



2025-26



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Baby Newts

Thank you to the PTA for providing new pond dipping equipment.

Trialling it out this week, we discovered lots of small newts amongst the weeds.



'I think it is good that our pond is healthy and has lots of newts.' (Jacob, Year 5)

'I love finding new creatures!' (Oliver, Year 5)

'I like discovering new things about nature.' (Archie, Year 5)



Year 4 Football Festival



On Wednesday, Mr Moutrey took a group of Year 4 boys to a 'football festival' and reports that:

'The boys all engaged well with the different skills stations and had great fun, whilst representing our school well. Well done boys, go team Harlands!'



Year 4 Football Festival



'I enjoyed playing the football and seeing the other schools.' (Harley)

'I was proud of my friends— they did really well.' (Jack)

'The skills we learned were really good fun and we worked so well together.' (Otto)

PE helps us to understand and experience the physical and mental benefits everyone can gain from exercise.



In Assembly— Orchestral Themes

In assembly this week, we explored the instruments of the orchestra and how they create amazing music together.



We watched the National Youth Orchestra performing the ***Star Wars*** theme at the BBC Proms, which showed just how exciting orchestral music can be.



‘Music can be very powerful and changes lives!’ (Ruairi, Y5)



This week Harlands was invited to take a small group of children to Borde Hill to feature in a promotional film for their “Reinventing Borde Hill” project - which will include a new outdoor play and learning area for the South Park.

A short documentary-style film will be produced talking about the project and why outdoor learning and the value of nature is so important for children.



‘I like nature because it has: freedom, fun and fresh air!’ (Elsie, Year 4)

‘I enjoyed the nature walk at Borde Hill—we collected conkers.’ (Emily, Year 4)

‘I made a small model of the new play park using sand, sticks and acorns.’ (Dev, Year 4)

‘I enjoyed being outdoors and looking at nature.’ (Amber, Year 4)

Active Learning



Year 5 in action today outdoors.



Castles and Dragons

Well done Year 2 for producing some excellent work on our school 'Houses'. The children have got immersed in their new topic. They have been researching their own house castles.



Next week they will be looking at castle jobs and then writing an application for a job!

Receptionist / Welfare Assistant

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are still trying to recruit someone to help in the Office team. Please see our school website for full details:

[Harlands Primary School - Vacancies](#)



Diary Dates

Thursday, 2 October
Friday, 3 October
Friday, 10 October
Monday, 13 October
Wednesday, 15 October
Wk beg Monday, 20 October

Y4 Haywards Heath parks trip
8.30-10.00 PTA Coffee morning for EYFS parents
Flu vaccinations—whole school
Harvest Festival
Y2 Birds of Prey Experience
Parent Consultations

Friday, 24 October
Monday, 27–Friday, 31 October
Monday, 3 November

INSET Day
Half term
INSET Day

Week begin 17 November
Wednesday, 26 November

Y6 Bikeability
School Photographer (individual & family groups)

Friday, 19 December
Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January
Monday, 5 January

INSET Day
Christmas Holiday
INSET Day

Payment reminder: Y2 Birds of Prey, due by 29 September
Y6 Bikeability, also due by 29 September

Harlands PTA 2025/26 Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's AGM. It was brilliant to welcome lots of new and familiar faces and great to see the goal of expanding the PTA committee be achieved.

The PTA welcomes Christoph Leiwe as Chair and Carl Bell as Community Officer.

Christoph Leiwe:



Carl Bell:



Your 2025/26 Harlands PTA Committee includes:

Chair - Christoph Leiwe
Treasurer - Hayley Cook
Community Officers - Carl Bell and Kitty Fairbairn
Secretary - Sarah Jones
Spend Officer - Kim Staines-Rebeiro

The PTA is still seeking a Communications Coordinator - please get in touch with harlandspta@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you to Hayley for continuing as Treasurer to ensure the PTA continues for the benefit of all Harlands pupils. However, to ensure PTA treasury can continue to run efficiently in the coming years, **we are looking for interest from future treasurers.**

The Spend Officer aims to work with the school to establish fundraising targets - a need identified by previous committees.

Community Officers will add capacity to the new committee - Carl has offered in particular to help with fairs and event logistics and Kitty will support with some comms and admin (until new volunteers are in place), as well as running a couple of events.

The committee will steer the PTA charity governance and are **looking for sub-committees, to manage and run events and initiatives throughout the year.** Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue working together to create fun and drive fundraising at Harlands.

Look out for a welcome from your new PTA Chair in next week's newsletter!