



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

7th November 2025 Issue 5

Dear Families and Carers

Communication is key!

We love hearing from you — please keep talking to us! Your feedback, comments, and questions really matter. Communication helps us keep improving and ensures we're working together to make Harlow Fields the very best for our pupils and families.

Step Inside Your Child's Learning!

Join us for our **"Come and Learn with Me"** sessions on **21 November 2025, 6 March 2026, and 15 May 2026**. You'll also be able to explore **PLTs** and **curriculum booklets** to see your child's learning goals and find out how you can support them at home. Your class team will be in touch to arrange or do feel free to ask them about this.

Parent Meeting Weeks

We are also looking forward to welcoming you for parent meetings on **8–15 December 2025, 16–20 March 2026, and 6–10 July 2026!**

Thank You for Supporting Our Food Bank!

A huge thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity – the food bank is now **completely empty**. If you're out shopping and can pop an extra item into your trolley/basket, it really does make a big difference. The collection point is just opposite my office - every single item helps!

Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT – 13 November 2025

-  **6:00 pm Kathleen:** Updates on attendance, transport, road safety, and our learning spaces
-  **6:15 pm Becky:** Manual handling – simple, safe strategies you can use at home
-  **6:30 pm Megan:** Online safety – keeping children safe in the digital world
-  **6:45 pm Josh:** Clubs and enrichment opportunities
-  **7:00 pm:** Q&A session – your chance to ask anything!

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 386 845 316 394

Passcode: GF7M2rp7

Many thanks all and wishing you a lovely weekend when it arrives!

Kathleen

Reminders

For any **transport queries**, please contact me directly at head@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk

 Facebook: **Harlow Fields School and College**

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☀️ **Headteacher's Star Pupils of the Fortnight** ☀️

Working together to succeed

★ ✨ Miles – Lea Class

Miles has been using his voice more and more, even without prompts! He's sharing wonderful details about colours and feelings from our sensory story — it's such a joy to hear him expressing himself.

✨ ✨ Max – Elm Class

Max has shown *amazing progress* in regulating his emotions. We're so proud of how he's managing challenges with increasing calm and confidence.

✨ ✨ William – Maple Class

William has made great strides in following class routines since joining Harlow Fields in September. What a fantastic start — well done, William!

✨ ✨ Alfie – Mulberry Class

Alfie has been *trying really hard* to listen to adults and follow instructions without getting upset. A brilliant effort and a wonderful example of perseverance.

✨ ✨ Lacey – Hawk Class

Lacey is growing in self-confidence and contributing more and more to group discussions. It's lovely to see her voice shining through — well done, Lacey!

✨ ✨ Alfie – Blake Class

Alfie has done brilliantly adapting to his new physio equipment and accepting new routines with a positive attitude. A real superstar!

✨ ✨ Sienna-Rose – Sycamore Class

Sienna-Rose is now focusing on all aspects of her learning *independently* for longer periods and confidently communicating her wants and needs with staff. A fantastic achievement!

🍂 Autumn Term & Key Dates 2025/26 🍂

- **Remembrance Day / Harlow Brass Band:** Tue 11 Nov, 11am 🎺
- **Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT:** Thu 13 Nov, 6pm ☕
- **Parental Coffee Morning:** Mon 17 Nov 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**.
- **Come & Learn With Me:** Fri 21 Nov
- **Round Table with Chris Vince MP** 27th November, 4pm (more info to follow)
- **INSET day (pupils at home):** Fri 28 Nov
- **Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day:** Fri 12 Dec 🎄🍴
- **Merit Assemblies:**
 - 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 🎅🎵





Dear Parents/Carers

WOOHOO... MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Power for Good'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



**MONDAY
10TH NOVEMBER**

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy! ☺ Here's what you do:

- 1.** Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.
- 2.** Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.
- 3.** If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Power for Good' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Monday 10th November ... If you have any questions please ask:



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**HARLOW FIELDS
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CHILDREN IN NEED



We invite all pupils
to wear non-uniform
on 14th

November 2025

Please donate if
possible to this
great cause using



<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

THANK YOU!



The 12 Safety Tips for Christmas

Presented by 'The 2 Johns'

"I Know them"



The Johns would like to invite you to join a complimentary online event. This will provide you with an introduction to a world that we, as adults, did not grow up in but your children are fully embracing.

They will give you tips on: -

The Internet Express	Gaming	The Exploiters
WhatsApp & Snap Chat	Screen time	Cliff Top Parenting
What to do if it goes Wrong	Sexploitation	Where can I Get Help
Indecent Images of Children	Stranger Danger	The Power of Influence

The two Johns, yes, they are both named John and have spent many years working in the police in various overt and covert roles tackling online and offline child exploitation. They are regarded as experts in their field and annually work in hundreds of primary and secondary schools interacting with thousands of children, teachers and parents. They also regularly deliver lunch and learn sessions to parenting networks in the private sector.

Over the past fifteen years, the two Johns have been key speakers at numerous major events throughout the country. In Essex they are regularly commissioned by the Safeguarding Children's Board, Community Safety Partnerships and schools to deliver both staff training and bespoke sessions for large numbers of children. This includes their highly successful 'Walk Online Roadshow' which is delivered to many thousands of children annually.

The 2 Johns



'Keeping Children Safe'

Thursday 11th December
at 20:00hrs

(Scan the QR code to register)

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