



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

1st May 2026 Issue 15



We are incredibly proud of our pupils' creativity. Each class designed a pattern for our lion and the finished piece looks fantastic. Our lion has now been returned to St Clare's Hospice.

Dear Families and Carers,

As always, thank you for the kindness, care and support you continue to show our school community. It really does make a difference.

Our Harlow Fields Foodbank

A gentle reminder that we have our own Harlow Fields Foodbank to support members of our school community. We welcome donations at any time and every item, no matter how small, helps. Thank you to those who have already contributed so generously.

A Big Thank You for Your Green Fingered Donations 🌱

We have loved seeing the gardening donations already coming in. Thank you so much for your kindness. These contributions are helping us create something really special for our upcoming events. If you do have any plants, cuttings or gardening items to spare, we would be so grateful if you could continue to send them in.

Lions on the Loose Update 🦁

Our lion will be on display around Harlow from June and July through to September before returning to Harlow Fields in October 2026. We will share details of where to find it soon, so do keep an eye out.

Name the Lion Competition

We are excited to launch our Name the Lion competition to support St Clare's Hospice. There are 100 names available at one pound per name. The competition is open to pupils, families and staff. You can take part by visiting the school office and selecting your chosen name. Payment is cash only.

You could win a soft toy lion, kindly donated by Hertfordshire Zoo. If you would prefer not to enter but would still like to make a donation, this is also very welcome.

New Work Experience Opportunity

We are delighted to be starting a new in house work experience programme with Abbot Care Home from 19th May.

Our first visit will be a guinea pig meet, where pupils will have the opportunity to interact with and care for the animals. This is a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, develop skills and create meaningful connections within our community.

We will begin with small rotating groups to ensure that as many pupils as possible can take part over time. Photo consent forms will be sent home shortly and we kindly ask that you check and return these.

PTA Fundraising Events

We are looking forward to two upcoming non uniform days.

Friday 22nd May will be a pyjama or comfy clothes day. We kindly ask for donations for the tombola such as toiletries, sweets, small toys or gift sets.

Thursday 25th June will be a summer dress down day. For this day we are asking for donations of bottles such as drinks, sauces or juice.

Please do not feel you need to buy anything specifically. What matters most is that children feel comfortable and enjoy taking part.

Plant Stall at the Summer Fair 🌿

We are excited to be planning a plant stall at this year's Summer Fair.

If you enjoy gardening, you might like to donate plants, seedlings, cuttings, herbs, flowers or spare pots. Every contribution will help us create something really special for the day.

Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive and generous community. We are very lucky to have you all.

With warmest wishes,

Kathleen



A colorful poster for a school fair. At the top, a banner reads 'HARLOW FIELDS SCHOOL & COLLEGE' in blue. Below it, a large blue banner says 'SCHOOL FAIR' in white. The location 'TENDRING ROAD, HARLOW, CM18 6RN' is written in black. The date and time 'SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026 12PM - 3PM' are in blue. A yellow balloon on the left says 'FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY'. A red balloon on the right says 'TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, GAMES, STALLS AND MUCH MORE'. The text 'FREE ENTRY' is in large blue letters on the right. A PTA logo is in the bottom left. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.HARLOWFIELDSPTA.CO.UK'.

HARLOW FIELDS SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SCHOOL FAIR

TENDRING ROAD, HARLOW, CM18 6RN

SATURDAY
27TH JUNE 2026
12PM - 3PM

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Instagram -

https://www.instagram.com/harlow_fields_pta?igsh=MjViNXR6Z2RhZ2J6

Harlow Fields School and College – Term Dates

2025–2026

Summer:

13 Apr – 20 July

Mental Health Awareness Week: 11th to 17th May 2026

Half term: 25–29 May

INSET: 1 June, 20 July

Early finish 17 July: Transport 1:20pm, Walkers 1:30pm

Important School Events

June:

8 Jun Publish class staffing for 2026–27 | Parent Coffee Morning (9.30am)
12 Jun Come and Learn With Me | Year 14 Leavers' Event
25 Jun Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT (6pm)
26 Jun Prom
W/c 22 Jun Parent Meetings (end of year reports)
27 Jun PTA School Fete

July:

3 Jul Sports Day
9 Jul Come and Learn With Me
10 Jul Family Picnic
13 Jul Sixth Form Merit Assembly (2pm)
14 Jul Upper School Merit Assembly (2pm)
15 Jul Lower School Merit Assembly (2pm)
16 Jul PMLD Merit Assembly (2pm)
17 Jul Family Performance (Harlow Brass Band)



2026–2027

Autumn:

1–2 Sept INSET | 3 Sept pupils return | 23 Oct
break up
Half term: 26–30 Oct
2 Nov return | 27 Nov INSET | 18 Dec end
Early finish 18 Dec: Transport 1:20pm, Walkers 1:30pm

Spring:

4 Jan INSET | 5 Jan pupils return | 12 Feb break up
Half term: 15–19 Feb
22 Feb return | 25 Mar end
Early finish 25 Mar: Transport 1:20pm, Walkers 1:30pm

Summer:

12 Apr INSET | 13 Apr pupils return | 3 May Bank Holiday | 28 May break up
Half term: 31 May–4 June
7 June return | 21 July end
Early finish 21 July: Transport 1:20pm, Walkers 1:30pm

INSET (no pupils):

1–2 Sept 2026 | 27 Nov 2026 | 4 Jan 2027 | 12 Apr 2027