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NEWSLETTER

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Week ending 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and busy week we have had in school as we come to the end of this half term!

We began the week with a visit from Tracey Tyrrell, our Children and Families Worker, who joined us on Monday to lead a series of Harvest workshops with the children. The pupils loved taking part in the activities, learning about the meaning of Harvest, and completing some beautiful craft work to mark the occasion. A huge thank you to Tracey for her time and enthusiasm — the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

Also, on Monday and Wednesday, we held our Parents' Evenings. These meetings are such an important part of our partnership with families, and we truly appreciate your engagement and support. Thank you as well to all those who completed our Parent Survey. Your views and feedback are incredibly valuable to us as we continue to look for ways to improve and enhance our provision. We will be sharing a summary of the results with you after half term.

Our week continued with a very special Harvest Service at All Saints' Church on Wednesday. It was a joyful occasion filled with music, reflection, and community spirit. The children sang beautifully and shared their readings with such confidence — we are so proud of them all. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families joining us for this celebration. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations to the Harwich Foodbank. Your kindness will make a real difference to families within our local community, and we are truly grateful.

To round off the week, today the school has been a sea of pink as children and staff have been taking part in Wear It Pink Day in support of the fight against breast cancer. The effort everyone has made has been fantastic — from pink socks to pink hair! It has been a fun and meaningful way to end the half term, while raising awareness for such an important cause. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

As we head into the half term break, I want to thank all our children, staff, parents, and carers for your hard work, positivity, and commitment. It has been a busy few weeks full of achievements, and I hope everyone takes the opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy some family time.

Wishing you all a lovely and relaxing half term holiday!

Miss Gorton

P.S Keep your eyes peeled for our new look Newsletter coming after half term!

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



Half Term Book Recommendations

Following feedback from parents evening, some parents were asking for age appropriate book recommendations—please see a list below to help keep your children busy over the half term!

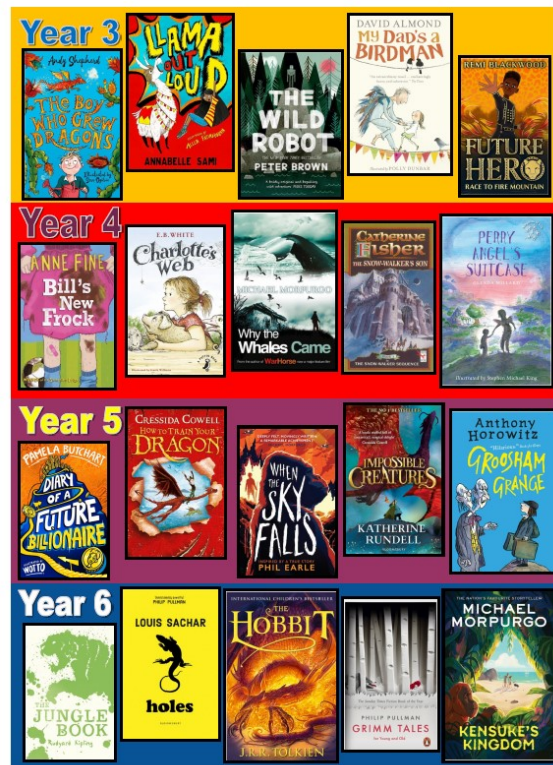
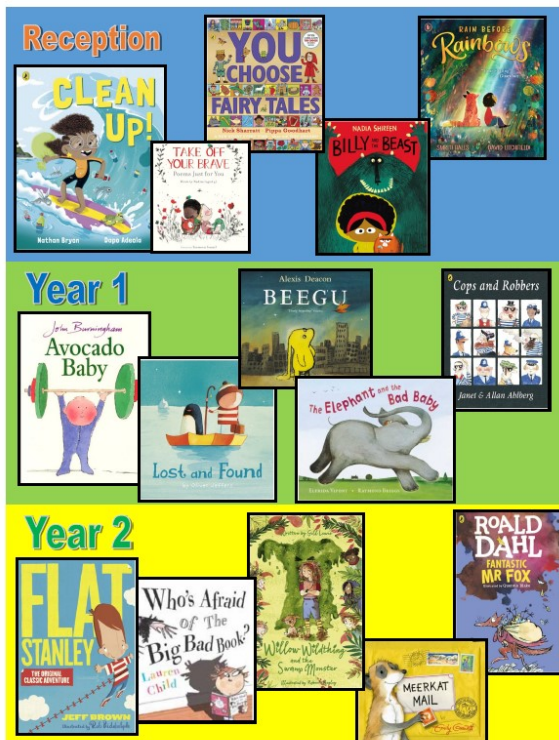
Harwich library also offer a reserve and collect service which you can do online—so if you cannot find the book you want, these can be ordered in especially from other libraries! Happy half term reading!

Miss Thorpe

Title and authors

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| Clean Up! -Nathan Bryan and Dapo Adeola | Fantastic Mr Fox– Roald Dahl | Perry Angel's suitcase– Glenda Millard |
| You choose fairy tales– Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart | Meerkat Mail– Emily Gravett | Diary of a future Billionaire– Pamela Butchart |
| Take off your brave– Poems just for you– Written by four year old Nadim. | Who's afraid of the Big Bad Book?- Lauren Child | How to train your dragon– Cressida Cowell |
| Billy and the Beast– Nadia Shireen | Willow Wildthing and the Swamp monster– Gill Lewis | When the sky falls– Phil Earle |
| Rain before Rainbows– David Litchfield | The Boy who grew dragons– Andy Shepherd | Impossible Creatures– Katherine Rundell |
| Avocado Baby– John Burningham | Llama out loud– Annabelle Sami | The Groosham Grange– Anthony Horowitz |
| Lost and Found– Oliver Jeffers | The Wild Robot– Peter Brown | The Jungle Book– Rudyard Kipling |
| Beegu– Alex Deacon | My Dad's a birdman– David Almond | Holes– Louis Sachar |
| The elephant and the bad baby– Elfrida Vipont | Future Hero– Remi Blackwood | The Hobbit– J.R.R Tolkien |
| Cops and Robbers– Janet and Allan Ahlberg | Bill's new frock– Anne Fine | Grimm Tales– Philip Pullman |
| Flat Stanley– Jeff Brown | Charlotte's Web– E.B. White | Kensuke's Kingdom– Michael Morpurgo |
| | Why the Whales came– Michael Morpurgo | |
| | The Snow-walker's son– Catherine Fisher | |

HALF-TERM BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





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**HARVEST
 FESTIVAL**





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Learning Highlight of the week...

Year 3

Year 3 went to the beach for our Science session, as we've been learning about rocks and soils. Wearing our wellies, we set off to the local beach, excited to explore.

Once we arrived, we worked in small groups to search for different types of rocks and used our rock guides to identify them. We discovered sandstone, slate, and granite.

After that, we sorted our rocks into groups based on their colour, size, and texture. Some of us were even lucky enough to find pieces of sea glass! It was a fantastic morning of exploring and learning together.





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**BREAST
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 NOW** The research
 & care charity



We raised
 over £218!!

**THANK
 YOU!!**





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This week's 'School Vision' Award went to:



Nancy in Year 3 for for being caring and supportive to others when they are sad or upset and making sure they get the help that they need. You are an amazing role model to everyone at our school, well done Nancy!

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Dates for the diary

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Mon 27th—Fri 30th Oct | Half Term |
| Weds 12th Nov | School Disco KS1 3.45 - 4.45pm KS2 - 5-6pm |
| Mon 17th Nov | Individual & Sibling School Photo's |
| Fri 28th Nov | Non-Pupil Day |
| Tues 9th & Weds 10th Dec | KS1 Christmas Nativity |
| Weds 17th Dec | Christmas Church Service 9.30am |
| Fri 19th Dec | Christmas Jumper Day Last Day of Term ** HALF day close ** KS1 1.10pm KS2 1.15pm |

[Subscribe to this Calendar](#) | [All Saints' Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School](#)

This Week's Awards

*** Well done to the following students ***

Class R: Evolette

Class 1: Emelia-Rose

Class 2: Noah

Class 3: George

Class 4: Joel

Class 5: Charlie

Class 6: Pixie

Times table: Dulcie in Year 2



Mind Set Quote

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“On Friday 17th October all of School council went to Harwich and Dovercourt High School to meet with school council from other schools.

We talked to year 11 and year 6 pupils about projects we have been doing in school this year. Lots of other schools attended and we talked in groups so there was a mix of pupils from all the schools.

Some of the questions we discussed were, who/what makes you feel safe at school and what have you done as a school council so far?

We even had cookies and a drink!”

Written by Eli and Lottie



Key Stage 2 are provided with plain bagel for a snack by the school, however if you wish to provide further snacks for breacktime, the following snacks are welcomed:

- Fresh or dried fruit
- Fresh vegetables
- Cereal bars
- Yoghurts tubes/ pouches
- Cheese sticks etc

Not Allowed for snack, please save for lunch boxes!

- Crisps
- Cake bars
- Lunch box chocolate bars (penguins club bars etc)

Please no:

- Nuts of ANY sort (Nutella and Bueno products included)
- Chocolate bars (Cadbury , galaxy etc)

Please can children also refrain from taking these things from their lunch boxes to use for snacks, and that snacks for breacktime are packed separately for them. Thank you for your co-operation.



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Attendance and Punctuality

| | Weekly attendance | Minutes late |
|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| R | 95.91% | 6 |
| 1 | 97.24% | 67 |
| 2 | 96.36% | 0 |
| 3 | 94.29% | 14 |
| 4 | 92.07% | 72 |
| 5 | 97.50% | 73 |
| 6 | 99.03% | 9 |

Our school target is 96%

Please note - we are continually monitoring our pupils attendance level.

If your child's attendance drops below our minimum target of 96% then we will be contacting you in writing to discuss ways we can support you.

School Lunches

W/C 3rd November 2025.

Week 2 of the School Menu

Autumn term menu available below!

[Lunch Menus | All Saints' Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School \(allsaints-harwich.essex.sch.uk\)](http://allsaints-harwich.essex.sch.uk)



Remember to book before midnight the day before!



OCTOBER

Our musician of the month is

“ STEVIE WONDER ”

Music Title: Don't you worry 'bout a thing

Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMTkujnftIs&t=100s>

Written: 1973

Background to the music:

The song's lyrics convey a positive message, focusing on taking things in your stride and emphasising the positive. In 1992, British band Incognito had a European hit with their cover of the song. In addition to a lead vocal on the track, the instruments recorded were piano, Moog bass, shaker, cowbell and other Latin percussion.





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OPEN TRAINING SESSION DATES

Sunday 26th October - 10am
Sunday 2nd November - 10am
Sunday 30th November - 10am
Sunday 7th December - 10am

School Years Reception to Year 5
 Boys & Girls of all abilities welcome

Email us at hdrufcyouth@gmail.com for more info.

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 TEAMWORK, RESPECT,
 ENJOYMENT, DISCIPLINE,
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SCHOOL PTA

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£5 PER CHILD
INCLUDES SNACKS &
PARTY BAG!

BOOK TICKETS VIA
ARBOR BY FRIDAY
7TH NOVEMBER

WEDS 12TH NOV

KS1 | 3.45-4.45 PM

KS2 | 5-6 PM



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Learning about Emotional Based School Avoidance

The North East Essex Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be delivering a talk about anxiety and EBSA.

During the talk we will cover:

1. Understanding anxiety and CBT.
2. What is EBSA and what keeps it going?
3. Problem solving and grounding techniques
4. Unhelpful thinking and thought challenging.

Date: 6th November 2025

Time: 09:00am- 10:30am

Location: All Saints' Primary School
Harwich



Understanding and managing difficult behaviour

The North East Essex Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be delivering a talk about managing difficult behaviour.

During the talk we will cover:

1. Understanding children's behaviour.
2. Strategies for managing behaviour.
3. Emotional regulation strategies for children
4. Helpful books and resources.

Date: 4th December 2025

Time: 09:00am- 10:30am

Location: All Saints' Primary School
Harwich



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Rhythm, Rhyme and Rap with Christian Foley for ages 5 to 9

Harwich Library

Saturday 25 October 10am to 11am

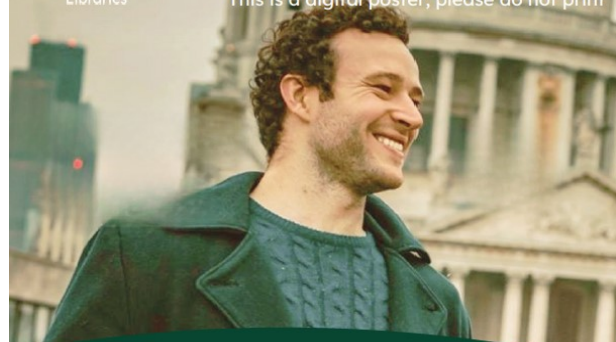
Step into a world of imagination with this free family session! This fun-filled hour led by the author of *The Oddsocktopus* blends poetry, freestyle rap, and storytelling to spark creativity. Book using this link.



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Rhythm, Rhyme and Rap with Christian Foley for ages 10 plus

Harwich Library

Saturday 25 October 12 noon to 1pm

This dynamic session from the author of *Moving Up* is perfect for older children and teens looking to express themselves through words and rhythm.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

WED 12/11

SCHOOL DISCO

KS1 3.45-4.45pm - KS2 5-6pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Class stalls, hot chocolate, Santa's grotto, tombola and much more!

WED 10/12

W/C 03/11

NEXT PTA MEETING

Please join us and get involved - we'd love to have your support... even adhoc help would be welcomed

ITEMS FUNDED IN 24/25 EITHER FULLY OR PARTLY BY PTA:

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies
Panto
Selection Boxes from Father Christmas
Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas Dinners
And lots more



MORE INFO:

CONTACT VICKY WATSON

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PARENT TOURS

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL!
WHETHER YOU'RE CONSIDERING ENROLMENT OR JUST CURIOUS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS.

10TH NOVEMBER 4PM

18TH NOVEMBER 10AM

26TH NOVEMBER 4PM

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Freaky Science

Harwich Library

Friday 31 October, 10:30am to 12pm,
1pm to 2:30pm

- Join us as we bring science alive with the joys of Halloween!
- Suitable for ages 6-11
- Free event
- Booking essential



Scan me to book



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Discover Mahjong

Harwich Library

Saturday 11, 18, 25 October and Saturday 1 November,
2pm to 3:30pm

- Learn to play Mahjong
- Test your thinking and observation capabilities
- Meet other young people and make new friends
- Ideal for young people aged between 8 to 14 years old
- Booking essential - spaces are limited





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Community & Family Learning Courses

| COURSE TITLE | START DATE | END DATE | START TIME | END TIME |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN | 03/11/2025 | 08/12/2025 | 12:30 | 14:30 |
| FL SUPPORTING FAMILY MATHS | 04/11/2025 | 11/11/2025 | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL POSITIVE PARENTING | 04/11/2025 | 09/12/2025 | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL FAMILY WELLBEING | 04/11/2025 | 09/12/2025 | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL | 04/11/2025 | 09/12/2025 | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND ASD IN CHILDREN | 04/11/2025 | 09/12/2025 | 19:00 | 21:00 |

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| COURSE TITLE | START DATE | END DATE | START TIME | END TIME |
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| FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL | 05/11/2025 | 10/12/2025 | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL ESOL FOR FAMILIES | 06/11/2025 | 11/12/2025 | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL ASSERTIVE PARENTING | 06/11/2025 | 11/12/2025 | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL RAISING BOYS | 06/11/2025 | 13/11/2025 | 19:00 | 21:00 |
| FL SEND SUPPORT | 06/11/2025 | 11/12/2025 | 10:00 | 12:00 |
| FL ZONES OF REGULATION | 07/11/2025 | 07/11/2025 | 12:30 | 14:30 |
| FL ESOL FOR FAMILIES | 08/11/2025 | 13/12/2025 | 18:00 | 20:00 |

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| FL SUPPORT SEND CHILD MANAGE BIG EMOTION | 11/11/2025 | 18/11/2025 | 12:30 | 14:30 |
| FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE | 11/11/2025 | 18/11/2025 | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL SEND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES | 12/11/2025 | 17/12/2025 | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL SLEEP WORKSHOP | 13/11/2025 | 13/11/2025 | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| FL INTERVIEW SKILLS FOR PARENTS | 14/11/2025 | 14/11/2025 | 12:00 | 14:30 |
| FL TALKING SO CHILDREN WILL LISTEN | 14/11/2025 | 21/11/2025 | 09:00 | 11:30 |

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|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| FL RAISING GIRLS | 20/11/2025 | 27/11/2025 | 19:00 | 21:00 |
| FL SETTING BOUNDARIES | 20/11/2025 | 27/11/2025 | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL SETTING BOUNDARIES | 21/11/2025 | 21/11/2025 | 12:00 | 14:30 |
| FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS | 25/11/2025 | 02/12/2025 | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| FL SIBLING RIVALRY | 28/11/2025 | 28/11/2025 | 12:30 | 14:30 |

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In case you missed it - HAPPENING AFTER HALF TERM – SEND Roadshow for North East Essex

Please could we ask you to share this event with your families if you think it may be helpful to them?

Join us at the SEND Roadshow in Harwich

Date: Wednesday 5th November 2025

Time: Drop in anytime

- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (all ages) **Quieter times:** Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM. **Location:** The Waterfront, Lower Marine Parade, Harwich, Essex, CO12 3SS

Cost: FREE

What to Expect:

Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.

You can:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities

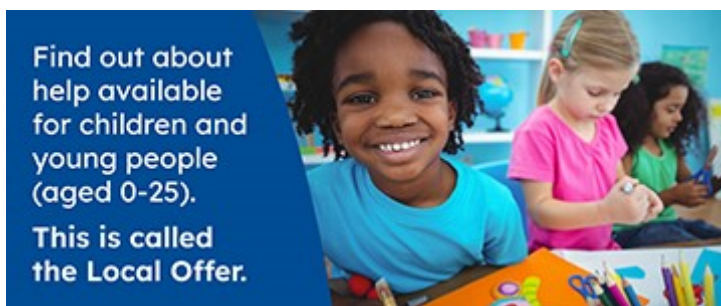
attend free talks

For more information on the event - including who will be there- take a look at: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshow-north-east-essex>

We really hope you are able to share this with your families 😊

The Essex Local Offer Team

Helen, Jenny, Clare, Louise and Amie



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