

Together We Love, Learn, and Live

Newsletter 2 - October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the close of our first half term, I want to thank you for your continued support and share a few reflections and reminders. It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines, embracing our high expectations with enthusiasm and growing in confidence.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school recently for the Year 4 and Year 1 Harvest Festival and for our curriculum meetings. These occasions offer a valuable chance for us to come together and share the children's learning. We strongly believe that the relationship between home and school is vitally important and when we all work together, this support system benefits every child.

When we return, I look forward to meeting with you at Parents' Evening in the first week. This is a time for you to ask questions, see your child's work, and hear how they have begun the year in school.

I also wanted to let you know that Miss Cale is making a good recovery after her operation. I have spoken on the phone and passed on your kind wishes; as you can imagine, she is eager to return and see you all once she is fully better.

As we head into the break, we also say goodbye to Mrs Barr, who is leaving our school after over 20 years of dedicated service. Throughout her time here, Mrs Barr has been a hugely valued member of our staff team—always kind, committed, and deeply supportive of the children in her care. Her contribution to school life has been immense, and she will be greatly missed by colleagues, parents, and pupils alike. We wish her all the very best for the future and hope she knows she will always be welcome back at Hardwicke.

Thank you once again for all your support this term. I hope you enjoy a well-earned rest and quality time together as a family over the half-term break.

Warm regards,

Mr Allard

Curriculum Meetings Feedback

Thank you to everyone who participated in our curriculum meetings last month — it was wonderful to see such strong engagement!

Your feedback is invaluable. It helps us refine, adapt, and evolve our curriculum so that it truly meets your needs. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts via the link below:

https://forms.office.com/e/iiWuSB186Y

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £395.15 – a truly fantastic achievement!

Donations Welcome

We're currently seeking donations to enhance our Wraparound Care program. If you have any toys, board games, dressing-up clothes, or similar items in good condition, we'd be so grateful to receive them!

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.

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.

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!

Clubs & Sports

It's been fantastic to see so many children getting involved in a wide range of clubs and showing such great commitment.

Our boys' football team finished 3rd in their latest ESFA tournament and recently won the Stroud competition. They'll be heading to the district finals in a couple of weeks. On top of that, they've made a strong start in the league, winning all three of their matches so far. A big shoutout to the girls' football team as well, who celebrated their first league win this week—well done, team!

Please note that there will be no clubs during the first week back after half-term due to Parents' Evening.

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



On the last afternoon of term, our children came together to celebrate our value of friendship as house teams. They took part in team-building games, wrote friendship pledges, and had the chance to deepen their connections and build a strong sense of community.

This week our Year 6 pupils also buddied up with our new Reception children—offering support, guidance, and genuine kindness. It was a wonderful, living example of our school's vision: doing everything in love.

This week, *friendship* has been the most celebrated of our school values, earning the highest number of house points. Today's event was a joyful reflection of how deeply our children have embraced it. Please do take time to speak to your child about these events and how they have shown friendship this term.

'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

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
13/11	KS1 Movie Night 4:30 – 6:00 pm
14/11	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
28/11	Christmas Wreath Making 7:00 pm
5/12	Non-Uniform Day
7/12	Christmas Wreath Making 4:00 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

Upcoming HPSA Events

For further information or to book the Wreath Making, please contact hardwickepsa@gmail.com









Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy



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Is your child starting school in September 2026?

We are delighted to be able to invite you to visit our school where every child is cared for, nurtured and at the centre of all we do.

Our aim is for all children to be happy and instil a love of learning and life as we strive for excellence together.







Tuesday 23rd September 2025 9:30am
Thursday 16th October 2025 9:30am
Thursday 6th November 2025 1:30pm
Tuesday 25th November 2025 9:30am
Thursday 8th January 2026 9:30am

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6-9 YEARS OF AGE TUESDAY 5.00PM TO 6.00PM

TERM TIME

ARCHWAY SPORT CENTRE

(INSIDE THE SPORTS HALL)

STARTING

TUESDAY 4TH November 2025

£4.00 PER PLAYER OR £7.00

FOR SIBLINGS

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