Friday 20th November October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final few weeks before Christmas, school continues to be a busy and exciting place filled with learning, achievement and preparations for the festive season.

Many of you will have known or had children taught by **Miss Vaughan** during her time at Harris Primary. After more than seven years at the school, Miss Vaughan will be leaving us at Christmas to pursue new opportunities. Throughout her time at Harris, Miss Vaughan has made a significant contribution to our school community, serving not only as a class teacher but also as a curriculum leader and, at times, as Acting Deputy Headteacher. She has supported countless children and families over the years and has always been committed to helping our pupils achieve their very best.

On behalf of the staff, governors, children and wider school community, I would like to thank Miss Vaughan for her dedication, professionalism and hard work during her time at Harris Primary. We wish her every happiness and success in the future.

I would also like to thank families for their generous support of our recent fundraising efforts. Your contributions are always greatly appreciated and help us continue to provide valuable experiences for our children. Thank you too for supporting donations for our upcoming Christmas Fair. Every contribution helps make the event a wonderful occasion for our school community.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our children, staff and school.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week! ⭐ Keep shining! 🌟 👏

Class	Star of the Week	Maths Star	Writer of the Week
Reception	Rafael	Caleb	Safiya
Year 1	Alessia	Ava	Sufyaan
Year 2	Gracie	Ted	Orla
Year 3	Poppy	Bertie	Alice
Year 4	Zahne	Elliot	Eden
Year 5	Serena	Max	Lucas
Year 6	Lily	Alfie	Oriana

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Attendance

This week I am sharing attendance figures from the start of the academic year. Whilst we have seen a number of seasonal illnesses and sickness bugs since half-term, it is encouraging to see so many children attending school regularly and making excellent progress in their learning.

As children in Reception reach compulsory school age during the academic year, Reception attendance is not included in our annual attendance reporting.

A special congratulations goes to **Year 2**, who are currently leading the school with an outstanding **98.7% attendance**. Keep up the excellent work! 🌟

1st Sept – 20th Nov	
Class	Attendance
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	96.9%
Whole school	96.8%

Christmas Fair Message from PTFA

We are fast approaching one of our main events of the school year, our Christmas Fair. This will take place on Friday 27th November, 4:30pm till 6.30pm. Next week's non uniform day will be for bottle donations.

If you would like to have a stall at the fair, please email us at pfta@harris.lancs.sch.uk and we will get in touch. These are charged at £20 per stall.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the fair, please email us at ptfa@harris.lancs.sch.uk to let us know when you are available to help.

Timings for help needed are as follows:

- Help setting up any time between 1pm and 4:30pm
- Help on a stall 4:30pm-5.30pm
- Help on a stall 5:30pm-6.30pm
- Help cleaning up 6.30pm-7.00pm

🎄 Christmas Events 🎄✨🎄✨

Christmas is always one of the highlights of the school year and we are looking forward to a number of festive events over the coming weeks.

Performances: Our **EYFS and KS1 Nativity** will take place on **Tuesday 8th December**, with performances at **2.00pm and 5.00pm**, while our **KS2 Christmas Performance** will be held on **Wednesday 16th December**.

Christmas Parties: Children will also enjoy their **Christmas parties on Thursday 17th December**.

Christmas Lunch: Our **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day** will take place on **Wednesday 16th December**. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please ensure this is ordered online as soon as possible to allow our catering team to plan and prepare accordingly.

Class Showcase Assemblies

A huge well done to **Year 5**, who led the way with our first Class Showcase Assembly this week. The children proudly shared their recent poetry work, performing and discussing their writing with confidence and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the creativity, expression and progress they have made through their poetry learning. Thank you, to Mrs Ahmed and Mr Price for all their hard work in preparing the children.

Thank you too, to all the family members who attended and supported the children. We know how much the children value the opportunity to share their work with those closest to them.

Our Class Showcase Assemblies provide a wonderful opportunity for pupils to celebrate their achievements and share their learning journey with parents and carers. We look forward to welcoming families from other year groups throughout the year.

Please make a note of your child's assembly date:

- **Year 4** – Thursday 15th January, 9:15am
- **Year 3** – Thursday 28th January, 9:15am
- **Year 2** – Thursday 18th March, 9:15am
- **Year 1** – Thursday 22nd April, 9:15am

We know how much the children enjoy sharing their work and achievements with their families, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Reception Places 2027

If your child is due to start school in Reception in September 2027, applications can now be made online through Lancashire County Council. The closing date for applications is **Friday 15th January 2027**. We encourage parents and carers to apply before the deadline to maximise their chances of securing a place at their preferred school.

Please remember that attending our Pre-School does not automatically guarantee a Reception place.

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Before and After School Club

To help us manage places fairly and sustainably, families requiring an occasional additional session should contact Laura Barnett, Harris Hub Manager, who will be able to check availability before confirming a place.

We would continue to encourage families to book regular sessions wherever possible. This enables us to plan staffing appropriately, maintain safe ratios and ensure the long-term sustainability of the club for all families who rely upon it.

🎅 Community News (also see flyers below)

Breakfast with Santa: Moor Nook Family Hub will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday 5th December (10am-12pm). Families can enjoy breakfast, festive crafts and a visit from Santa. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Coach Gunn Holiday Activities: Coach Gunn will be running a programme of multi-sports and activity days during the Christmas holidays and February half-term. Activities include sports, games, crafts and much more. Please see the attached flyer for booking information.

NHS Parent Webinars: The Lancashire School Nursing Team is offering a series of free online webinars for parents and carers covering topics such as sleep, healthy lifestyles, emotional wellbeing and bladder and bowel health. These sessions provide practical advice and strategies to support children and young people at home. To register, visit the Lancashire Child and Family website

To book a place, visit: https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/ /Or Scan the QR Code

🌟 Thought for the Week: Gratitude

As we look ahead to Christmas, it is a good time to reflect on the people who help and support us every day. Gratitude is not just about saying "thank you"; it is about recognising the kindness of others and appreciating the opportunities we have.

This week, encourage your child to think about someone they are thankful for and let that person know. A few kind words can make a big difference.

With ambition, kindness and thankfulness,

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Coach Gunn PRESTON Christmas Holidays 2026 & Spring Half Term 2027 Multi Sports & Activity Days

*Organised and led by Coach Gunn Limited providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE***

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9am-4pm, FREE extended hours 7:45am-5pm & 6pm Pick Up

Open to children starting Reception in Sept 2027 to current Y7 Boys & Girls

FULL DAY @ £24
HALF DAY @ £15
6PM PICK UP @ +£5

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Wed 23rd December 2026

Wed 17th Thurs 18th & Fri 19th February 2027



SPORTS & ACTIVITIES include...

Multi SPORTS
Zorbs & Floor Surfers
NERF & Archery
BOUNCY CASTLE
Lego & Let's Craft
Competitions & Prizes
Climbing & Ropes
Detective, Tag & Musical Games
Parachute Games
Supervised FREE play

...plus lots more FUN & creative activities

Each day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of the fantastic spaces available encouraging ALL attending children to have lots of **#FUNwithFriends**

For further information or to make a booking please contact coachmarkgunn@gmail.com / 07912 178917

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Free Monthly Parent Webinars from the School Nursing Team

We are pleased to offer a series of **free monthly online webinars** for parents and carers commencing October 26, providing practical advice and support on a range of children's health and wellbeing topics:

🌙 **Sleep** – Tips for establishing healthy sleep routines and managing common sleep difficulties.

🚻 **Continence** – Information and support to help children develop healthy bladder and bowel habits. * if a child has symptoms such as pain when using the toilet, blood in their urine or poo, repeated infections, unexplained weight loss, severe constipation please seek advice from your GP before joining the webinar.

🥗 **Healthy Lifestyles** – Advice on nutrition, physical activity, screen time, and building healthy habits for the whole family.

💙 **Behaviour and Emotional Health** – Understanding behaviour, supporting emotional wellbeing, and helping children build resilience.

All webinars are delivered online by members of the School Nursing Team and are free to attend. **No referral is required**. Parents and carers can book directly onto any webinar using the registration links available on our website.

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