



Together We Love, Learn, and Live

Newsletter 1 Sept 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school, and I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. The children have settled back into routines brilliantly, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning.

A **big thank you** to all the parents who attended the **curriculum meetings** last week. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to understand the year ahead and how you can support your child. For those who were unable to attend, the PowerPoints will be shared shortly so that you don't miss out on any important information. Please note that our school website is currently being updated. We appreciate your patience during this period and will ensure information remains accessible.

A polite reminder that the staff car park is strictly for staff use only. In addition, please avoid turning at the end of the road outside school, as this creates a dangerous situation while families are walking and crossing. We have also been informed that parking enforcement officers will be monitoring the area and issuing penalties for **illegal parking**. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

We are delighted to welcome a new teacher, **Miss Clarke**, who has already settled into the team seamlessly. We also warmly welcome back **Miss Birch** and **Miss D'Arcy**. Miss D'Arcy has returned from maternity leave - it is lovely to have her back. We also have a new member in the office called **Mrs Sampson**. We also welcome **Mrs Williams** and **Miss Horler** to the team as Teaching Partners. I hope you all make them feel welcome.

Lots is happening in school this term - Clubs begin this week, and I would like to thank our teachers for generously giving their time to deliver these valuable opportunities for our pupils.

Another big thank you goes to those members of staff who kindly gave up part of their summer holidays to help complete improvements around the school. Your time and effort have made such a positive difference to our learning environment.

A special shout-out to the **Norman family**, whose support has been invaluable, to **Mrs Iannetta and Roy** for continually going the extra mile, and to **Mr Allard's parents**, who generously helped with painting some of our classrooms.

Moments like these really show how a school becomes a community, with everyone working together for the benefit of the children. If you have any skills you could offer voluntarily, please do let us know. At the moment, a **tiler** would be especially helpful!

A huge **well done** to our school **football team** on playing your first matches of this academic year. You all performed brilliantly, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. You represented Hardwicke with pride and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

For those who did not play this time, there will be plenty of opportunities throughout the school year to take part and represent the school in future fixtures.

We are delighted to share that the team has now progressed through to **Round 2** - well done, everyone!

This term, our school value is **Friendship**.

The children are learning that **friendship** is like the strong branches of a tree—it gives support, offers shelter, and helps us grow together. True friendship is not only about having fun, but also about showing kindness, listening, and being there for each other when things are difficult.

At school, we will be exploring what it means to be a good friend—celebrating our differences, encouraging one another, and resolving disagreements in a positive way. We encourage you to talk at home with your child about friendship too. Simple things like including someone new in a game, sharing, or saying kind words all help to show what strong and lasting friendships look like.

Together, we hope this focus will help our children to grow roots of understanding and kindness, and the fruits of supportive and caring relationships.



READ TOGETHER...

Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12

Just a reminder of our **school vision** and the values that we want all stakeholders to live out in our daily lives.

‘Do everything in love’ (1 Corinthians 16:14)

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Hardwicke fosters a loving and caring community where each child is cherished and empowered to flourish. We strive for every unique individual to **love** and to be loved, to have a love of **learning** and a respect for the ever-changing, diverse world in which we **live**.



Our Mission

Hardwicke is a nurturing and loving community. Every child is valued and is encouraged to grow, flourish and succeed.

We strive for all children to develop a love for learning, aspiration to achieve and respect for the diverse and ever-changing world we live in.

Love: We inspire and encourage children to become empathetic, caring, kind and curious individuals.

Learn: We prepare children to become confident and independent individuals enabling them to flourish and grow

Live: We guide our children to go out into the community and wider world to be confident and caring contributors.

Autumn Key Dates

18/9	Coffee Morning - 9-10 am
23/9	Open Morning – 9:30 am
1/10	Harvest Festival Year 1 Harvest Worship to parents - 9:00 am Year 4 Harvest Worship to parents - 2:45 pm
16/10	Open Morning - 9:30 am
17/10	House Events – Afternoon – Friendship
20-31/10	Half-Term
November	Start of 'Barvember' White Rose Maths
4/11	School photos individual portraits
4 & 5/11	Parents' Evening – (no after-school clubs) Tuesday 4 th 3:30 – 7 pm Wednesday 5 th 3:30 – 5:30 pm
5 – 6/11	Nasal Flu Sprays – All Year Groups
6/11	Open Afternoon 1:30 pm
11/11	Remembrance Day Y2 Remembrance Worship to parents 9:00 am Y6 Remembrance Worship to parents 2:45 pm
12/11	House Cross Country 1:00 – 3:00 pm
19/11	EYFS Workshop – Phonics @ 2:30 pm
25/11	Open Morning - 9:30 am
26/11	EYFS Workshop – Maths @ 2:30 pm
11/12	Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
12/12	House Event – Forgiveness
16/12	Christmas Worship Y3 – 9:00 am
	Nativity Performance EYFS – 2:00 pm
18/12	Christmas Carol Concert Year 4,5 & 6 - 2:15 pm
19/12	Class Christmas Parties
	End of Term – School finishes at 1 pm