | 31 May–4 Jun

 **Term ends:** 18 Dec | 25 Mar | 21 Jul (*all early finishes*)

 **INSET (no pupils):** 1–2 Sept, 27 Nov, 4 Jan, 12 Apr

 **Bank Holiday:** 3 May

 **Early finish:** 18 Dec, 25 Mar, 21 Jul (*Transport 1:20 / Walkers 1:30*)



# 🌟 **Star Pupils of the Fortnight!** 🌟

A huge congratulations to all of our nominated pupils this fortnight.  
You have made us incredibly proud – keep shining brightly! ✨

## **Roman Class – Alvin**

Alvin has returned to school with a brilliant attitude following the Christmas break. He is working hard, being a positive role model, and showing real pride in completing his work. Well done, Alvin! 🌟

## **Brooke Class – Amelia**

Amelia is a true friend to everyone. She looks out for pupils across the school, offering kind words, joining in on games and even stepping into other classes to help children who need support. Your kindness is making a big difference, Amelia 💕

## **Maple Class – Eddie**

Eddie has impressed everyone with his growing confidence in spoken communication. We are so proud of the progress he is making—keep using your voice, Eddie! 🗣️ ✨

## **Stort Class – Alex**

Alex has been communicating brilliantly, using his whiteboard consistently throughout the school day to share his needs, wants and ideas. This is an amazing step towards independence—fantastic job, Alex! 🙌

## **Mulberry Class – Oscar**

Oscar is showing brilliant improvements in self-regulation and is consistently kind and thoughtful towards pupils and staff alike. Thank you for being such a positive member of Mulberry, Oscar 😊

## **Sycamore Class – Caitlin**

Caitlin has made outstanding progress with her toilet training and is now requesting independently to use the toilet. What a huge achievement—well done, Caitlin! 🎉

🌈 Congratulations to all of our Star Pupils – we are so proud of you!  
Keep up the amazing work 💚