



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

19th September 2025 Issue 2

Dear Families and Carers,


We hope you and your children are settling well into the new school year. Here are some important updates and reminders for the weeks ahead.

Thank you to those who joined our recent *Virtual Tea with SLT*. Your voice is so important, and we are proud of what we achieved together last year through *Parent Voice* [Parent Voice | Harlow Fields School and College](#) Minutes from the meeting will be shared shortly.

We're also pleased to let you know that **Alexia Doherty from the West Essex Inclusion Project** will be attending our Coffee Morning on **Monday 17th November**.

☀️ Sixth Form Open Evening ☀️

 **Thursday 16th October 2025**

 **5.00 – 6.00pm**

We warmly invite families and prospective students to join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what makes our Sixth Form such a supportive, engaging, and aspirational place to learn and grow.

During the evening, you can:


- ✨ Meet our dedicated staff team and current students
- ✨ Explore personalised learning opportunities
- ✨ Learn more about life skills, work-related learning, and community experiences
- ✨ Discover how we prepare young people for adulthood, independence, and future pathways
- ✨ Take a tour of our facilities and classrooms


At Harlow Fields, our Sixth Form is all about *working together to succeed*. We look forward to welcoming you!

We're Now on Social Media!

Stay connected with everything going on at Harlow Fields by following our new social media pages. We'll be sharing updates, events, and celebrations from across our school community.

 Facebook: *Harlow Fields School and College*

 Twitter: *@harlow_fields*


 Instagram: *@harlowfieldsschool*

Keeping Children Safe Online

We are aware that some upsetting videos are being shared on social media at the moment. Please take extra care at home to keep children safe and supported.

What you can do:

- Talk with your child about anything they may have seen online and reassure them it's normal to feel worried.
- Keep an eye on their social media use over the next few days.
- Encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult if they feel anxious.
- Check safety settings on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube.
- Use "Restricted Mode" or filters to block harmful content.
- Report anything inappropriate directly through the app.
- Encourage screen breaks and fun offline activities.
- Share your own healthy ways of dealing with upsetting news or posts.

 Our pastoral and safeguarding teams are here to support any child who may be affected. Please get in touch if you are worried.

Staff Training and After-School Clubs

This half term, staff are completing extra training. As a result, after-school clubs will start again after the half term break. Thank you for your patience and understanding.


Round Table with Chris Vince MP

I have invited **Chris Vince MP** to join us for a special discussion with Harlow Fields families.


This will be a chance to:

- Share your views and experiences
- Ask questions
- Help Chris understand the issues our families face

 **Thursday 28th November**

 **4:00pm**

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 Please note: due to health and safety, this is a ticketed event with 35 spaces.

 A link to register your interest will follow closer to the time.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Together, we can make sure our school community stays safe, supported, and strong.

With best wishes,

Kathleen Faherty

Headteacher



Headteacher Star Pupils of the Fortnight

Do read about these four pupils and their achievements:

Rocco, Picasso class	Settling back into the new school year really well and communicating better in class.
Ray, Blossom class	Settled so well into his new school.
Louis, Maple	Settling well into a new class and following routines really well.
Triumph, Morris	Showing kindness, love and care towards his peers.
Billy, Roding	Working really hard in class and transitioned well

****Autumn Term Events****

****Virtual tea and chat with SLT**** Thursday 18th September at 6pm
****World Mental Health Day:**** Friday, 10th October
****6th form open evening:** Thursday 16th October: 5-6pm
****Staff Training**** Monday, 3 November
****Odd Socks Day:**** Monday, 10th November (to celebrate individuality and promote anti-bullying)
****Anti-Bullying Week:**** 10th November – 14th November
****Remembrance Day:**** Tuesday, 11th November
****Family performance:** Harlow Brass Band November 11th**
****Virtual tea and chat with SLT**** Thursday 13th November at 6pm
****Parental Coffee Morning:**** Monday, 17th November
****Come and Learn with me today**** Friday 21st November
****Family swim week**** w/c 17th November (specifics shared with classes closer to the time)
****World Down Syndrome Awareness Day:**** Friday, 21st November
****Staff Training (Wellbeing - site closed to all staff):**** Friday, 28th November
****Christmas Jumper Day:**** Friday, 12th December
****Christmas Dinner:**** Friday, 12th December
****Upper School Merit Assembly:**** Monday, 15th December at 1.45pm (PTA Cake Sale)
****Sixth Form Merit Assembly:**** Tuesday, 16th December at 2pm
****Lower School Merit Assembly/Classroom Activities:**** Wednesday, 17th December at 1.45pm (PTA Cake Sale)
****Christmas Grotto:**** Wednesday, 17th December
****PMLD Merit Assembly:**** Thursday, 18th December at 2pm (PTA Cake Sale)
****Afternoon Medical Training:**** Friday, 19th December (in school or off-site if colleagues wish to complete this remotely ahead of the next term)
****Family performance:** Harlow Brass Band December 19th**

Autumn Term 2025

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

Spring Term 2026

- Start Date: Monday, 5 January 2026
- Half Term: Monday, 16 February to Friday, 20 February 2026
- End Date: Friday, 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

- Start Date: Monday, 13 April 2026
- Half Term: Monday, 25 May to Friday, 29 May 2026
- End Date: Friday, 17 July 2026 (for pupils)

Staff Training Days (Pupils at Home)

- 1st September 2025
- 3rd November 2025
- 28th November 2025
- 5th January 2026
- 1st June 2026
- 20th July 2026

End of Term (Half Day for Pupils)

- 19th December 2025
- 3rd April 2026
- 17th July 2026

