



# Harlow Fields School and College

## Family Newsletter

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Dear Families and Carers,

As the weather turns colder, please do make sure your child comes to school with everything they need to keep warm and comfortable for learning and play 🍂. This might include hats, gloves, scarves, and layers that can be added or removed depending on the temperature. For messy play, outdoor learning, and creative activities, we recommend sending your child in with older tops or bottoms, or an apron, so that their good clothes do not get spoiled.



### **Staying Connected with Learning**



*Check Earwig regularly to see the amazing progress your child is making in class.*



*If you would like more conversation with your class team, please email them directly — staff email addresses are available on our school website.*



*Click below to check out what your child is learning and how you can support:*

*You can also find more about our curriculum here:*

 [Lower School Curriculum](#)

 [Upper School Curriculum](#)

 [Sixth Form Curriculum](#)

 [PMLD Curriculum](#)

# ♥ Welcome Our New School & College Counsellors ♥

☀️ Our School and College Council had their very first meeting today! We got to know each other, shared ideas, and talked about what we'd like to achieve this year.

💬 The first job for our councillors is to find out from their classmates what they *love* about Harlow Fields – and what could make our school and college even better.

🚌 We also chatted about something very exciting... raising money for a brand-new minibus! This will help us get out and about in the community even more. Look out for our JustGiving page coming soon!


## ♥ Our Counsellors by Class ♥







- 🌱 **Blake** – Elina
- 📖 **Shakespeare** – Natalia
- 🌸 **Mulberry** – Charlie
- 🌿 **Beech** – Tyge
- 🌿 **Hazel** – Teddy
- 🌳 **Willow** – Ellis
- 🍁 **Elm** – Rocco
- 🌻 **Sycamore** – Alfie
- 🌺 **Maple** – Ziggy
- ☀️ **Blossom** – Raymond
- 🌳 **Oak** – Amelia
- 💧 **Chelmer** – Jack
- 🌻 **Morris** – Sharmin
- 🍀 **Lea** – Harry
- 🌊 **Avon** – Malakai
- 🎨 **Picasso** – Harrison
- 📖 **Orwell** – Frankie
- 🏛️ **Roman** – Joseph
- 🌻 **Brooke** – Emily
- 🚢 **Thames** – Thomas
- 🐟 **Roding** – Billy
- ☀️ **Stort** – Cedric
- 🦅 **Eagle** – James
- 🕊️ **Kestrel** – Ruth
- 🦉 **Hawk** – Chelsea

✨ Thank you to each of you for taking on this important role – together, you are helping us live our motto: *Working together to succeed*. Thank you Josh for leading on this important area of school and college life. ♥

## 🌟 Sixth Form Open Evening 🌟 Thursday 16th October 2025

5.00 – 6.00pm This event is **open to all Year 11 students and their families**. We will also run a dedicated **transition programme** later in the year, but this evening will be a lovely opportunity for families to see our Sixth Form provision in action.

 **Educational Psychology Parent Helpline** This helpline is here to give advice, support and signposting. It is a confidential, private, and safe service for parents and carers. No referral is needed – just a pre-booked appointment. ✨ You can now book 25-minute appointments on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays, 1 – 5 pm, via MS Teams – and you'll get instant confirmation so it's quick and easy! 👉 For booking details and further information, please visit: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/find-support-services-children-and-their-families/educational#>

 **Harlow Fields Foodbank** We're starting a Foodbank at Harlow Fields, with a **drop-off point opposite my office**. Donations can be dropped off there, or given at the gate/in your child's school bag, and we will place them into the Foodbank. Suggested items include  tins (soup, beans, vegetables, fruit),  pasta and rice,  cereal and long-life milk,  tea and coffee, and  biscuits, chocolates, and other treats (please ensure all items are nut-free). Every donation, big or small, helps support families in need.



## **Reminders**

For any **transport queries**, please contact me directly at [head@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk)

 Facebook: **Harlow Fields School and College**

 Twitter: **@harlow\_fields**

 Instagram: **@harlowfieldsschool**

Thank you to everyone who joined our recent Family Virtual Tea & Chat . You can find the minutes here: [Parent Voice](#)  The next Virtual Tea & Chat will be on 13th November at 6pm – a link will be shared closer to the date.

## ★ Headteacher's Star Pupils of the Fortnight ★

We are thrilled to celebrate our Star Pupils of the Fortnight for settling so well into their new classes and showing such positive attitudes to learning and friendship:

**Arafat, Kestrel Class** – ★ For settling into Kestrel so well after his transition from Hawk Class. A fantastic start!

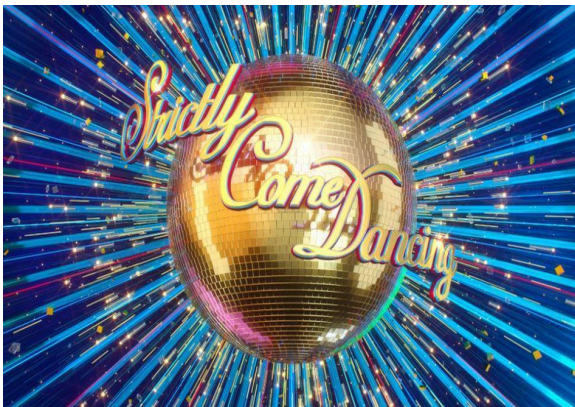
**Bradley, Hawk Class** – ★ For settling so well into college. Bradley is polite, respectful, and always willing to help his teachers and peers. He has also been voted Deputy School Council for his class – well done!

**Elias, Blake Class** – ★ For settling into Blake Class so well. He is a delight to have in class and always brightens the room with his wonderful laugh.

**Braydon, Thames Class** – ★ For settling into a new class environment and showing great focus when asked to complete tasks.

**Charlie, Mulberry Class** – ★ For adapting very well to his new environment and making new friends within the class.

*Well done to all our Star Pupils – we are so proud of you! 💚*














## ★ Our Ex-Pupil Shines on Strictly! ★

We are so proud to share that our ex-pupil, Ellie Goldstein, will make history this year on *Strictly Come Dancing*! Ellie, an actress and disability campaigner, will become the first celebrity with Down's syndrome to take part in a regular series of the show. We can't wait to watch her sparkle – join many of us this weekend as we cheer her on!



# Autumn Term & Key Dates 2025/26

- **World Mental Health Day:** Fri 10 Oct 
- **6th Form Open Evening:** Thu 16 Oct, 5–6pm
- **Staff Training:** Mon 3 Nov (pupils at home)
- **Odd Socks Day / Anti-Bullying Week:** 10–14 Nov 
- **Remembrance Day / Harlow Brass Band:** Tue 11 Nov, 11am 
- **Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT:** Thu 13 Nov, 6pm 
- **Parental Coffee Morning:** Mon 17 Nov
- **Family Swim Week:** w/c 17 Nov 
- **Come & Learn With Me:** Fri 21 Nov
- **World Down Syndrome Awareness Day:** Fri 21 Nov  
- **Staff Training:** Fri 28 Nov
- **Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day:** Fri 12 Dec  
- **Merit Assemblies & PTA Cake Sales:**
  - Upper School: Mon 15 Dec, 1.45pm
  - Sixth Form: Tue 16 Dec, 2pm
  - Lower School: Wed 17 Dec, 1.45pm
  - PMLD: Thu 18 Dec, 2pm
- **Christmas Grotto / Harlow Brass Band:** Wed 17 & Fri 19 Dec  
- **Afternoon Medical Training:** Fri 19 Dec

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## Term Dates

**Autumn 2025:** 1 Sep – 19 Dec | Half Term: 27–31 Oct

**Spring 2026:** 5 Jan – 27 Mar | Half Term: 16–20 Feb

**Summer 2026:** 13 Apr – 17 Jul | Half Term: 25–29 May

**Staff Training Days (pupils at home):** 1 Sep, 3 Nov, 28 Nov, 5 Jan, 1 Jun, 20 Jul

**End of Term Half Days:** 19 Dec, 3 Apr, 17 Jul

# Coming Soon...

## To Harlow this Autumn

# STRIDE

**STRIDE** is a six-month life skills programme for young **adults aged under 25 with a disability**. **STRIDE** will cover healthy living, relationships, household tasks, transport, employment, digital skills, and more!  
**Alternate Saturdays 10am - 2pm**

**Register  
NOW!**



Optional **ASDAN** lifeskills challenge certification available with this programme

Register your  
interest here

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## ♥ A Huge Thank You to Our School Community ♥

What a fantastic start to the term! We are incredibly grateful to **all staff, pupils, families, Governors, and the PTFA** for their contributions, energy, and commitment. Your support, enthusiasm, and collaboration help make Harlow Fields a **safe, nurturing, and thriving community**.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Together, we can continue to **keep our school community safe, supported, and strong** ♥.

With best wishes,  
**Kathleen M. Faherty**  
Headteacher