

Hartley Brook Primary NEWSLETTER

Year 6 Christmas Show

We hope this message finds you well as we enter the festive season.

We're writing to share a small change to our usual plans for Year 6 this year. After much consideration, we've decided not to put on a Christmas performance this December. We know this may come as a disappointment, especially as it's always a lovely part of the build-up to the holidays. Please rest assured, this decision hasn't been made lightly. As the oldest in the school, Year 6 already has a very full and demanding term, and we want to make sure they can enjoy the season without feeling stretched or overwhelmed. Instead, we're planning something very special for the Summer term: a longer, more meaningful **Leavers' Performance**, which will give the children the chance to truly shine. It will be a celebration of their time at primary school - full of joy, memories, and laughter - and we're already looking forward to sharing it with you all.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support. We feel incredibly lucky to share this important year with your children, and we can't wait to give them the send-off they so richly deserve.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Our next pre-loved uniform sale is on:



**Friday 14th November - 2.10 pm until
2.45 pm at The Hub**

Children in Need

Friday 14th November is Children in Need Day, for a donation of £1.00 children can wear non-uniform or pyjamas.



Odd Socks Day

This week in school it has been Anti-Bullying week and children have been wearing odd socks in support. Odd Sock Day is a simple way for children to express themselves and celebrate what makes us all unique. We have been promoting kindness, inclusion and respect.



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Diary Dates

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Fri 14th November - Children in Need £1.00 donation non-uniform
Tue 9th December - Y3 carol concert 9.15 am & 2.15 pm
Wed 10th December - Y4 carol concert 9.15 am & 2.15 pm
Thur 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Thur 11th December - Christmas Lunch
Thur 11th December - Nursery Christmas performance 9.15 am & 12.45 pm
Fri 12th December - Year 1 Christmas performance 9.15 am & 2.00 pm
Mon 15th December - Y5 Carol concert 9.15 am & 2.15 pm
Tues 16th December - Christmas Fair 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm
Tues 16th December - Reception Christmas performance 9.15 am & 2.00 pm
Wed 17th December - Y2 Christmas performance 9.15 am & 2.00 pm
Fri 19th December - Last day of term

Mon 22nd December - Fri 2nd January - Christmas holidays

Mon 5th January - Inset day - school closed

Tue 6th January - Pupils return to school

Welcome to our School



Welcome to our new members of staff:

Mrs Roberts - Lunch Time Supervisor



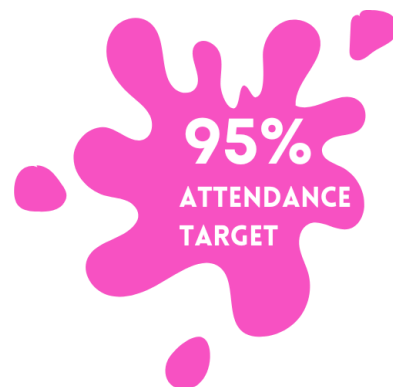
Mrs Hardy - School Cleaner



Attendance Information

Year-to-Date (YTD) attendance table for the period ending 07/11/2025

Year Group	Tutor Group	Attendance %	Status
Nursery	NURS PM 25/26 (N1)	87.30% 4	● Critical
	NURS AM 25.26 (N2)	92.76% 5	☐ Concern
	NURS PM 25/26 (N2)	82.63% 6	● Critical
Reception	REC LM	92.74% 7	☐ Concern
	REC ML	93.84% 8	☐ Approaching Target
Year 1	Y1 KL	92.69% 9	☐ Concern
	Y1 KOR	87.82% 10	● Critical
Year 2	Y2 ET	93.65% 11	☐ Approaching Target
	Y2 FP	95.00% 12	☐ Excellent
	Y2 NG	95.65% 13	☐ Excellent
Year 3	Y3 CM	91.33% 14	☐ Concern
	Y3 DW	89.05% 15	● Critical
	Y3 SM	94.69% 16	☐ Approaching Target



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Year 4	Y4 JD	90.50% 17	⚠️ Concern
	Y4 JW	95.78% 18	✅ Excellent
	Y4 RB	92.17% 19	⚠️ Concern
Year 5	Y5 LB	89.84% 20	🔴 Critical
	Y5 NW	94.53% 21	⚠️ Approaching Target
	Y5 SC	93.32% 22	⚠️ Approaching Target
Year 6	Y6 LN	92.73% 23	⚠️ Concern
	Y6 RS	94.13% 24	⚠️ Approaching Target
	Y6 TJ	93.14% 25	⚠️ Approaching Target



Key: ✅ ≥95% (Excellent) | ⚠️ 93-95% (Approaching Target) | ⚠️ 90-93% (Concern) | 🔴 <90% (Critical)

Working together to keep everyone well (and in school!)

A quick community ask for the next few weeks while winter bugs do the rounds:

- Make sure children come **dressed for the weather** (layers help in ventilated rooms).
- Pop a **labelled handkerchief** or small tissue pack in their pocket if they prefer their own.
- Encourage **good handwashing** and using **tissues once, then bin**.
- Send a **labelled water bottle**.

Check the **NHS "Is my child too ill for school?"** page if you're unsure—most coughs/colds don't need time off.

Thank you for helping us keep attendance strong and learning on track.

Attendance - More than a number!

Here at Hartley Brook we talk a lot about attendance—not because of a percentage, but because every day in school builds something important. Daily routines help children form great habits, grow resilience, and feel a stronger sense of belonging with friends and trusted adults. Lessons link together, confidence builds, and those small, everyday wins add up. When a child misses a day, they miss more than a mark in a register; they miss the conversations, the practice, and the moments that make learning "click".

We also want to acknowledge that life happens. If mornings are tricky, if your child is anxious, or if family circumstances are making school harder right now, please talk to us. School is a powerful protective factor for children's wellbeing—socially, emotionally and academically—and we're here to help you keep that connection strong. A quick chat can unlock practical support, from easing drop-off routines to problem-solving worries. Let's keep working together so that every child arrives, feels welcome, and gets the full benefit of the day.

Reception Open Evening



HARTLEY BROOK PRIMARY ACADEMY RECEPTION 2025/2026 OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025, 3.30 TO 5.00PM

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2026, we would love to meet you to show you what we offer in our wonderful Early Years provision. Please bring your child along to meet us and explore the classrooms!



If you would like any further information, please get in touch on 0114 2456882.

School Meals Week Beginning 17 November At Hartley Brook



*Healthy &
Delicious Meals*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Bean Tortilla	Roast Pork Sausage	Roast Chicken	Chicken Tikka Massala	Fish Fillet
Tomato Pasta (V)	Roast Veggie Sausage (V)	Roast Quorn Fillet (V)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Roasted Vegetable Pitta (V)
Garlic Bread Potato Wedges	Mashed Potatoes Gravy	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding,	Garlic Bread Rice	Chips
No Sandwiches	No Sandwiches	No Sandwiches	No Sandwiches	No Sandwiches
Sweetcorn	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Garden Peas Carrots
Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings are available on every day				
Chocolate Orange Iced Sponge	Apple Crumble Cake & Custard	Chocolate Chip Muffin	Shortbread Pinwheel & Chocolate Custard	Flapjack



*School Lunches
Every Day*

Salad, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily

Light Switch-On

We are delighted to share that our school choir has been invited to perform a few Christmas songs at the Hartley Brook Light Switch-On event on Tuesday 2nd December at 4:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to be part of a special community celebration and to spread some festive cheer!



The event will take place at Hartley Brook Shops. We will walk the children there together after school.

- Please collect your child as normal at 3:00pm, then walk with them to Year 2NG (Red Class), where we will gather before leaving school at 3:30pm to walk to the shops as a group.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer in order to take part, as we will not be able to take children without adult supervision.

If you and your child would like to join us, please complete the permission slip below and return it to your child's class teacher by Thursday 20th November.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a lovely, festive community event. Thank you for your continued support - we look forward to sharing this special moment with you and our children.

Water Bottles

Please can parents/carers ensure that their child/children come to school with a water bottle. Pupils can then refill their water bottles throughout the day using the water fountains which are in both KS1 and KS2 buildings. It would also be helpful to have your child's name on the water bottle.



Residential Visit to Hollowford

Wow...what can we say? The year 6 residential was an absolute blast for the staff and children...they were a credit to Hartley Brook. Lots of fears were faced with courage and bravery and the encouragement shown from each and every one of the children was fantastic!



