



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

5th September 2025 Issue 1

Dear Families and Carers,

We've had a brilliant start to the new academic year. It's been fantastic to see everyone back in school—full of energy, smiles, and ready for learning. A very warm welcome also to our new pupils, families, and staff joining the Harlow Fields community. We're so pleased to have you with us.

♥ **Working Together to Succeed** ♥

It has been absolutely wonderful to have all of our children and young people back at school and college. We're excited about the year ahead!

★ **Celebrating Success:** Our examination pupils did brilliantly in their exams, achieving what they needed to move onto their next steps. Huge congratulations to them!

🚗 **Thank you for your support:** We know drop-off and pick-up is a big challenge with the volume of traffic we manage daily. Thanks to your patience and teamwork, the system is now starting to settle into a routine—together we've made it happen, but it will take time to embed.

🚚 **Road safety & emergency access:** I have been in direct contact with our local MP, Chris Vince, to request further support with the challenges we all face on Tendring Road, including ensuring emergency services can access the school site quickly at all times. I will update you of any developments I become aware of. The safety of all is paramount.

💬 **Stay connected:** Please remember to use **Earwig** for two-way communication. This is a vital tool to maintain our connection and support your child's learning journey. Now that this is 'rolled out' to all we will not use the written home school communication books which will also support our commitment to being environmentally friendly.

Contributions for Enrichment Activities

To help us provide high-quality opportunities for pupils, we kindly ask families for the following contributions each term:








- **£10 per pupil** – Food Technology ingredients & sensory food exploration
- **£15 per pupil** – Swimming (for all PMLD & Lower School pupils)

These contributions are effective from this Autumn term.

Families should find these have been added to Arbour for your convenience.

Get Involved – Share Your Skills!

Do you have a skill, service, or some time you could offer? Whether it's a one-off project or an hour here and there, we'd love to hear from you. Some areas where help would be fantastic include:

 Carpentry |  Painting & Design |  Sewing & Crafting
 IT Support |  Photography & Videography |  Gardening
 Converting our school buses into wellbeing or reading spaces

If you'd like to get involved, please email: **admin@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk**

Key Info & Updates

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do. Please visit our website for the latest information, guidance, and family booklets.

[Safeguarding | Harlow Fields School and College](#)

Therapy & External Professionals

We are proud to host external therapists on site. However, please note these professionals are not employed or managed by the school. Any queries must go directly to the therapist or commissioning body.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad, engaging, and tailored to the needs of every learner. Updates are shared on our website or through your child's class team.

[Curriculum | Harlow Fields School and College](#)

Friends, Parents & Teachers Association (FPTA)

Our FPTA plays a vital role in school life—fundraising, planning events, and supporting our pupils. If you'd like to get involved, please let us know.


[PTFA | Harlow Fields School and College](#)

Policies & Updates

The following will be shared with you:

- ★ Attendance Policy
- ★ Behaviour Policies
- ★ Home School Agreement

Here's to a Fantastic Year Ahead!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have comments, suggestions, or feedback, you can reach us:  [**admin@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk**](mailto:admin@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk)

Together, we will continue **Working Together to Succeed**.

Warm wishes,

Kathleen M Faherty
Headteacher

Social Media

Please scan these QR codes to follow us:



Harlow Fields Facebook Page



Harlow Fields Instagram Page



Harlow Fields LinkedIn Page



Harlow Fields X Page

Families, please be curious!

If something doesn't feel right, no
matter how small, report it
IMMEDIATELY a member of our
safeguarding team.

- Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Megan.Hood@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk
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- Chair of Governors: Paula.violetgov@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk



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, 23 July 2026

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

