



HB newsletter: Autumn 1, Wk 1



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families. It has been wonderful to see the school come alive again and to welcome pupils back looking smart, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

We have an exciting half term ahead. Alongside new curriculum developments, pupils can look forward to the launch of our Mountain of Excellence, new house responsibilities, class worship and praise assemblies, lunchtime and after-school clubs, sporting opportunities and competitions, music and choir events, Royal Ballet activities, Bikeability, careers visitors and further opportunities to support our local community through charity work.

Please keep a close eye on ClassDojo, as this is our main platform for sharing important announcements, curriculum news, event details and dates for your diary.

We also look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Beginning of Year Meetings next week. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn more about the curriculum, routines and expectations for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a happy, successful and inspiring year together—rising up in faith, character and learning

Mrs Susan Sidhu



Curriculum in action: Reception and Year 1



Children in Reception have very bravely and brilliantly settled into their first week at school. We are so very impressed, as they have in this short space of time, sat beautifully on the carpet, followed instructions and adhered to the daily routines at school well. We think you will be excellent additions and members of the Harper Bell community and are so excited to continue learning with you!

Settling into Year 1

It has been lovely to welcome our Year 1 children back after the summer break! The children have settled in beautifully and are quickly getting used to their new routines and expectations. They have been busy learning where everything is, getting to know their new classmates and teachers, and becoming more independent as they move through the school day. We are so proud of how confidently they are embracing this new chapter and are excited to see all the wonderful learning and progress that will take place throughout the year.



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PE will take place every Thursday
Please ensure that children come to school wearing their **PE clothes and suitable PE shoes.**



Curriculum in action: Year 2



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Year 2 have settled in wonderfully this week!

It has been lovely to see the children settling back into school and becoming familiar with their new year 2 routines and expectations. They have enjoyed sharing their summer experiences with one another and talking about what they got up to during the holidays .

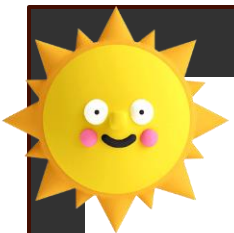
This week, the children have:

- ☀ Explored our purpose promise and discussed how we can follow it each day.
- ☀ Learned about our mountain of excellence values and how we can demonstrate these in school.
- ☀ begun completing their pre-unit assessments, helping us to understand what they already know and how we can best support them .
- ☀ practised our classroom routines and expectations, developing their independence.

They have made a fantastic start to year 2, and we are so proud of how positively they have approached their first week

WELL DONE YEAR 2!!

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Curriculum in action: Year 3



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Year 3 have settled in wonderfully this week! It has been lovely to see them getting comfortable, building relationships and becoming familiar with our school routines.

This week, the children have:

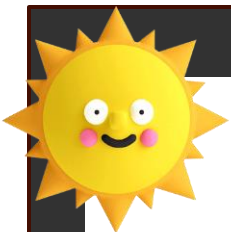
- ✦ Set goals for their future and thought about what they would like to achieve.
- ✦ Learned all about our **Mountain of Excellence** values and discussed how they can demonstrate these each day.
- ✦ Started completing their **pre-unit assessments**, which will help us understand what they already know and how we can best support their learning.

They have made a fantastic start to Year 3, and we are so proud of how positively they have approached their first week! 🌈 📚

Well done, Year 3! ✨

PE will take place every **Wednesday**. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their **PE clothes** and suitable PE shoes.

Thank you,
Miss Nisar



Curriculum in action: Year 4

☀️ Year 4 have settled in beautifully! ☀️

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. This week, we explored our personal goals and thought carefully about Purpose from our Mountain of Excellence. We discussed how having a purpose means knowing what we want to achieve, understanding why it is important and taking responsibility for the steps we need to take to get there. We considered how our goals can help us to become the best learners we can be.

We also explored what being a good learner looks like. Year 4 discussed the importance of being responsible, persevering when learning is challenging, checking our work carefully, reflecting on our next steps, working cooperatively and communicating effectively. These skills will help us to make progress throughout the year.

In Maths, we revisited key aspects of place value, strengthening our understanding of the value of digits and building confidence with numbers.

A fantastic start to the year, Year 4 – great work!



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Thank you,
Mr Dearing



Curriculum in action: Year 5



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Year 5 have settled in wonderfully despite having a shorter week.

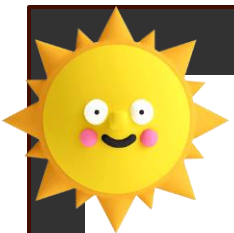
We have spent some time re-familiarising ourselves with school routines and expectations and the children have shown great maturity about re-adapting to school life. Well done Year 5!

In lessons we have looked at:

- ☀️ Our personal goals, hopes for the future and how the children can individually help themselves to succeed at their goals.

- ☀️ We have completed some of our 'pre-unit quizzes' to help give us an idea of what the children already know about this terms topics to allow for the lessons to be planned to further not only their knowledge but also cater to their interests.

Year 5 PE will be on Mondays, please ensure your child comes in wearing PE clothing every Monday,
Thank you
Miss Haigh



Curriculum in action: Year 6



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We have had a fantastic start to the year in Year 6! The children have come into school with an amazing, positive attitude and are already showing that they can be fantastic role models for the rest of the school.

We have been working hard to practise our school routines and expectations, as well as making sure that the presentation in our books is neat, organised and beautifully presented. The children have made a brilliant effort so far, and we are very proud of them!

Maths

In Maths, we have started our learning about **place value**, working with numbers up to 10,000,000. The children have been developing their understanding of large numbers and the value of each digit. They have made a great start!

Geography & RE

We have also begun some exciting **research projects** in Geography and RE. The children have enjoyed exploring new topics, asking questions and developing their research skills.

A Brilliant Start!

We are already seeing the children demonstrate **responsibility, independence and maturity** in so many aspects of school life. It has been wonderful to see them rising to the expectations of Year 6 and embracing the responsibility that comes with being the oldest children in the school.

Keep up the great work, Year 6! We are already so proud of you! 🙌



Spiritual thought for the week...



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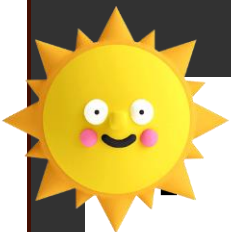


A New Beginning

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” – Proverbs 3:5

As we begin a new academic year, we are reminded that we do not walk this journey alone. God is with us, guiding and supporting us as we learn, grow, face challenges and strive for excellence. Let us begin the year with **purpose, faith and courage**, trusting God to lead us each step of the way.





HB Home Learning: Autumn 1, Wk 1



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Reception:

Letter formation

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Please practise writing your
child's name.

Year 1:

Practice addition and
write a diary of your
first week back at
school.

Year 2:

Paper copies sent home:

-Maths (1 more and 1
less
Reading
spellings

Please have children
practice their spelling
ready for next week

Year 3

Paper copies sent home:

-Maths
-Reading

Year 4

Paper copies sent home:

-Maths (Place Value)
-Reading
Comprehension
-Spelling

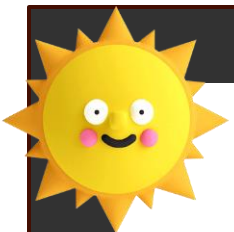
Year 5:

Paper copies sent
home.

Please have children
practice handwriting in
readiness for
handwriting assessment
next week.

Library books to be
returned on Tuesdays.





In our Local Community



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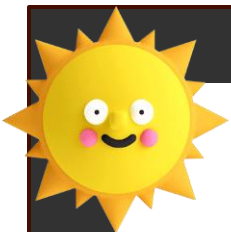


Family Wellbeing Zone

<https://familywellbeingzone.org.uk/>

<https://greensquareaccord.co.uk/news/community/introducing-the-family-wellbeing-zone>





Harper Bell SDA Primary School After School Club!

Option 1 – Full Session

Monday to Thursday: Collection by 5:00 pm

Friday: Collection by 2:30 pm

Option 2 – Early Collection

Monday to Thursday: Collection by 4:30 pm

Friday: Collection by 2:00 pm

Monday: Football

Tuesday: Dodgeball

Wednesday: Multisports

Thursday: Archery

Friday: Discovery Club

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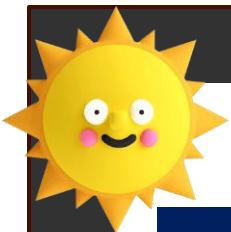
To book:

Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk

Go to "Book Now" & select your club!



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Dates for your diary



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9/9/26: Reception and Y1 Beginning of Year Parent Meeting

10/9/26: Y2 Beginning of Year Parent Meeting

14/9/26: Y3 Beginning of Year Parent Meeting

15/9/26: Reception and Year 1 Reading Parent Workshop

16/9/26: Y4 Beginning of Year Parent Meeting

17/9/26: Y5 Beginning of Year Parent Meeting

21/9/26: Y6 Beginning of Year Parent Meeting

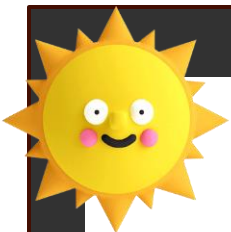
22/9/26: Year 2 Reading Parent Workshop

29/9/26: Year 3 Reading Parent Workshop

6/10/26: Year 4 Reading Parent Workshop

13/10/26: Year 5 Reading Parent Workshop

20/10/26: Year 6 Reading Parent Workshop



Attendance Page



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LOVE, LEARNING AND LAUGHTER ATTEND!

Good attendance
means...

...being in school for at least
97% of the time – between
185 to 190 days!

REMEMBER
You've got to be
in, to win!

365 days in a calendar year						
	0 days absent	5 days absent	10 days absent	15 days absent	20 days absent	25 days absent
	In school for 180 days each year,	In school for 185 days each year.	In school for 175 days each year.	In school for 170 days each year,	In school for 170 days each year	In school for 165 days each year.
	100% Attendance!	97% Attendance!	94% Attendance!	89% Attendance!	88% Attendance!	86% Attendance!

Good attendance
= best chance of success!
"Well done!"

Poor attendance
= less chance of success!
"I'm worried!"

Persistently poor
attendance =
damages education
"I'm seriously concerned!"



This week: 93.1%