

Harston and Newton Primary School

Newsletter no. 10

Thursday 12th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It does not seem possible that we are nearly half way through the school year but I wanted to thank everyone for the efforts they have made to ensure that children attend school regularly. Our **school attendance is 96.9%**, well above the national average and **26 pupils have 100% attendance**. Regular attendance helps children make good progress and also supports friendships and build self- confidence. I do hope that everyone has a restful half term, though I am not sure we will see much sunshine.

Neon Disco Friday 6th February

There was great excitement in school last Friday as the children looked forward to the PTFA Neon Disco. It was great to see the hall so full and children (and parents) clearly enjoyed dancing the night away. Thanks to the hard work of our wonderful PTFA committee and volunteers, the event raised **£639.00** for school funds, which will be used to benefit the children.

Thank you for your support and please don't forget that tomorrow is **Own Clothes day**. A suggested donation of £2.00 per child can be made online to the PTFA account or cash can be brought into school on Friday.

Green Mushroom Button on Access Gates

Please **DO NOT** let your child push the green mushroom buttons to open the school gates.

This week a child pushed the green mushroom button by the school Reception area which gave access to a visitor waiting to come in and the school office were unaware.

All visitors to the site should buzz the office for access.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We will be holding our Spring Term Parent Consultation Evenings during the week 23rd – 27th February

You will need to book an appointment using the Arbor Portal or App which can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



Please book your appointment before the booking system closes on **20th February**.

The dates and times for each class are:

	Mon 23/02/26	Tue 24/02/26	Wed 25/02/26	Thu 26/02/26	Fri 27/02/26
Class Amber			15.30 - 18.00	15.30 - 17.00	
Class Topaz Year 1			15.30 - 18.00	15.30 - 17.00	
Class Opal Year 2			15.30 - 18.00	15.30 - 17.00	
Class Emerald		15.30 - 17.30	15.30 - 18.00	15.30 - 16.00	
Class Amethyst	16.00 - 16.30		15.30 - 18.20	15.30 - 16.20	15.30 - 16.50

Please note that only one parent can make an appointment. The exception to this is where parents are separated. In this case, if you are a separated parent and cannot book an appointment through the Arbor Portal or

App, please email the school office so that we can make the appointment for you.

Advance notice – World Book Day

We will be marking World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. We will be asking children to come to school on that day **dressed as a character from a favourite book**. Please do not feel that you need to buy a costume – look through your dressing up box (if you have one) and your child's wardrobe. Lots of characters wear ordinary clothes and can be created with a simple prop and a little ingenuity

Safer Internet Day - 10th February

We had a special assembly this week to mark Safer internet day, an annual event for schools focusing on the safe and responsible use of the internet. The theme this year was safe use of AI and the children have also been covering this in an age-appropriate way in lessons. I know Mrs Pluck, our computing lead, has already shared some helpful information with parents, but as I was writing the newsletter there was a link from the NSPCC on guidance on screen time for younger children, which is shared below.

[A parent's guide to online safety for children under five | NSPCC](#)

Stars of the week

Many parents will be aware that each week class teachers pick a child who has made a special effort with their learning, and they are celebrated as “Star of the week”, “Subject Specialist” and “Sports Personality”. We share these in the newsletter each fortnight.

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Star of the Week

Year R – Joey B W

Year 1 – Leonard A

Year 2 – Mary R

Year 3 – Sophia FN



Year 4 – Rosie S

Year 5 – Phoebe M

Year 6 – Poppy BC

Subject Specialist

Amber Class – Malia Rose M and Dylan G – Map Makers

Topaz Class – Raphael L - Reading

Opal Class – Miles F - Writer

Emerald class – Hugo F - Scientist

Amethyst Class – Charlotte H - Writer

Sports Personality

Vinnie H

Wednesday 11th February 2026

Star of the Week

Year R – Dylan G

Year 1 – Lucas W

Year 2 – Joey B

Year 3 – Emma W

Year 4 – Stirling JS

Year 5 – Ofri PB

Year 6 – Jaxon A



Subject Specialist

Amber Class – Josie T –

Astronaut/Planner/Writer

Topaz Class – Maanya K - Reader

Opal Class – Bethany W - Writer

Emerald class – Tommy S - Artist

Amethyst Class – Ali K - Writing

Sports Personality – Lani S

SPORT

New Age Kurling

On the 2nd February a group of Emerald class children had the chance to try out New Age Kurling at Bassingbourn Village College. New Age Kurling is an exciting target game with teams playing a tactical game of position with the stones. The children rotated around four

activities including, skittles and gates, and had to work on their teamwork to knock the opponents' curling stone off the target in the last Kurling game. Everyone had great fun and thank you to Mrs Bai for being the parent helper.



Melbourn Village College production of 'Annie' – see attached poster

Diary Dates

Small Schools Quicksticks Hockey . . . 12th Feb 2026
 Yr 6 and Yr R National Weighing and Measurement Programme 12th Feb 2026
 PTFA Own Clothes Day 13th Feb 2026
 Parent Consultation Evening (Amethyst) 23rd Feb 2026
 Parent Consultation Evening (Amber, Topaz and Amethyst) 25th Feb 2026
 Parent Consultation Evening (Amber, Topaz and Amethyst) 26th Feb 2026
 Parent Consultation Evening (Amethyst) 27th Feb 2026
 World Book Day 5th Mar 2026
 Let Girls Play Football Event 6th Mar 2026
 Netball Competition MVC (TBC) 9th Mar 2026
Year 4 Trip to MVC to see production of Annie 11th Mar 2026
 Year 5 and 6 to Boggle Hole . . . 9th – 13th Mar 2026
 Small Schools TAG Rugby (AM) 18th Mar 2026
 Music Assembly (TBC) 19th Mar 2026
 PTFA Class Topaz Cake Sale 20th Mar 2026
 PTFA Own Clothes Day 27th Mar 2026
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt 27th Mar 2026
 Skipping Week (IN SCHOOL) – 20th -24th April 2026
Class School Photographs 27th April 2026

PTFA Own Clothes Day 1st May 2026
 Tennis Festival (Linton VC) 7th May 2026
Year 6 SATs 11th – 14th May 2026
PTFA May Fayre 16th May 2026
Maths Challenge 19th May 2026
 PTFA Own Clothes Day 21st May 2026
 Small schools Quadkids Athletics . . . 4th June 2026
 Year 3/4 Girls Football Festival . . . 17th June 2026
 National School Sports Week . 15th-19th June 2026
 PTFA Emerald Class Cake Sale 26th June 2026
 Dynamos Cricket 30th June 2026
 PTFA Own Clothes Day 10th July 2026
Individual School Photographs 19th Nov 2026

Term Dates

Academic Year 2025/26

Spring Term 2026

Half Term – 16th – 20th February 2026
 Spring Term Closes – Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Summer Term Opens – Monday 13th April 2026
 May Day – Monday 4th May 2026
Staff Training Day – Friday 22nd May 2026
 Half Term – 25th – 29th May 2026
 Summer Term Opens – Monday 1st June 2026
Summer Term Closes – Friday 17th July
Staff Training Day – Monday 20th July

Academic Year 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Staff Training Day – Tuesday 1st Sept 2026
 Autumn Term Opens – Wednesday 2nd Sept 2026
Staff Training Day – Friday 23rd Oct 2026
 Half Term – 26th Oct – 30th Oct 2026
 Autumn Term Closes – Friday 18th Dec 2026

Spring Term 2027

Staff Training Day – Monday 4th Jan 2027
 Spring Term Opens – Tuesday 5th Jan 2027
 Half Term – 15th – 19th Feb 2027
 Spring Term Closes – Thursday 25th Mar 2027

Summer Term 2027

Staff Training Day – Monday 12th Apr 2027
 Summer Term Opens – Tuesday 13th Apr 2027
 May Day – Monday 3rd May 2027
Staff Training Day – Friday 28th May 2027
 Half Term – 31st May – 4th Jun 2027
 Summer Term Opens – Monday 7th June 2027
 Summer Term Closes – Tuesday 20th Jul 2027

