HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week ending 13th November 2026

Dear Families,
we have had another lovely week in Preschool, learning about the colourful celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights!
Our story this week has been ***The Best Diwali*** *Ever* by Sonali Shah, a lovely story about a little girl called Ariana and her family as they prepare to celebrate Diwali. Through the story, we have been finding out how families celebrate this special festival with colourful decorations, beautiful lights, delicious food and time spent with loved ones. We have talked about how Diwali is celebrated by many Hindu families and how it represents light overcoming darkness.
The children have been busy getting creative, making their very own clay diva lamps, carefully shaping the clay and decorating their creations with colourful gems. We have also been exploring the beautiful patterns associated with Diwali, having a go at creating rangoli patterns using coloured pencils, chalks outdoors and wooden shapes. The children have enjoyed looking at pictures of mehndi hand designs and creating their own patterns on paper hands.
Our home corner has had a colourful makeover too, with garlands, hanging decorations and beautiful fabrics to inspire lots of imaginative play. We have also enjoyed looking at pictures of Diwali celebrations and matching images in our play activities.

On **Remembrance Day**, we took a little time to remember and think about the importance of kindness and peace. We watched the lovely CBeebies *Poppies* animation and joined in with a quiet moment of reflection. We were introduced to the 'Last Post' being trumpeted, to mark the start and end of our moment of peace.
It has been a lovely week of exploring different celebrations, learning about traditions and enjoying lots of colourful, creative activities together.

Happy Weekend! The Pre-School Team

Things to Remember:

- **Please remember to pre-order your child's school dinner.**
- **NON-UNIFORM DAY** Friday 20th November – Rainbow Raffle donations (further details to follow from school admin)
- **NON-UNIFORM DAY -** Friday 27th November
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR** – Friday 27TH November 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Star Award

Lucy