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This week's PTA update will come as a separate document



Active Citizens—Tour Guides

Over the past few weeks, our Year 5 pupils have been working incredibly hard as tour guides during our open events for prospective new parents. We want to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them.



Active Citizens (Y5) - Tour guides

The feedback from visitors has been nothing short of amazing. Many parents have commented on how confident, welcoming, and knowledgeable the children have been while showing families around our school. Their warm smiles, clear explanations, and genuine enthusiasm have made a wonderful impression on everyone who stepped through our doors.



'I loved showing the visitors around because I know it is helpful for them to get to know our school.'

'We got to show them everything we love about our school.'

'We took them to things that are special at Harlands like the pond, the wildlife walk and our amphitheatre.'

'I felt proud and responsible—it was like being in charge of the school.'

(Pranvitha, Emily, Lizzy)

Brighton Museum visit (Y3)

On Tuesday 25th November, Year 3 went on a trip down to Brighton Museum for a Stone Age workshop. The children had to work out the code to unlock the key which would gain them access to a chest of items owned by someone who lived in the Stone Age era.



They all had a wonderful time and enjoyed experiencing more about the Stone Age, whilst also being able to walk around the museum and look at the other exhibitions.

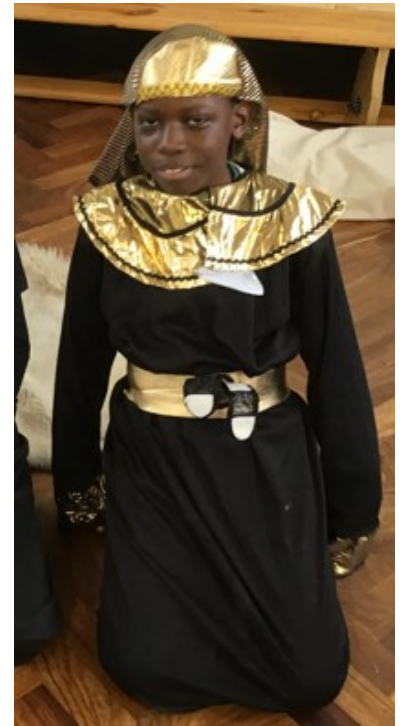
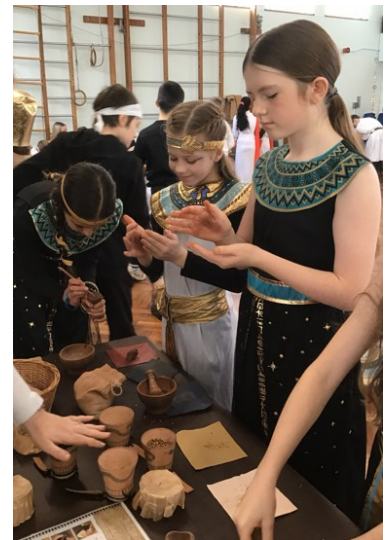
All children were really well behaved and we all enjoyed our trip out.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and to the staff who joined us on a lovely day.



Y6 Egypt Day

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time today immersing themselves in an Egyptian workshop, exploring ancient history in a hands-on way. A huge thank you to the parents who kindly volunteered and helped make the day such a success!



Y6 Egypt Day



Indoor Athletics

Our amazing Year 5 team took on the challenge of Indoor Athletics against other local schools who all had Year 6 teams (our Year 6 were dressed as Egyptians so would have looked a bit strange...). All the team were amazing and did their absolute utmost when competing and supporting team mates.

Well done everyone - let's go again in Yr6!



Year 6 Hoodies

Having done the official school photographs in their normal green attire, Year 6 have been delighted to receive their rather colourful 'leaver' hoodies.



Thanks also to the parents who helped with the organisation for the hoodies this year—it is very much appreciated.



This week in assembly, we explored the wonderful benefits of art and creativity and how important they are for our health and wellbeing. We talked about how making time to draw, paint, build, or simply create can help us relax, express ourselves, and feel calmer and happier. We also shared the idea—often linked with artists like Henri Matisse—that taking a little time each day to be creative is a brave and positive choice. By slowing down, making art, and doing activities that help our bodies and minds feel good, we're showing real care for ourselves. Let's all remember to make space for creativity and wellbeing in our day!



Christmas Reminder

A reminder of the arrangements for our Christmas events:



Tuesday, 9 December @ 9.30am—EYFS Nativity, maximum of two guests per child, *no need to book*, but guests will be checked into school.

Wednesday, 10 December @ 9.30am—Year 1 Nativity, maximum of two guests per child, *no need to book*, but guests will be checked into school.

Thursday and Friday, 11 & 12 December @ 9.30am—Year 2 Nativities, maximum of two guests per child for one performance only. *Arrangements to book have been shared, and any adjustments to bookings will be sorted out next week.*

Monday, 15 December @ 1.30pm at St Wilfrids' Church—KS2 Carol Service—a letter has been sent, requesting a response by e-mail. Thank you to those who have already responded—the deadline to do so is **Monday, 1 December**.

Please note that, especially for the EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 performances, it would be helpful if any younger siblings could be looked after elsewhere.

This year the **Christmas Post Box** will be out on the playground every morning from **Monday 8th—Friday 12th December**, with a final opportunity on Monday, 15th December if you would like to send Christmas cards to others within the school.

Please make sure the cards are addressed with the child's first and surname and their class. It would also help the Christmas Elves who sort the post if you could put cards for the same class in a rubber band! The cards will be distributed within school on Tuesday, 17th December.

Parent Trustee Vacancy

Having received four nominations for the parent trustee vacancy, we are currently in the process of organising an election process. Further information will be shared via Arbor as soon as possible.

School Photographer

Today your child(ren) should come home with a proof from J P Photographic. All photos need to be ordered directly with them by **Tuesday, 9th December**. Instructions for how to order are on the proof.

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 3 December	Y4 to Preston Manor
Tuesday, 9 December	9.30am—EYFS Nativity
Wednesday, 10 December	9.30am—Year 1 Nativity
Thursday, 11 December	9.30am—Year 2 Nativity (first performance)
Friday, 12 December	9.30am—Year 2 Nativity (second performance)
Monday, 15 December	KS2 Carol Service—1.30pm at St Wilfrids Church
Friday, 19 December	INSET Day
Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January	Christmas Holiday
Monday, 5 January	INSET Day

Payment reminders:

Y6 ongoing instalments for residential trip



Musicians required for Winter Fair!

If you have a budding musician or singer, they are invited to play at the Winter Fair on Friday 5 December. There are two drop in sessions, one at 5.45 pm and one at 6.30 pm - just turn up if they'd like to play, no need to sign up!

Winter Fair music programme:

School choir
Worth band
Harlands musicians (drop in session at 5.45 pm)
Worth band
Harlands musicians (drop in session at 6.30 pm)
Worth band
Sing-a-long with Mrs Moffatt

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning!

The raffle draw will take place on Sunday 7 December and sales are open until then.

Click here to purchase: [Raffle - Harlands PTA Winter Raffle 2025](#)

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the disco last week!

Including the Disco Sub-Committee for organising such a fun evening! The kids had a great time and £692.60 was raised which will go towards supporting the school and children.

Winter Fair and Light Trail donations

PTA volunteers will be in the playground all of next week at morning drop off collecting donations for the winter fair and light trail. Please see the next page for more.

****Filled pots can be brought in on Friday 5 December - morning drop off.****



DONATIONS NEEDED

If you can, please help to donate:

Donations can be brought in any morning next week!

ELFRIDGES

- Beauty and toiletries
- Jewellery
- Socks, ties, scarves
- Candles, vases, picture frames
- Wrapping paper, gift tags, Sellotape

TOMBOLA

- Unopened wine, chocolates, beauty gift sets, toiletries, new toys, books and games