

Weekly Newsletter

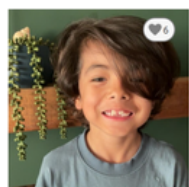
16th October 2026

**HARROW LODGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Here's what has happened over the last week!

Dear Parents and Carers,
It's been a week of fundraising challenges this week. A huge well done to Jude (2B) this week for completing the 5K in such a brilliant time of 29 minutes! We are all so proud of him! Jude has raised a massive amount of £2630 (and still more is flooding in) for Great Ormond Street Hospital which is absolutely fantastic! Jude has shown his medal in class and enjoyed announcing how he and his dad left his mum far behind in the race! Mum did finish the race but it was Jude who was star of the show! Rocko (3A) has been sporting a rather fetching long hairdo recently (we all thought he was trying to become the living legend that is a rock band drummer after his amazing drumming debut in the Music Showcase last year!) In reality, Rocko has been growing his hair for a very worthy cause - The Princess Trust who use the hair to make wigs for children who lose their hair during treatment for cancer.



And Rocko is donating his luscious locks for this purpose. It costs £700 to make a wig with the donated hair so Rocko is also fundraising to raise money to make the wigs. He's currently at £792 and would dearly love to reach the £1400

mark so the charity can make 2 wigs. Rocko is 3 inches of hair away from the length needed by the charity so he still has a few months to raise the extra cash. If you'd like to help Rocko reach his new target, please go to the following link:

<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/rockos-fundraising-page>

And another fundraising campaign has launched this week for our school OPAL project - the development of a Fairy Garden on the KS2 field. Ms Goodwin, who

has embraced her new role as an OPAL leader, reached out to our wonderful school community for support in creating a magical fairy garden for our children. The response to our appeal has been fantastic! Special thanks to Aimee, Paige's mum (1B), for collecting logs, tyres and flower pots and recruiting volunteers; and to Sophie, Luca's mum (1A), who literally chased a tree surgeon down the road to source materials — now that's dedication!

Thank you also to Mr and Mrs King for arranging a pergola donation, James Cross's dad and grandad (3B) for additional tyres, and Virja's parents (R1) for helping us source cable reels. Your generosity is helping us create a magical space for creativity, exploration and play without a large budget. We hope it'll be ready within four weeks, and certainly before Christmas — although the universe rarely checks our deadlines before throwing in a little drama so pencil that in your diaries rather than using permanent marker! Thank you to everyone helping to bring a little fairy magic to our school!

In other, non-fund-raising, news this week, we had the dreaded flu-vaccine nurses in so there was a lot of sniffing going on around the school. I wish a lot more children took up this free service - one sniff today could prevent a multitude of sniffs later on!

The Book Fair was delivered this week and children are busy visiting it to browse before the shop opens next week after school each day so I'm just giving you the heads-up that there may be begging afoot!

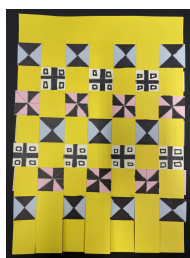
On Thursday, some of our Year 5 children took part in a HEST programme exploring emotional regulation. It gives children valuable time to reflect on their feelings, talk about their experiences and better understand themselves and how they respond to different situations.

We had another parent tour this week which was oddly full of parents who were teachers (all booked on the same tour) so that made for some very interesting conversations as we walked around the school - mostly about the lack of funding and how that impacts the children!!

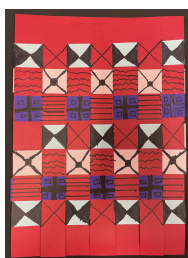
Wraparound Club has taken a spooky turn this week, with children creating all manner of Hallowe'en crafts — a frightfully good way to end the school day!



3A & 3B have been carrying out their weaving this week and produced some amazing pieces of work. Here's just a small sample of their brilliant work.



Ameer



Siyana



Emily

Travelling back in time to the Bronze Age, the children also learnt about the Beaker Folk and their distinctive pottery. Using clay, they practised their coiling skills to create their very own Bronze Age-inspired beaker pots. Two very different projects, but lots of creativity, patience and perseverance on display!

On Wednesday, our Year 1 and Year 2 children joined other schools across Havering for an exciting Zoom session with children's author Sue Lancaster. Sue read her book *Why No Rhino?*, which offered a wonderful insight into individuality and celebrated how we are all unique and different in our own special ways. Following the session, the children worked together to create an acrostic poem about individuality, sharing their ideas and exploring the importance of embracing what makes each of us special. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate diversity, creativity and the message that being different is something to be proud of!

All clubs opened up this week for sign-up and we have a new Gymnastics Club for Years 1 to 3 running on a Tuesday and the Minecraft Club is so popular, we're looking to run a second day for it to give others a chance to attend so watch this space!

Finally, our Ofsted Inspection Report was sent out this week which we shared with you immediately. It arrived on the Ofsted website this morning. Some lovely parts of the report that really stood out to me were the sections that spoke about the children who 'are happy and proud to belong to Harrow Lodge Primary', who 'develop warm and respectful relationships with staff and feel valued and understood', and who 'behave very well'. I'm so proud to be a part of this very special school community and everyone did their part to get us this really strong report including children, parents, staff, governors and our Trust School Improvement Partner. Everyone turned up and shouted out for us which is why I feel this report is something we can **all** be proud of. Thank you for believing in our school, championing our children and helping to make Harrow Lodge the special place it is.

And, on that note, I shall wish you a wonderful weekend full of harmony and kindness and I leave you with this thought:

"A stronger community begins with people asking, 'How can I help?'"

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Searle



Inspection report: 15 September 2026

Exceptional	
Strong standard	● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Expected standard	●
Needs attention	
Urgent improvement	

Stars of the week

Kindness Award



R1 Akaran	4A Franky
R2 Shivansh	4B Albie
1A Luca	5A Elliot
1B Harper	5B Brian
2A Lenny	6A Polly
2B Alexandra	6B Henry
3A Sienna	6C Manaal
3B Fletcher	

R1 Arnie	4A Franky
R2 Ariana	4B Kaiyaan
1A Mason	5A Diyan
1B Yunus	5B Ardi
2A Amayah	6A Adam
2B Mabel	6B Naylaa
3A Parker	6C Max
3B Ayat	

Acheiver Badges



Book Tokens



Remember to keep working to reach gold.
Once you reach gold 5 times you will earn
an acheiver badge!



Well done to the following
children for earning their book
token this week:

Dexter 3B
Sofia 3B
Shriyah 6C



Reaching gold this week:

Ariyan 1A	Ana-Maria 2A	Layla 3A	Sofia 4A	Rebecca 5B	Reggie 6A
Edua 1A	Ava 2A	Sienna 3A	Evani 4A	Ifeh 5B	Vanessa 6B
Daisy 1A	Alfie 2A	Azan 3A	Alice 4A	Toby 5B	Reyan 6B
Idris 1A	Chloe 2A	Meltem 3A	Kevin 4A	Sidney 5B	Harvey 6B
Miko 1A	Jude 2B	Dexter 3B	Logan 4A	Paisley 5B	Henry 6B
Zaina 1A	Leo 2B	Nectarie 3B	Leandro 4A	Mithran 5B	Aadam 6B
Myiah 1B	Lucas 2B	Matei 3B	Darcy 4A	Kal El 5B	Maxwell 6C
Vasyl 1B	Mylo 2B	Ada 3B	Albie 4B	Ardion 5B	Sofiia 6C
Ruby 2A	Shalom 2B	Lola 3B	Nate 4B	Finn 5B	Kimberley 6C
Soumia 2A	Tommy 2B			Khaleelah 6A	Oscar 6C
Tilly Rae 2A	Niyanshi 2B				Vivien 6C
Yeva 2A					Gabriel 6C

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Kai in 1A
Sehaj in 3A

Well done!

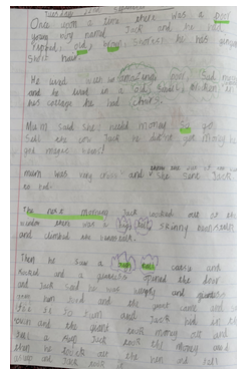


Presentation Award



This week's presentation award goes to:

Franco in 2A



AUTUMN TERM

Upcoming dates:

- Monday 19th October - Wear pink for Breast Cancer
- Monday 19th October - Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 20th October - 9:15 am EYFS Harvest assembly
- Tuesday 20th October - 2:15 pm Year 5 Harvest assembly
- Thursday 22nd October - Parent's Evening
- Friday 23rd October - break up for half term
- Monday 2nd November - Return to school
- Thursday 5th November - PTA Firework Night
- Monday 9th November - Year 5 Bikability Week
- Monday 16th November - Learn to ride for year 2-6
- Tuesday 17th November - Learn to ride for year 2-6
- Thursday 19th November - Individual school photos
- Friday 20th November - Children in Need day
- Monday 23rd November - Stay and Learn week
- Thursday 3rd December - sponsored reindeer run
- Friday 4th December - Whole school panto trip
- Monday 7th December - am Year 2 Christmas concert, pm Year 1 Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 8th December - am EYFS Christmas concert, pm Year 2 Christmas concert
- Wednesday 9th December - am Year 1 Christmas concert, pm EYFS Christmas concert

Thank you for reading!

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