



William Harding School

HARDING HERALD NEWSLETTER



Attendance

As a school we aim for class attendance to be at 96%.

Well done to Years 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 for being above 96%.

We look forward to seeing which class will be awarded the Attendance Cup and awards!

The Book Fair

We are pleased to advise you that we raised **£951.70** during the Book fair held at school, this will enable us to purchase new books for the class reading areas.

Thank you for your support and we hope you brought some exciting books!

House team and points

House points for this half term;

Nightingale 546

Guttman 498

Hampden 456

Rothschild 427

Well done Nightingale!

School Values, SMSC & BV

This half term we have been focusing on ensuring the pupils know what BV means and why it is important. BV stands for **British Values** and the pupils have been learning about how Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance & Liberty are linked to our curriculum.

If you wish to find out more about how we show BV at WH then please go on our website.

<http://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/british-values-and-smsc>

School Value; our pupils have been fantastic at showing **RESPECT** as our school value.

Next half term our School Value will be **INCLUSION**.

Headteacher News

Dear parents and families,

We have had a fantastic start back to the school year with many successes, some which you will read about in our newsletter.

The pupils have settled in very well and are showing great behaviours and positive attitudes to their learning whilst doing it all with a smile!

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 performed very well this week when they performed the Harvest assembly to Pre-school and to the Year 2 parents. It was great to see that our Singing Schools projects has supported them in their confidence and beautiful singing.

Our half term School Value has been **RESPECT** and the pupils have been able to show this to each other, staff, the school and to themselves. The pupils have also been able to link this to their understanding of British Values, which we have been working hard on.

I am also thrilled that both our Online Reading Buddy and Times Tables Rockstars have been such a success with the pupils and they are excited by these new opportunities. For more information on these please look on our website page <http://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/how-to-support-learning-at-home>

You will read that we have a new PTA – if you are interested then please get in contact with the PTA or the office.

I hope you enjoy the new layout of the Harding Herald and enjoy hearing about our busy half term.

Best wishes, Miss Cotchin - Headteacher



WILLIAM HARDING SCHOOL
Aim high... Work hard... Be kind...

School Website

Our website is developing with new additional pages and tabs including a children's section. Here pupils can be reminded or find out about;

- Who to talk to
- How to keep safe
- Clubs
- School Council
- Pupil Voice and roles
- House information
- School pets and animals
- Reading Rocks and online reading and Times Tables Rockstars
- LORIC

We hope you will support your child to enjoy our new website areas designed for them.

‘Thank you for making the lunch hall even better – I really like the new system as it’s much calmer.’
KS2 Pupil October 2019

‘I like the new guinea pigs in our classroom – they are funny.’
Reception Pupil October 2019

School Council News

After holding class elections, the new William Harding School Council has been formed for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We have been having regular meetings and so far have decided on charities to support. We are currently deciding on ways we can support them.

'We enjoy being a pupil voice for the school and helping make decisions about what happens in our school.'



Pupil leaders and Pupil Voice

We are excited to have developed our Pupil Leaders even further this half term and here is a list of all the roles and the volunteers we have in school. In each newsletter you will hear from them about their role.

KS1 Assembly Spotters - Reece, Teodora, Aaron, Nathaniel, Robyn, Timmy,

Dinishan, Abigail & Harriet **Lunchtime Monitors** - Antonio, Izabella, Kyran, Myron, Jasmine, Crystal, Haseeb, Zack, Kajus, Jakub, Amelia-Mae & Sophia.

Attendance Monitors - Russel and Ollie. **Sports Leaders** - Connor, Oscar, Emmanuel, James, Christopher, Mikhail, Harry, Adam, Lucas & Farhan.

Librarians - Fatima, Jerushia, Amina, Ayla Paige & Hayley. **Animal Advocates** - Evie, Madi, Kyla, Chenai, Kiya & Faith.

House Captains;

Nightingale: George (Lead), Gracie (vice), Charlotte (vice)

Guttman: Jess (Lead), Madi (vice), Amina (vice)

Hampden: Sami (Lead), Ayla (vice), Isla (vice)

Rothschild: Seth (Lead), Cara (vice), Divya (vice)

House Point Collectors - Chenai, Ethan, Nakshatra & Daniel

PE & Sport at William Harding

We are delighted to have been able to welcome Miss Timberlake to the PE & Sports team and the children have benefited from her experience, expertise and enthusiasm with their PE lessons, playtime sessions and girls football club.

We've been working closely with Stoke Mandeville Stadium, LEAP and UK Coaching to strengthen our community links. Our children have benefited already by being able to attend two different events at the stadium, where they could experience new and exciting sports and games. We will be continuing to work with these organisations to provide further opportunities through the year.

Our **Year 6 pupils** have shown their commitment to increasing awareness of health and wellbeing at William Harding by volunteering to become part of the new **William Harding School Sports Committee**. Separated into Sports Leaders and Playground Leaders, these pupils will be invaluable to providing more opportunities for our children to be more physically active. Next term they will have Sports Leaders UK's Playmaker training.

Our **Year 5/6 football teams** have started their seasons already. With the boys registering a confident first win of the season against St Mary's school. The teams took part in the local knock-out cup competition on the 18th October. Miss Timberlake was proud of the girl's commitment, effort and attitude. Mr Stallwood's boys continued their positive display by reaching the final, sadly losing out on the win, but as runners up, they are still going to represent the school at the regional competition!

We are excited to be able to offer more **extra-curricular opportunities** next term, which includes morning, lunchtime and after-school opportunities for all year groups. Make sure you look at the school website to find out more information and how to book your child onto these clubs.

PTA at William Harding

We have been busy setting up the new school PTA. Our vision is to build a school community and provide the school's children and parents with the events they have been missing. We will also be raising funds to help enhance the school's facilities and school projects. We will be using the School Website, Social Media and the Harding Herald to keep you updated with our plans. The mufti day raised [£533.00](#). We have the school disco on Thursday 21st November and the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 14th December. We have many stalls and interesting activities arranged for the Christmas Bazaar, please write it in your diaries as we would love your support. We will be looking for volunteers to help with events and will be calling our first AGM early in [2020](#) if you would like to join us. We hope that you will share our enthusiasm and support the events where you can. Look out for more exciting events coming soon (some for the parents too!).



Hi I'm Lyn. I'm mummy to my 2 daughters who are currently in Year 3 and at Pre School. I have spent my 18 year career working in the beauty and spa industry mainly for Champneys as a Spa Manager and I have recently moved to work for Champneys Beauty College as the Marketing and Events Coordinator which also involves working alongside the students. I have a huge passion for planning and being creative. I'm really looking forward to the challenge of getting the PTA off the ground, enhancing the school community and giving all the children new things to enjoy!



I'm Natalie, and I have 2 sons. One is in Year 3 and the youngest has just started in Reception. I have worked in Automotive Market Research (attempting to tell dealers how to be nice to customers) for over 20 years. I enjoy crossing things off my to do list but always try to have fun and a laugh while doing so. I am really looking forward to helping the PTA to support the children and staff of William Harding.



I'm Jane and a mummy of two children in year one and in year three. I work for a private employee owned childcare provider as a deputy to area manager and have over 20 years childcare and management experience. Within this role I organise fun days and charity events such as summer fetes and Christmas bazaars. I have a passion to give children the best they deserve with fun and laughter along the way. I am really looking forward to working alongside the school and really hope that we have some new parents that will join us for 2020.

In to win £20,000!

A big thank you for sending in your **ALDI Kit for Schools** stickers.

We are pleased to let you know that with your help, we have filled up all 300 spaces of our first poster, meaning that we will be receiving free sports kit from ALDI and are in the hat to win £20,000!

We have another poster to fill up so keep sending the stickers in, ALDI are providing stickers for every £30 spent until the 3rd November and we have until the 18th November to send the posters in.

Nut free school

Please remember we are a nut free school.

Please do not send in Nutella or similar products.

If in doubt please ask Matron.

Please remember this when sending in birthday treats.

Thank you.

Reception News

We have had a brilliant first half term with our new reception children! We have spent this half term work on our 'All about me!' topic and have really enjoyed spending time getting to know the children.

The children have really embraced school life. They have learnt the school routine, expectations and rules as well as beginning to learn about our school value of respect. Making secure friendships is a really important part of our learning in Reception and every child has made some new friends so far this year!

The children have also started having some maths and English lessons as well as completing English and maths activities with teachers. This has allowed them to begin to take their learning out in to free flow and continue the learning independently. This is something we are very proud of in Reception. The children have also enjoyed learning about Harvest and taking part in our daily RWInc lessons.

Exciting events such as 'Come and Read' and 'Stay and Play' are really important for us to build relationships with our families and for you to see what your children get up to in school. These were both very successful events and we hope to run some more in the future.



Year 1 News

We have done so much in Year 1 this half term, there has not been a moment when the children have not been busy learning! The children have been improving their comprehension skills in reading by answering questions about a number of different stories. The children have all become 'book worms', loving the visits to the library and choosing to read in the class reading areas.

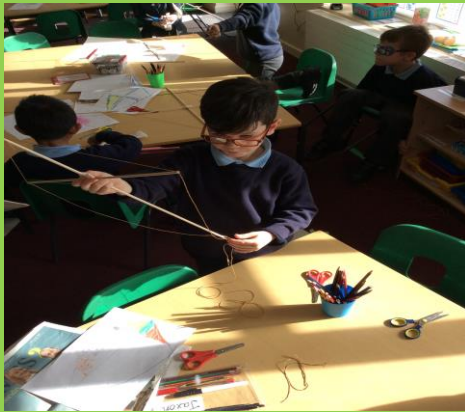
In writing they have been working hard to reread and check that their sentences make sense and have the correct punctuation. The teachers have been really impressed by the progress that the children have made and how hard they have been working to improve their work.



In maths the children have been learning to partition numbers and add using a part whole model, as well as working on place value and number formation in Magic Maths. We have loved seeing the children continue their learning in choosing time, playing Magic Maths and RWI, by being the teacher! We have been amazed at some of the homework pieces we have seen this half term, so well done to the children and families for working so hard! We are very proud of all that the children have achieved this half term and are especially delighted with their learning behaviours in the classroom and around the school. We hope you have a lovely half term and are looking forward to the second half of the autumn term.

Year 2 News

Thank you to all who came to celebrate Harvest Festival with us. The Year 2 children worked extremely hard and we are delighted and proud of the performance.



During Autumn 1, Year 2 have been discovering how maps work and help us on a daily basis. They have also explored the Life Cycles of animals and investigated how we stay healthy.

In RE, we have been talking about kindness and how to deal with worries in PSHE.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Wendover Woods Trip and were able to consolidate all they have learned over the half term.

We had a lovely day learning to make kites and discussing how our materials and methods were suitable for their construction.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Year 3 News

This term we have been reading the book 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We have all thoroughly enjoyed reading all about Barney and how he meets a 'cave boy' Stig.



'I really enjoyed Stig of the Dump because it was really exciting and kept pulling me in.'
Charley.

Year 3 have also looked at their special environment, including learning the 8 points of a compass and comparing Buckinghamshire to Queensland, Australia.

'I learnt that Christmas in Australia is hot! I have been interested in Geography because we get to learn about different countries and compare them to the UK.' Ali.

During science we have learnt about keeping healthy and about our bones, muscles and diets. We even got to create our own muscles out of cardboard and elastic bands!

'I have found science fascinating, especially learning about all our muscles!' Tabi.

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lunch times**

Pupil Questionnaire 2019

**91% of KS1 pupils said
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Pupil Questionnaire 2019

Year 4 News

This term, Year 4 have focused on 'Bill's New Frock' and 'Voices in the Park' as our novel studies in English.

We have looked at the different features within narrative writing, for example character descriptions, use of dialogue and the typical plots used so we were able to write our own stories.

In maths, we looked at addition and subtraction up to four digit numbers using formal column methods with exchanging and carrying. To add to that, we delved into how to solve multi-step word problems using addition and subtraction.



In science, we learnt about electricity and the different types of insulators and conductors.

We also watched and made an electrical circuit, showing how light turns on and why.

In geography, we focused on types of settlement: hamlet, village, town and city, and differences between each one.

We have made an amazing start to the year!

Year 5 News

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard! Here are some of our highlights so far this year...

In maths, we have made huge steps with our knowledge of place value. We have been working hard to be able to explain concepts in maths and then apply in different contexts. We have also covered addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and graphs and tables. We have worked hard on our mental arithmetic and we are excited about Times Table Rockstars.

We have read a wide range of texts in our SQUIRT lessons; The Butterfly Lion, Cloud Tea Monkeys and The Travel Book, which we have enjoyed. We have written some fantastic pieces, including character and setting descriptions, non-chronological reports and diaries. Our understanding of sentence structure is improving and we are beginning to apply these strategies in our writing.



This half term, all of the year 5 classes have had the pleasure of reading a class poem in assembly. Each class performed amazingly well, showing confidence and expression in their voices!

In PE, we have covered basketball, practicing our dribbling and shooting skills. Some pupils were fortunate enough to take part in additional PE at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. The coaches were impressed with how our children applied themselves and spoke very highly of some of their sporting ability. We look forward to more activities like this in the future!

Year 6 news

We have had a great start to the year in Year 6.

We have covered many areas of work so far this half term including:

- fractions in Maths
- formal language and structuring particular paragraphs in English
- investigating light in Science
- the world as a whole and our skills with maps in Geography plus many other exciting areas.

This half term I have enjoyed working on fractions and angles. This has been really enjoyable. - Isabella.

In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing fractions by a whole number. I have enjoyed the challenges using word problems which makes it more difficult - Rishabh.

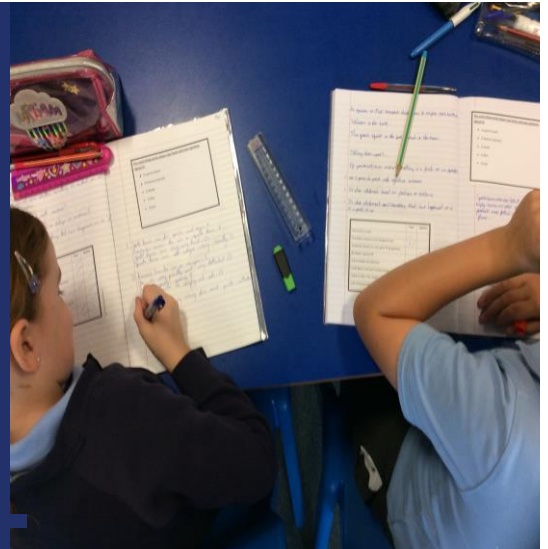
I have enjoyed using a range of resources which helps me in my Maths - Madi.

Multiplying fractions has been something I have found fun this year - Josiah.

In English we have been studying the book *The Hobbit* by J.R.R Tolkien, that the children have enjoyed reading thoroughly.

During our writing we have been working on our skills based around paragraphs, formal and informal language and using a range of language techniques to support our narrative writing.

We are looking forward to returning in November, where some children will be trekking off to the River Dart County Park, while others spend time at school taking part in enjoyable activities throughout the week.



Our different extended writes have been the part of English I have found most enjoyable this half term - Jack

In English this half term, our extended writes have been fun and I have had great enjoyment writing them - Maja

*I have enjoyed writing a setting and character description based on our book we are reading, *The Hobbit* - Cayden*

In English, we have learnt a lot about formal and informal pieces of writing. I have enjoyed all of the SPAG type lessons that we have done that would lead up to the end of the weeks extended write piece. - Faith

85% of pupils said they were happy at school, 87% said they felt safe at school, 93% said the school teaches them how to be safe.

KS2 Pupil Questionnaire 2019

82% of pupils said they were happy at school, 86% said they felt safe at school, 82% said the school teaches them how to be safe.

KS1 Pupil Questionnaire 2019