



Harlow Fields School and College

Family Newsletter

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Dear Families and Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you well.

Following the heartbreaking loss of our much-loved Site Manager, **Paul**, we are proud to share the plans we have been working on to honour his incredible contribution to Harlow Fields. We are creating **Paul's Sensory Space** — a special area funded by a **Jack Petchey Award** and donations, with approximately **£4000** allocated. This space will reflect the positivity, warmth, and kindness that Paul brought to our school every day, and will provide a calming and joyful environment for our pupils and staff. A plaque outside the space will feature simple, heartfelt values inspired by Paul's spirit: **Smile, Positivity and Kindness**. We will also place a memorial plaque in our **Memorial Garden** as a lasting tribute. In addition, we are proud to share that Paul's family will be receiving the **Jack Petchey Leader Award** at a ceremony at the **Harlow Playhouse on 17th June** — a fitting recognition of his lasting impact on our community. Once the sensory space is complete, we will hold an opening ceremony to celebrate and remember Paul's legacy together. Thank you for your ongoing support and compassion during this difficult time for our community.

Parent Governor Vacancy - We currently have a vacancy for a **Parent Governor**. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in supporting and shaping the future of our school. If you are interested in finding out more, please email us at admin@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk, speak to us at the school gates, or visit reception. You can also find further information on our website: [Harlow Fields Governors](#)

School Photographer – 14th May - Our school photographer will be visiting on **Tuesday, 14th May**. Please make sure your child comes to school in uniform and ready with their best smiles!

Sun Safety Reminder - With the warmer weather finally arriving, we are loving the sunshine at school! Please can we kindly ask that families ensure pupils are prepared with:

- **Sun cream applied before school**
- **Hats** for outdoor play
- **Water bottles** to stay hydrated

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, we welcome your feedback via email at admin@harlowfields.essex.sch.uk, at the school gates, or through the suggestion box at reception.

Kind regards,

Kathleen M. Faherty
Headteacher

Here is a glimpse into our VE celebrations - do check out Earwig for more updates from individual classes:



Summer Term (22nd April - 22nd July 2025)

- Staff Training: Monday, 2nd June
- Parental Coffee Morning: Monday, 9th June at 9.30am
- Non-uniform day (in exchange for tombola items - more info to follow) ****New entry****
- Parent Meetings: Week commencing 23rd June (all families are invited to site for face-to-face meeting - families will receive the end of year report then)
- Hertfordshire Zoo: Wednesday 25th June
- PTA School Fete: Saturday, 28th June **Not long to Go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- Whole School and College Transition to September 2025 Classes: Week commencing 30th June
- Staff Training: Friday, 27th June
- Sports Day: Friday, 4th July
- 6th Form Prom: 4th July
- Cultural Capital Week: 14-18th July
- Sixth Form Merit Assembly: Monday, 14th July at 2pm
- Upper School Merit Assembly: Tuesday, 15th July at 2pm
- Lower School Merit Assembly/Classroom Activities: Wednesday, 16th July at 2pm
- PMLD Merit Assembly: Friday, 18th July at 2pm
- 6th Form Leavers Assembly: Thursday, 17th July at 2pm
- End of Term: Tuesday, 22nd July (½ day for pupils)

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

