



2025-26



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Year 4 Parks Walk

Year 4 had a great time in Victoria Park and Clair Park. They drew maps of the parks, made natural sculptures, completed a number hunt and had lots of fun exploring the play equipment in the parks.



Year 4 Parks Walk (continued)

And here are some photos of Chestnut class



Thank you to the fantastic helpers who accompanied both class on the trip.

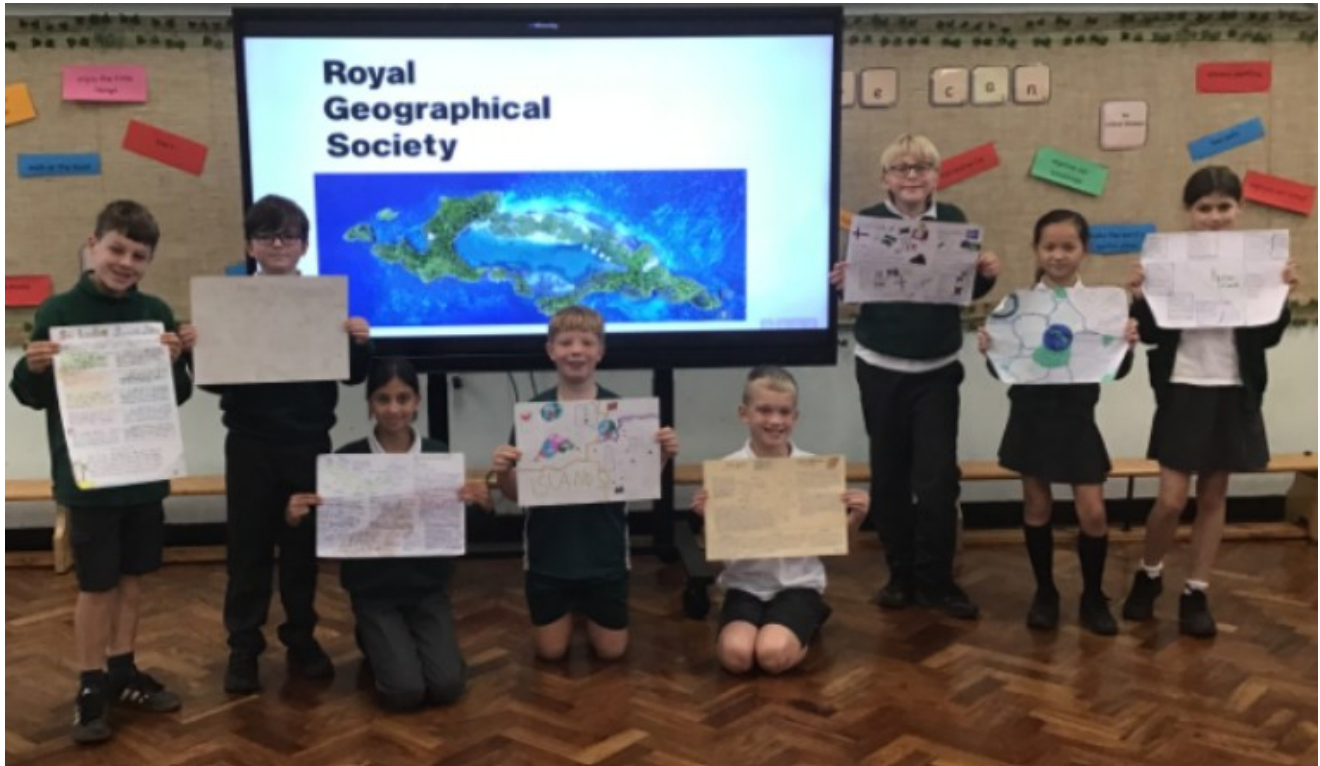


Year 1 PE

Holly class had great fun and improved their balance and climbing skills on the new play equipment during outdoor PE this week



Young Geographer of the Year competition



Today, a group of pupils proudly presented their entries for the Young Geographer of the Year 2025 competition, which focused on the theme “**Understanding Islands.**” They worked incredibly hard on their projects, uncovering fascinating facts about islands from around the world. The Year 5 and 6 pupils also had the unique opportunity to meet Dr Jennie Doyle, one of our school Trustees, who is a University Geography Lecturer, and gave them expert insight into their research.

We were delighted to celebrate their achievements in school, recognising not only their hard work, but also their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning about the wider world.

In Assembly— **Red Roses success**



In Monday's assembly, we celebrated the incredible success of the England women's rugby team, the Red Roses, who recently triumphed in the Women's Rugby World Cup Final. Their victory was a wonderful reminder of the power of teamwork, determination and resilience.



The Red Roses are inspiring role models for young girls and boys across the country, showing that with hard work and courage, anything is possible!



Musical typewriters



In assembly this week, Mrs Michael introduced the children to the typewriter, with thanks to Mr Swiggs, our Chair of Trustees, for lending us one to explore. The children then enjoyed a clip from the recent BBC Proms, where Bill Bailey performed Leroy Anderson's famous piece "The Typewriter", showing how an everyday object can be turned into music.



Harvest Festival



Please can children drop-off on **Monday 13th October** any donations they can for Haywards Heath foodbank.

Any contribution will be gratefully received, but having spoken to Haywards Heath foodbank they suggested the following donations – we have split these into year groups to try and ensure there is an equal spread of contributions. However, this is just a guide. We would also like to stress that please only participate if you feel you can spare the donation.

Reception – tinned fruit / long-life desserts

Year 1 – tinned meats / vegetables

Year 2 – household items such as washing powder, washing up liquid, cloths

Year 3 – sugar/sweetener / hot chocolate / squash

Year 4 – breakfast cereals / porridge oats / instant porridge

Year 5 – bread / jam / spread (no nuts)

Year 6 – toilet rolls

Staff – biscuits and treats (chocolates/ sweets)

***Please No PASTA, BAKED-BEANS or SOUP**

Any donations should be brought to school on the morning of **Monday 13th October. Tables will be set up in the hall for children to drop off donations on their way to class.**

Health and Safety matters

Parking Issues

We have received a number of complaints about people parking on the double yellow lines at the junction of Turners Mill Road and Penland Road. Please can we remind you that the [Highway Code](#) explains that double yellow lines “indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.”

When it comes to double yellow lines, the best bet is to assume that you can't park there at any time.

There are some exceptions eg you might be allowed to quickly stop to load or unload **heavy goods** (but this doesn't include children) or if you are a Blue Badge Holder.

Scooters

Mrs Nelson, our Crossing Patrol, has also asked us to remind everyone that scooters need to be walked across the road.

Playground equipment

Please could we remind parents/carers that children, including toddlers, are requested not to use the playground equipment before or after school.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above.

Diary Dates

Friday, 10 October	Flu vaccinations—whole school
Monday, 13 October	Harvest Festival
Wednesday, 15 October	Y2 Birds of Prey Experience
Wk beg Monday, 20 October	Parent Consultations
<i>Friday, 24 October</i>	<i>INSET Day</i>
<i>Monday, 27 –Friday, 31 October</i>	<i>Half term</i>
<i>Monday, 3 November</i>	<i>INSET Day</i>
Week begin 17 November	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday, 26 November	School Photographer (individual & family groups)
<i>Friday, 19 December</i>	<i>INSET Day</i>
<i>Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January</i>	<i>Christmas Holiday</i>
<i>Monday, 5 January</i>	<i>INSET Day</i>



Welcome from your new PTA Chair

Dear Parents, Carers, and School Community,

It's a great honour to take over the reins as Chair from Kim Staines-Rebeiro, who, alongside Kitty Fairbairn, Hayley Cook, and Sarah Jones, has done fantastic work over the past two years. Their dedication to the Harlands community has resulted in some wonderful events and incredible fundraising efforts.

As a parent of a child in Year 1, I've seen first-hand how important the PTA's role is in raising and providing funds to help ensure that children at Harlands enjoy a fulfilling educational and extracurricular experience. I look forward to continuing to champion this mission during my tenure.

As announced last week, the new committee has expanded, with Carl Bell and myself being voted onto the committee at the AGM. We're also pleased to share that Sarah Jones has volunteered to continue on as Secretary. This governance structure provides us with a strong leadership base to build on the momentum established in previous years.

Looking ahead, we're already in the midst of planning several events designed to bring parents, carers, staff, and students closer together. We're also looking to relaunch the school lottery and have begun reaching out to local businesses to support our winter raffle.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge that the PTA could not be successful without the generous support of the many volunteers who give up their valuable time. Our community is always eager to welcome anyone wishing to get involved in any way they can. Please feel free to reach out to me or any committee member, we'd be happy to have a chat.

Thank you all for your continued support. I'm excited to be working with you in the year ahead.

Warm regards,
Christoph Leiwe
PTA Chair

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SAVE THE DATE Harlands School Disco

Friday 21 November

Help raise funds for your school and have fun by attending the PTA disco!

Lots of volunteers are required to help the disco run safely and smoothly. **Please sign up here:** <https://volunteersignup.org/K4R3F>

Timings:

4pm - 4.30pm Reception disco

4.45pm - 5.30pm Years 1&2 disco

5.45pm - 6.30pm Years 3&4 disco

6.45pm - 7.30pm Years 5&6 disco

Please note Reception children must be accompanied by one adult who stays with them throughout. Unfortunately due to space, we can't accommodate siblings. All other year groups the disco is drop off and full information will be shared two weeks prior regarding drop off and collection. Tickets are £3 cash on the door. No need to sign up in advance.

Save the Date—Winter Fair

Friday, 5 December—5.00 to 7.30pm

More details to follow soon