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# Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our certificate assembly last week, we said well done to the following children and classes, for making the extra effort to impress with their work, or their behaviour and attitude. Well done to all of you.

<b><u>Class 1</u></b>
Excellent Early Learners: All of Class 1
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: L'Nayah Brilliant Behaviour: Arthur H
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Emaan Brilliant Behaviour: Joshua
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Elana Brilliant Behaviour: Jovan

I am sorry there has been no family celebration assembly this afternoon. Class 4 have been on a trip to Murton Park to experience life as World War 2 evacuee children for the day, and I have been with them. They had a wonderful day and my hope is to add a number of the photographs to the gallery page on the school website in the next couple of days. [www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/](http://www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/)



## A Big Thank You

Following my letter to Class 1 and 2 families about school lunches earlier in the term, I would like to say a massive thank you to families who have made donations to top up the difference between what is funded to school and how much the 'Free' school meals for Class 1 and 2 cost each day. These very generous donations, are very welcome and will be put to good use during the year purchasing resources etc. for classes. Thank you.

For those families who were not aware, KS1 free school lunches are funded at £2.62 per day by the government, but the cost to school to provide the lunch is nearly £3 per day (The cost of a KS2 lunch). Whilst this difference is not much per day, when multiplied up by the number of lunches served everyday and then throughout the year, the cost to the school budget is a few pounds short of £3000.

Whilst we would never ask that parents pay the difference, and do not expect anyone to do so, if you felt that you would like to make a donation to school to cover the cost, or just a donation to help the work of the school, this would be very much appreciated and used to support our work. The details below are for our school fund account, should any other family wish to make a donation.

## School Fund Details

Account Name: Harewood C of E Primary School

Account Number: 46201905

Sort Code: 09-01-56

(Feel free use 'Donation' or similar as a reference.)



## Highest Attaining School in Leeds

Harewood has been in the Yorkshire Evening Post 'Best Schools' list again. We were rated as the top attaining school in Leeds for Year 6 attainment and also listed in the top 10 schools in West Yorkshire. It is always great to see the hard work of the children and staff recognised in this way.

What is even better is that the data the article refers to is from 2024. The 2025 data is even better with us attaining a 100% expected level or above pass rate across all aspects assessed. This will mean that Harewood has achieved a top performing school status for 3 years in a row, showing a consistency over multiple years. Great work everyone.



## Harvest Festival

Next week is Harvest week in school. We will be making our usual Harvest food collection, which I know families are wonderful at supporting. This year our donations are going to the St George's Crypt homeless charity in Leeds. Over the years, school has had a link with St George's through the church with their youth workers joining us in school and us visiting the church at Christmas for their nativity.

During next week, our collective worships will be on the theme of thankfulness, especially for our homes and family. On Tuesday a charity worker from St George's Crypt will be joining us to speak to the children about their work, and how the donations will be used. On Friday, our usual Celebration Assembly will be a Harvest celebration with each class doing an input about food and thankfulness, as well as us singing songs we have been learning. If you would like to join us we will be starting a little earlier at **2.30pm**.

With this letter I have also attached a poster from St George's Crypt, which has a list of suggested donations. If families felt that they were able to help and donate to our collection, items can be brought in any day next week. I know in the past you have been very generous with this and I am hoping this year will be no different. Thank you.



## Parking

Please can I do a reminder about parking in and around the bus layby opposite school. This is not a parking area and must be left clear for busses to enable safe entry and exit. This afternoon the coach that Class 4 returned on had trouble dropping the children off, as there were a number of parent cars in the layby. The safety of our children and other users must come before a parking place. Please take the time to park slightly further away and help keep everyone stay safe at the end of the day. Thank you.

## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who stayed after school last Friday for a drink and snack. It was wonderful to see so many families mingling and have the opportunity to meet with each other, and especially meet with our new families.

Next Friday is the PTA AGM. This will be held straight after school at 3.15 following our Harvest Celebration assembly. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible stay to hear about the work of the PTA, their events and ideas for the future. During the meeting we will be able to look after the children for you. We have staff lined up to supervise/occupy for you to enable you to join the meeting without worrying what to do with them.

Please support the PTA with this. They do wonderful things for school and the children and we could not do many of the things we do without their support, both with activities and financially.





### Wellbeing Quote for the Month

As we start the new school year this month we reflect on new beginnings and the power of fresh starts and new adventures to come.

### Collective Worship Music for the week - Thankful – Roar VBS

This week’s song is called ‘Thankful’, performed by Roar VBS. Roar VBS are based in America and are a group of people who go into churches during holiday times to teach fun sessions to children about Jesus.

This week we are thinking about remembering to say thank you. This song has very simple lyrics that remind us to be thankful for everything God has done for us everyday. It is very easy to forget to say thank you. ‘Thank you’ are two very little words that can mean so much to anyone hearing them. So, this week, yes, remember to say thank you to God for all the amazing things in your life but also, remember to say thank you to the people around you every day. This might be little things like holding a door for you or giving you your writing book, it might be someone making your tea for you or taking you to your favourite activity. Whatever it is, let’s try to say ‘thank you’ this week. It's amazing how appreciated people feel with those two little words!

Here is the YouTube link for the song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U\\_ewLEvA8\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_ewLEvA8_o)

### Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Event
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival Week
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual Photographs Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Family Harvest Celebration (2.30pm)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTA AGM – 3.15pm – School Hall
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2 Trip to Abbey House
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 1 trip to Harewood
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for Reception 2026 Parents
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent’s Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent’s Evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for the half term break
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Training Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens for learning

*Additional dates and events will be added as they are confirmed.*

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ratcliffe

