



2025-26



In this week's newsletter:

- Local heroes
- Football Tournaments
- Active Citizens
- Ukulele stars
- Community Support
- Remembrance
- Admin matters
- Diary Dates
- PTA Update

Local heroes

Great effort and teamwork was shown last night at the Year 3 and 4 football club.



Local heroes



They really value their coach Rab (from LPA) , who always encourages them to do their best, play fairly, and support one another. The children say he makes every session fun and helps them improve — not just at football, but at teamwork, confidence, and respect too!

‘Rab helps us to be better and not do slide tackles!’

‘Rab shows us new positions and what teamwork is.’

‘He helps us to try our hardest, not criticise and be our best!’

Football Tournaments

Just before the half-term break, both some older boys and girls took part in football competitions held at St Pauls school. The boys came 1st in their event, and are now through to the next round, with the girls coming 4th. A great time was had by all!



Four Fabulous Harlands Pupils

About 6 weeks ago, a very enthusiastic group of girls asked if they could hold a cake sale to support our school PTA. They spent their half term baking, being careful to write out the ingredients.



On Tuesday they set up their stall and smiled their way through the sale—raising a fabulous £180. Well done for their fantastic efforts, and for role-modelling 'The Harlands Way'.

Ukulele skills



The children in our Ukulele Club say they love learning new songs and playing together each week. Everyone is welcome to join in, and with lots of encouragement from Mr Pack, the group is growing in confidence and skill. They enjoy helping each other, performing for others, and most of all — having fun while making music together!

'The Ukulele Club gives me confidence.'

'We all help each other find the right chords.'

'Mr Pack helps to make playing the ukulele joyful.'

'It's a really nice community.'

Community Support

Parents may see in the local news that our MP, Alison Bennett, has been raising issues in Parliament about our school funding. Alison is challenging the DfE in support of our bids for a new roof and upgraded perimeter fencing through the DfE Capital Improvement Fund. She is also highlighting the growing funding pressures schools face in supporting pupils with additional needs during Prime Minister's Questions.

Whilst visiting Harlands, she also meet our debating team who challenged her with a searching Q&A session. She was very supportive of the children and answered their questions well.

We are grateful for her support and for championing these important issues locally and nationally.



Remembrance

Year 6 have been writing poems for Remembrance Day inside poppies that they have made:

Merciless bombs fell from the sky
Oh why, oh why?
Please tell me why?
Dust on the helmet, rust on the gun
But the soldier who once held them was taken young
The souls of the resting rustle the grass
A sound unheard by the passing mass
The world outside, in colours bright and bold
Was deaf to the soldiers fighting hard
Nobody noticed but there were shattered mothers
Children's gnawing pain
For their fathers shall never be seen again
Around all towns we gather and wear poppies to remember those who fought for peace
With endless thank you's we stand up for NO MORE in Flanders Fields.

(Eleanor, Y6 Lime)



Road Safety: “Wait” and “Safe to cross”

A big **thank you** to everyone this week for following the reminder shared in our last newsletter about road safety.

We appreciate all those who have carefully followed the instructions from our crossing patrol officer — waiting until the officer is safely in the middle of the road and signals that it is **“safe to cross”**.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for helping to reinforce this important safety message and keeping our school community safe.



Diary Dates

Tuesday, 13 November

Week begin 17 November

Tuesday, 25 November

Wednesday, 26 November

Friday, 28 November

Wednesday, 3 December

Friday, 19 December

Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January

Monday, 5 January

Y5 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Y6 Bikeability

Y3 visit to Brighton Museum

School Photographer (individual & family groups)

Y6 Life in Ancient Egypt Day

Y4 to Preston Manor

INSET Day

Christmas Holiday

INSET Day

Payment reminders:

Y3 Brighton—overdue

Y4 Preston Manor—due by Tuesday, 18 November

WINTER FAIR AND LIGHT TRAIL

If you can, please help with some Winter Fair and Light Trail requests.

All of which help enormously with PTA fundraising for the school on the night!

LIGHT TRAIL:

- Please **donate jam jars** to the school office from now until 17 Nov - all children will make a lantern at school to be displayed on the trail, so each pupil needs a jar (please keep the lids on jars and ensure they're cleaned and labels removed).
- **Loan your outdoor lights, fairy lights and lanterns** - these can be brought to school on Friday mornings at drop off time and a PTA volunteer will be in the infant play-ground to receive them.
- **Volunteer to make a larger-scale lantern**, if you are interested or want to find out more please email HarlandsPTA@Gmail.com! (Materials will be provided and there will be a prize for the best creation!)
- **Decorate and fill paper pots with goodies!** Children will soon bring home empty pots, please return them to school on Friday 5 December at drop off. This is for one of the most popular stalls where children buy the pots for a few pounds to raise money for the school! (For allergy reasons, please only include food in packaging and please avoid the use of cellophane when decorating the pots).

Here's an example! Pots can be filled with anything you like, including small toys, craft items, toiletries, sweets, games and more!



(continued)

DURING THE WEEK OF 1-5 DECEMBER, WINTER FAIR PTA VOLUNTEERS WILL BE IN THE PLAYGROUND TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- **Donations for the tombola** - including, unopened wine, chocolates, beauty gift sets, toiletries, new toys, books and games.
- **Donations for 'Elfridges' stall** - including, beauty gift sets, bubble bath/shower gel, jewellery, new socks/ties/scarves, wallets/purses, candles/vases/picture frames, cookery books, wrapping paper/gift tags/bows, Sellotape. (Elfridges is a kids only gift room where kids purchase items in secret for loved ones - volunteers will help them wrap items!).
- **Cakes, muffins, biscuits and mince pies for the cake stall** (please only bring these in on Friday 5 December).
- Adult or child **second hand Christmas jumpers** - to be sold at the fair.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE LIGHT TRAIL AND STALLS

Light trail: <https://volunteersignup.org/AFQ87>

Tombola stall: <https://volunteersignup.org/TKXC4>

Elfridges: <https://share.google/ozOvsv8uOIHcZI9lw>

Goodie pots and jumpers stall: <https://volunteersignup.org/LBPKE>

Bar: <https://volunteersignup.org/7K8C9>

Games: <https://volunteersignup.org/JXMK3>

Hot dog stall: <https://volunteersignup.org/XDQRE>

Cake stall: volunteersignup.org/WBFEF

Christmas is a busy and expensive time of year, so any donations you can offer or volunteering your time and support to help make events a success is very gratefully received. Thank you in advance.

Other reminders and dates for your diaries!

School disco information - will be shared by school email. Please keep an eye out for this. We're looking forward to a really fun evening!

Year 5 Cake Sale - Friday 28 November.

Harlands Coffee Morning - Friday 12 December at morning drop off.