



NEWSLETTER

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★ A Message from Gill!

Dear Parents and Carers,
It is with great pleasure that I would like to introduce myself to you in my role as leadership consultant at Harlow Fields School and College. I have experience working across both mainstream and SEND schools working with pupils ranging from Nursery to Sixth Form. I am looking forward to working with you to support Harlow Fields staff and I am committed to providing the very best education for all the pupils in our care. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.
Best Wishes,
Gill Marrion.

💬 Dear Families and Carers,

We want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible strength, resilience, and dedication of our parents and carers. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and together we are committed to ensuring every child feels supported, understood, and empowered to reach their full potential.

🥜 Nut-Free School Reminder

An Important Reminder: We Are a Nut-Free School

At Harlow Fields, the health, safety and wellbeing of all our pupils and staff is our highest priority. We kindly remind families that we are a nut-free school and ask that nuts and nut-containing products are not brought onto the school site.



🍎 Harlow Fields Food Bank

Our Harlow Fields Foodbank continues to provide valuable support to families within our school community. Donations are welcome throughout the year, and every contribution helps us make a positive difference. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who have already donated so generously and shown such kindness and community spirit.

PTA News

Halloween Fun

A big thank you to Darren, who has laser-cut 250 wooden pumpkins for the children to decorate in class! We hope the children have lots of fun getting creative with them.



Christmas Card Designs

Christmas card design kits have now been sent out to classes. Parents, please keep an eye out for the order details coming home with your child soon, so you don't miss the chance to order your child's unique Christmas artwork!

HAWK CLASS • CAREERS TOPIC

A Special Surprise from Julia Donaldson!

💎 A postcard, a lovely reply and lots of excitement! 💎

As part of our Careers topic, Hawk Class have been exploring different jobs through the wonderful books of Julia Donaldson.

We discovered more about doctors through *Zog and the Flying Doctors* and explored the roles of police officers and detectives through *The Detective Dog*.

The children enjoyed these stories so much that we decided to write to Julia Donaldson to thank her for her fantastic books and tell her how they have supported our learning. We were absolutely delighted when Julia Donaldson very kindly wrote back to us! She sent Hawk Class a signed postcard and stickers for the pupils. The pupils were incredibly excited to receive such a special surprise from an author whose books they have loved reading. It was a memorable experience that brought our learning to life and reminded us how magical books can be!





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2026-2027

Autumn:

23 Oct- Break up

Half Term-26-30 Oct

2 Nov- Return | 27 Nov INSET Day |

18 Dec – End of Term and Early Finish

Transport 1:20pm Walkers 1:30pm

Spring:

4 Jan- INSET Day| 5 Jan Pupils return

12 Feb- Break up

Half Term-15-19 Feb|22 Feb Pupils return

25 Mar – End of Term and Early Finish

Transport 1:20pm Walkers 1:30pm

Summer:

12 Apr- INSET Day| 13 April Pupils return

3 May – Bank Holiday | 28 May Break up

Half Term- 31 May-4 June

7 June Pupils return | 21 July End of Term and Early Finish

Transport 1:20pm Walkers 1:30pm

INSET (No Pupils)

27 Nov 2026 | 4 Jan 2027 | 12 Apr 2027

★ After School Clubs ★

We are delighted to be planning the return of our After School Clubs hopefully before the end of this term!

We will inform you once these are in place.

Clubs will take place every **Tuesday immediately after the school day finishes**, ending at **3:30pm**. Pupils should be collected from **Main Reception** at the end of the session.

Important: If your child usually travels home via school transport, please inform transport that your child will not require collection on club days.



Lower School Clubs

- Soft Play
- Fun Activities



Upper School Clubs

- Sensory Circuit Activities
- Exploration of a Variety of Sensory Areas
- Board Games Club



Cost

- £5 per session
- We kindly ask families/carers to sign up for the full term
- Payments should be made via **Arbor**



Questions?

If you have any questions regarding After School Clubs, please contact:

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PARENT/CARERS VOLUNTEERS WANTED - CAREERS PROGRAMME

We are looking for parents and carers who may be interested in supporting our Careers Programme by sharing their skills, experiences or career journeys. At this stage, we are simply gathering expressions of interest. Once we have enough interested volunteers, we will contact parents/carers to discuss the opportunities available and ways to get involved.