



Together We Love, Learn, and Live

Newsletter 1 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at Hardwicke. We hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, with plenty of opportunities to spend time together as a family. It seems only a short while ago that we ended the summer term with our fantastic inflatable and water play day, which was a wonderful way to celebrate another successful year. The school is now full of energy once again, and it has been lovely to see the children return with smiling faces, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges of a new term.

A special welcome goes to our new Reception families who are joining us for the first time, as well as the families who have recently moved into the area and become part of our school community. We are delighted that you have chosen Hardwicke and hope you will quickly feel part of what we often refer to as the **"Hardwicke family"**. We pride ourselves on the strong relationships we build with our families and look forward to working together to support your children throughout their school journey.

As always, there is a great deal happening in school this term, so it is important that parents are connected to Class Dojo. This remains our main method of communication and is where we share key information, reminders, celebrations and updates.

We begin the term with our **Curriculum Meetings**, which provide an excellent opportunity for parents to meet teachers and find out more about what their children will be learning throughout the year. In our parent questionnaires, families often ask how they can better understand what is being taught in school. These meetings are specifically designed to answer those questions by outlining key learning, expectations and curriculum content. Parents will also be directed to the curriculum information available on our website, where progression grids and subject information can be accessed throughout the year. In addition, the meetings provide an opportunity to speak directly with class teachers and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

There are many exciting events planned for the months ahead. Alongside our Curriculum Meetings, we look forward to welcoming families into school for our **Harvest celebrations, Open Mornings, Coffee Morning, House events**, an upcoming **author visit** and **Parents' Evening**. These events are always valuable opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school, celebrate children's achievements and ensure that we continue to work together to provide the very best education and experiences for every child.

Curriculum Meetings

Each year group will be holding a Curriculum Meeting during the first few weeks of term. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to find out what your child will be learning this year, understand the school's expectations and ask any questions you may have.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding our first coffee morning on **Thursday 17th September 2026** between **9am - 10am**. Everyone is welcome. For this coffee morning we will be joined by staff from Young Minds Matter, who will explain how their service can support our children.

Friendly Reminders

Healthy Eating

As a Healthy School, we ask that children bring nutritious snacks and lunches. Please avoid chocolate, sweets, and remember - **we are a nut-free school at all times**.

Parking

We appreciate that school runs can be busy, but please park considerately to maintain good relations with our neighbours. Avoid blocking driveways, parking on bends, or using the staff car park without permission. Please use Hardwicke Village Hall car park where possible.

Thank you for helping ensure the safety of all Hardwicke children.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent, call us on **01452 720538 (option 1)** by **9:00 a.m.** to leave a message. Please don't message class teachers or Mrs. Panton on Class Dojo, as it may not be seen in time. Mrs Underwood is in the office to answer any queries you may have.

Bikes & Scooters

To keep everyone safe at pick-up and drop-off, children and siblings must push, **not ride**, bikes or scooters on school grounds and nearby alleyways. Thanks for your support!

DoJo

If you have not yet signed up to Dojo, or are experiencing any difficulties accessing it, please let your child's teacher or the school office know as soon as possible so that we can ensure you receive all relevant information and do not miss out on important events and announcements.

SLT (Senior Leadership Team)

Miss Cale, Mr Allard, Mrs Panton, Miss Haughton, Miss Hosking and Miss Cook will all be available to support parents and answer any questions they may have in their role as the SLT.

Clubs & Sports and Parents Evening

There will be an email about clubs that we are holding this term. Remember, there will be more clubs available for KS 2 than KS 1 as there are only three classes in Key stage one and more in Key stage two.

Please note that there will be no clubs when Parents' Evening is held on the week of **12th October 2026**. More details to follow

School Uniform

As we start the new school year, please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform in line with our Uniform Policy. The policy will be updated in September to include our new PE kit expectations. We understand that families may occasionally need support, so please contact the school if you have any difficulties. Thank you for helping us maintain our high standards and ensuring every child is ready to learn.

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



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

TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER...

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

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)

Together we Love, Learn and Live

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

1/9	Inset Day
2/9	Start of Autumn Term
w/c 7/9	EYFS Home Visits
w/c 7/9	Curriculum Meetings – individual classes in classroom 3:30-4 pm 8/9 - Year1 Birch & Year1 Begum 9/9 – Year 2 10/9 – Year 3 11/9 – Year 4W & Year 4S
w/c 14/9	Curriculum Meetings – individual classes in classroom 3:30-4 pm 15/9 – Year 5/6 C 16/9 – Year 5/6F 17/9 – Year 5/6W
17/9	Coffee & Connection Morning 9 – 10 am
w/c 21/9	After School Clubs Start
23/9	Open Morning – September Starter 27' – 9:30 am
28/9	HPSA AGM Meeting – 7pm Hardwicke School
1/10	Harvest Festival Year 1 Harvest Worship to parents - 2:45 pm Year 4 Harvest Worship to parents - 9:00 am
13/10	Open Afternoon – September Starter 27' - 1:30 pm
13/10	Parents Evening - 3:30 – 7:00
14/10	Parents Evening - 3:30 – 5:30
16/10	House Events Afternoon – Friendship
TBC	House Point Winners Reward Afternoon
w/c 19/10	Half-Term
w/c 26/10	Half-Term
3/11	School Photo Day - Individual portraits
4/11	Open Morning –
5/5	EYFS Local Walk - Seasons
6/11	House Event - Whole School Cross Country 1:00 – 3:00pm
11/11	Remembrance Day Year 2 Remembrance Worship to parents 9:00 am Year 6 Remembrance Worship to parents 2:45 pm Leaders to attend Quedgeley Memorial
18/11	EYFS Phonics Workshop – 2:30 – 3:00pm
18/11 & 19/11	Experience Christmas Days
25/11	EYFS Maths Workshop – 2:30 – 3:00pm
26/11	Open Morning – September Starter 27' - 9:30am
w/c 30/11	Last week of After School Clubs
1/12	White Rose Maths - DecemBAR
1/12	Coffee & Connection Morning 9 – 10 am
7/12	Whole School Science Day
10/12	Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
11/12	House Events Afternoon – Forgiveness
15/12	EYFS – Nativity Performance 2:00 pm
16/12	Year 3 Christmas Worship to parents – 2:45pm
17/12	Carol Concert – Y5/6 2:30 pm
TBC	House Point Winners Reward Afternoon
18/12	Class Party Mornings
18/12	Term finishes at 1pm

Upcoming HPSA Events

AGM Meeting – Hardwicke School 7pm – Monday 28th September 2026. We will be looking to fulfil committee roles including, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer, whilst also discussing exciting plans for 2026/2027 including Hardwicke Family Circus in Summer 2027!

Join the team

Would you like to help make a real difference to our school community? HPSA plays a vital role in raising funds for resources, experiences and projects that benefit all our children.

Whether you're a new or current parent, we'd love to welcome you. If you'd like to get involved, please contact the school office or come along to our next PTA meeting. Together, we can help Hardwicke continue to grow and thrive. 