



Summer 1 e-News

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Is that the half term over?!



As I am sure families will agree, this has been a very short half term! It seems like we have just got back into the swing of it again only to be away from school for another week as the summer half term is upon us. However, part of how quick the half term feels is because of how much we fit into each week.

Over the last four weeks we have had many activities including: a visit to the theatre, a planetarium brought into the hall, an art exhibition, various sports competitions and, somehow, we've managed to squeeze in the national tests for Year 6 ... phew!

Read on to find out a little more about what has been going on at Harlow Green which includes links which will take you to the website for detail and photos.

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Notices



Summer Fayre

Our annual Summer Fayre will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 19th June. This is always a fantastic event for our community to come together for some food and fun, whilst raising funds for school. Fingers crossed for the weather to be kind!

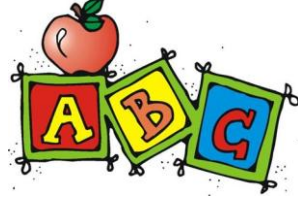
Leave of Absence Requests for Holidays

As families know, permission for leave of absence for holidays will not be granted, in line with the national guidance. We appreciate that families may choose to take a holiday, regardless of a fixed penalty notice (FNP). However, as we have shared previously, the current process is that the council could give a FNP for the first year (£80 per child, per parent), an increased FPN for the second year (£160 per child, per parent), and court prosecution in the third year (resulting in a criminal record). The government have made it clear that pupil attendance is an issue to be tackled and councils/schools should follow policy.

Message from Year 6

This half-term has been a short one, but that doesn't mean that it hasn't been packed with activity. Year 6 have sat their SATs. This involved a week of tests in maths and English. Over the week, they tried incredibly hard and were rewarded with a visit from the ice-cream man and an afternoon of fun in the sun. Year 4 have also been working extremely hard to put on an art gallery for the parents - it was almost like visiting the Shipley.

Early Years



Nursery – Honeybees and Worms

Learning about mini-beasts in Nursery is always some of the most enjoyable learning experiences for our children. As well as increasing understanding about the creatures, there are numerous opportunities to develop a range of skills by working together and challenging ourselves!

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Reception – Mothering Sunday

The children have been learning about Mothering Sunday, the Christian celebration that follows the end of lent. The children listened to the story 'My Mum is Fantastic', by Nick Butterworth, which led to a conversation about how fantastic mothers and mother figures are. The children were very good at explaining all the wonderful things their mothers do for them everyday!

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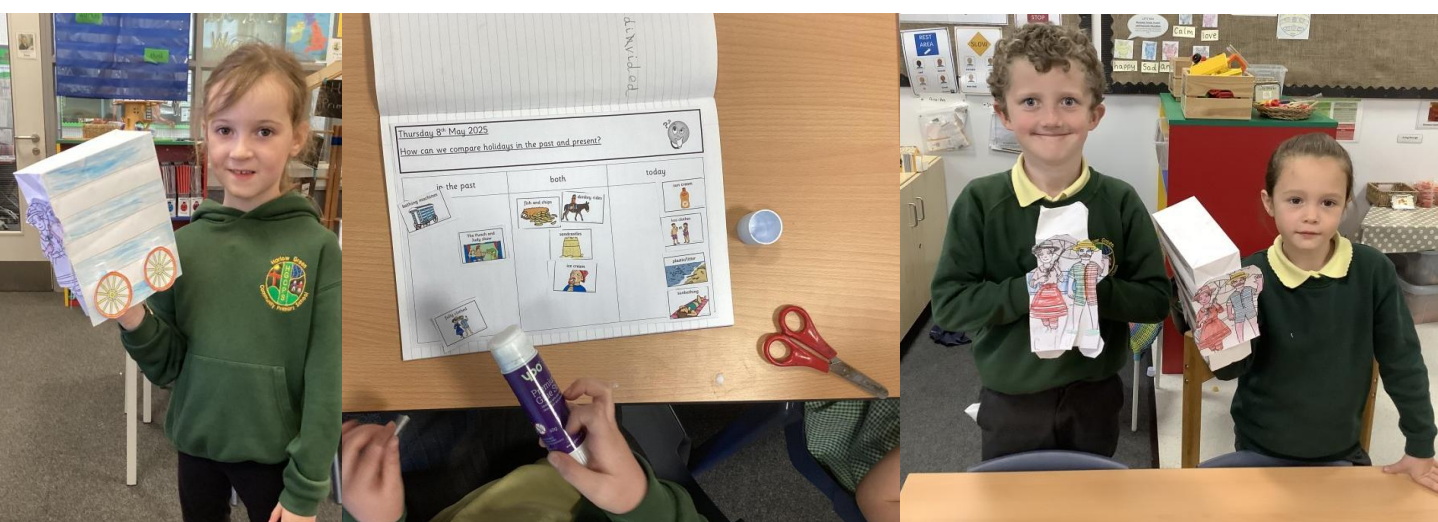
Key Stage 1



Year 1 – Seaside Holidays in the Past

The new topic for Year 1 children has helped them understand how very different holidays were for the Victorians compared to today. Bathing huts, full-body costumes and Punch & Judy shows packed on to beaches around England is not the same as a week in the mediterranean but we're sure just as much fun was had!

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Year 2 – Thriller

Anyone walking into the hall this half term may have had a bit of a shock as they were likely to bump into some zombie-like children! However, there was nothing to worry about when it turned out the children were practicing their new dance within PE lessons after taking inspiration from the song 'Thriller'!

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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 – Plant Investigation

In science lessons, the children have not only learned about the different parts of a plant but also had the opportunity to consider the different aspects that impact on growth. Observing what happens when light and water are limited showed how important it is to look after household plants, especially in the summer.

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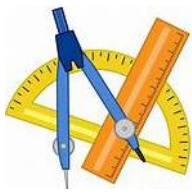
Year 4 – Art Exhibition

Often, people can have a lack of confidence about art and may say things like, 'I can't draw'. However, Year 4 demonstrated that we can all be artists when their glasswork was exhibited to parents and carers in the hall. The work was of such high quality that the artists were able to sell their pieces for a reasonable very price!

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Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Pig-Heart Boy Theatre Visit

Before they read the book next half term, Year 5 had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Theatre Royal in Newcastle to watch a live performance of Pig-Heart Boy, a stage adaptation of the novel by Malorie Blackman. The performance was fantastic, and the children had an amazing time being immersed in the wonderful setting.

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Year 6 – SATs Challenge Met!

At Harlow Green, we make sure we do not make SATs the main aspect of the year. However, these national tests are important, and the children worked extremely hard to meet the challenge these tests present. We are all hugely proud of each and every child for such positive attitudes which meant a treat was required!

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Sports Update

Girls Football

It has been a very busy half term for our girls' football team. They have taken part in two competitions over the last couple of weeks. The first one was held at Gateshead Power League in Dunston. There were 32 teams that took part which means our third-place finish was an unbelievable achievement. After that, the team competed in the Felling league and continued their impressive teamwork which led to achieving another third-place finish.

Two sets of bronze medals ...

AMAZING!!!



Cricket Team Competition

In May, our two Year 5 and 6 cricket teams took part in the Gateshead SSP Cricket Tournament which was held at Felling Cricket Club. Both teams played really well as a team displaying their skills in batting, bowling and fielding. Both teams were a credit to the school with one of them coming second and qualifying for the finals next half term ... Howzaattt!



Attendance



The highest attendance this term has again been for Year 4 with a fantastic 96.8%.



02/09/24-22/05/25

Rec	93.1%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	94.4%
All	94.2%





Coming soon ...

Extra-Curricular Clubs Summer 2

Club	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
Monday			Year 2 Multisports
Tuesday	Year 4/5 Tag Rugby	Violin	Choir
			Steel Pan Band
			Year 3/4 Cricket
			Year 1 Art
Thursday	Girls Football Training		Guitar
			Year 3/4/5 Athletics Team Training
Friday	Tennis		

We can't tell you about everything that is going on but ...

Remember, the events and club calendar can be accessed on the  SchoolPing app.



Some Important Dates

Date	Event	Group
02/06/2025	First day of Summer 1	All
13/06/2025	Non-uniform Day	All
19/06/2025	Summer Fayre	All
01/07/2025	Transition Day	All
15-16/07/2025	Year 6 Leavers Events	Year 6
18/07/2025	Last Day of Summer Term	All