



Autumn 2 e-News 19.12.2025

Tis the Season ...

The last few weeks have been full of festive spirit in the lead up to Christmas which has been exciting for everyone.



It is been a packed half term with an array of events including Christmas Dinner, performances, parties, assemblies, posting letters for Santa, choir performances, and even a panto visit for Year 6.

In amongst all of this, whilst everyone has been battling with winter bugs, the children have continued with the usual work. We're not quite sure how it has all fitted in but what we do know is that everyone deserves a well-earned break!

Don't forget, more information can always be found on our website at:

www.harlowgreen.org

Growing happy, healthy and successful, together.



Notices

Staff Training Day

On the Monday after the Christmas break, the school will be closed for staff training. The office staff will be working in school and can be contacted, if required.

Children In Need 2025

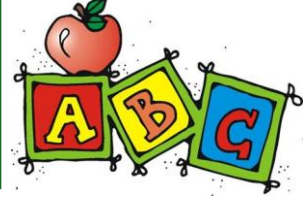
We celebrated Children in Need on Friday 14th November. Pupils and staff dressed in Pudsey spots and accessories, learned about the charity's origins, and enjoyed fun activities like colouring and headband design. As part of the 'Challenge 25' theme, everyone took on the Strictly 25 Step Dance Challenge—performing all 25 moves together. Thank you for your generous donations and support. We raised £341 for an amazing cause.



Message from Year 6 Head Children

It's been a busy half term for all year groups with lots of festive activities such as Christmas parties, Christmas baubles and Christmas dinner with crackers and party hats. We performed our Christmas play with great joy to parents and carers. Year 6 are looking forward to a Pantomime trip before we have a well-earned break. From all of the students at Harlow Green, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Early Years



We are Family!

In Nursery, children have been reading “Stick Man” As part of their ‘Little Bear and Me’ topic, they explored families by sharing photos and talking about what makes each one unique. The children painted their family members and displayed their wonderful artwork in our classroom gallery.

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Reception – Letters to Santa

Our Reception children were very excited when they went out of school to post their letters to Santa. Writing about what toys they would love to receive and then making sure they were ready for the post workers to start the journey to the North Pole was a lot of fun!

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Key Stage 1



Year 1 – We are United (Kingdom)!

In geography, the children used maps to see how our country of England is part of four main countries that make up the United Kingdom. After this, everyone had the opportunity to make their own Union Flags with the national colours of red, white and blue. The children were proud that our flag Represents understanding and kindness.

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Year 2 – Emergency ... Fantastic Fire Engines

Year 2 have been working hard to design and build their own fire engines! They explored real features, sketched ideas, constructed chassis with wheels, and added creative details like hoses and lights. A clever wind-up ladder finished their fantastic models.

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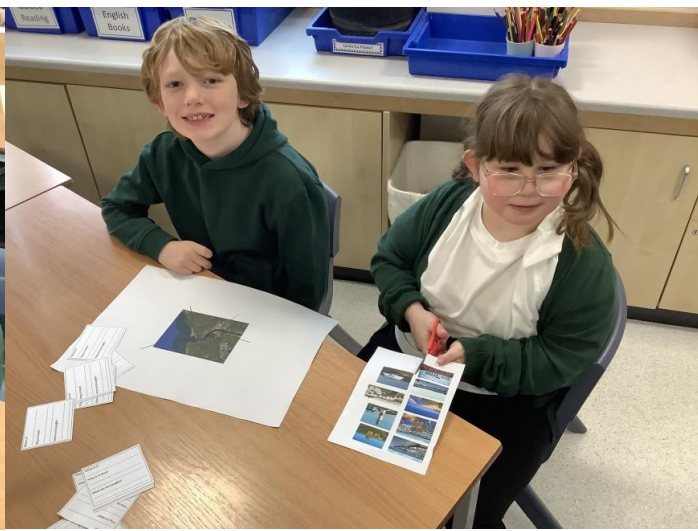


Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3- Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!

Recently, Year 3 have been learning about coasts in Geography lessons. The children explored coastal features, compared ports in the UK and Egypt, and studied Tynemouth and the River Tyne. They finished by creating diagrams showing how people live, work, and play near the coast.

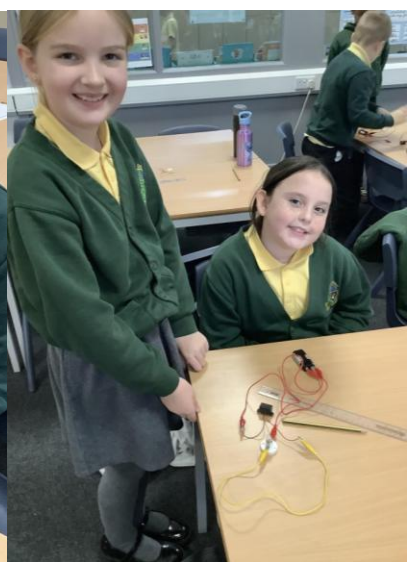
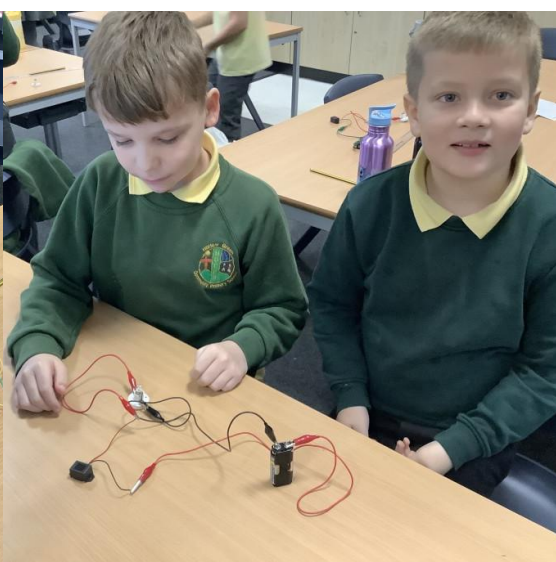
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Year 4 – Exciting Electricity!

Year 4 have been exploring electricity in Science. During lessons, they learned how power is generated from fossil fuels and renewable sources. They then built circuits with batteries, wires, bulbs, buzzers, and switches to see how electricity flows as well as why it stops when a circuit is broken.

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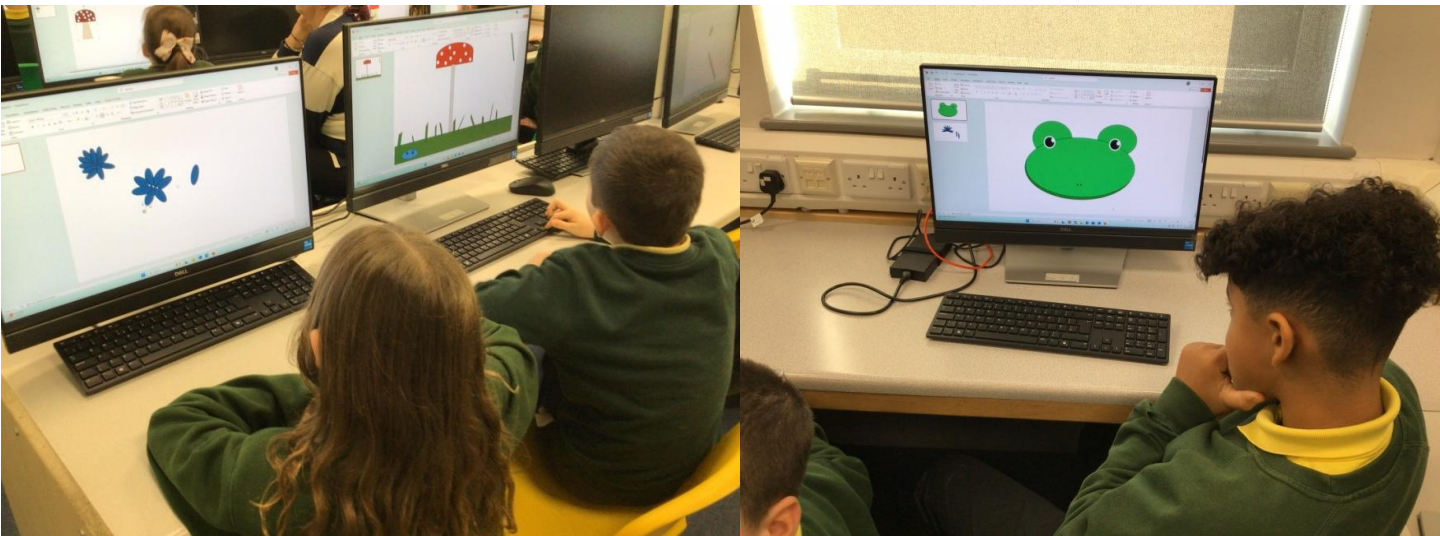
Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Vector Drawings

In Computing, the children have been creating vector drawings using lines and shapes. They explored how these skills link to graphic design careers and produced amazing images of houses, animals, and more. This has really inspired the children with some now considering a career in design.

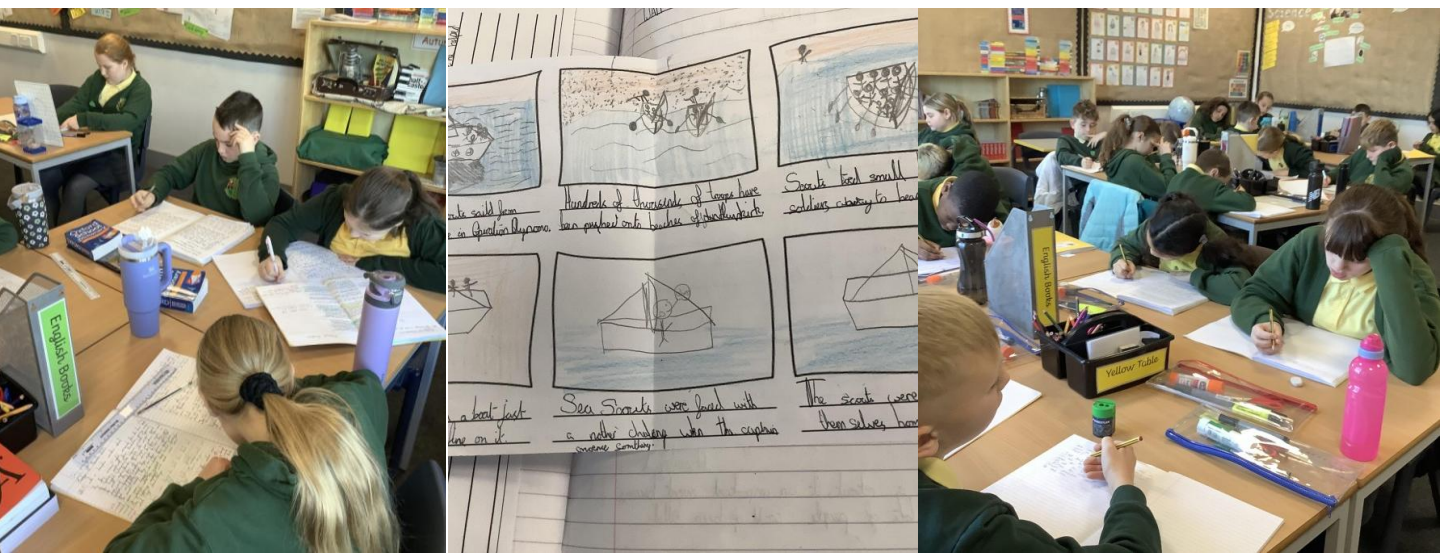
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Year 6 – Dunkirk Descriptive Narrative

Year 6 have been reading “Tales of World War Two” in English. They explored real events like Dunkirk and wrote emotive, descriptive pieces from a third-person perspective. Along the way, they learned to use colons and semi-colons and produced some fantastic narrative writing.

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Christmas Events

Christmas Performances

All the weeks of practice came to fruition over the last two weeks during which 10 performances were staged for families. Children dressed as camels, shepherds and Jet2 workers, along with amazing singing, acting and dancing, led to some brilliant entertainment while sharing the important messages of Christmas time. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support and help these performances have such a community feeling.



Its party time!

Although school is very much focused on lessons and learning, it is about far more than that. In school, being able to spend time with friends in a range of contexts is essential for personal development and general happiness. One of the most fun examples of this at Christmas time is the annual parties. During the sessions, the children played party games, ate some snacks, watched an online panto and squeezed in some arts and crafts.



Attendance



The highest attendance this term has been for **Year 5** with a fantastic **97%**.



02/09/25-12/12/25

Rec	94.7%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	94.6%
All	94.8%

**190 children
attended for
96%
or above**

**82 children
still have
100%
attendance**




Coming soon ...

Extra-Curricular Clubs Spring 1

Club	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Year 5/6 Hockey Club
		VEX Robotics
Tuesday		KS2 Choir
		Year 3/4 Basketball
		Year 4 Art Club
Wednesday	School Football Team	
Thursday	Year 4/5/6 Girls Football	KS2 Dance Festival Rehearsal
		Year 2 Lego Club
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
05/01/26	Training Day	Staff
06/01/26	Start of Spring Term	All
23-27/02/26	Half Term	All
02/04/26	Last Day of Spring Term	All
20/04/26	Start of Summer Term	All