Newsletter September 1 2026

Harewood Junior School

We are responsible, kind and safe.

Week Beginning:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Y6 Swimming	Y6 Swimming	Y6 Swimming	Y6 Swimming		

Attendance

We are all **belong** here; our attendance in school is **valued** and **essential**.

Academic Achievement: Regular presence in the classroom is vital for students to keep up with the curriculum, engage actively in learning, and reach their full potential.

Social & Emotional Growth: Time in the classroom builds confidence, self-esteem, and social skills. It allows students to build peer relationships and fosters a vital sense of school community.

0 days absence (190 school days)	6 days absence or more	15 days absence or more	19 days absence or more
100%	96.99%	92.99%	Below 90%
Excellent attendance	Satisfactory attendance	Requires improvement	Causes for concern
Best chance of success	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	Serious concerns and possible court action

Year Three	**97.2%**
Year Four	**95.2%**
Year Five	**94.9%**
Year Six	**97.4%**

Congratulations to Y3 and Y6 for their combined efforts in coming to school punctually and daily!

- Opportunity to reach their full potential
- Confidence, self-esteem and social skills development
- Building peer relationships and sense of school community belonging

GCC SEND Newsletter
See the link attached

Lunchtime Changes

The children said that lunchtimes (in the hall) were noisy and not very relaxing. We have trialled and implemented some changes to improve their experiences. We believe that lunchtimes should be a social time where they can eat their food and chat quietly to others.

- Y5 and Y6 can choose to eat their packed lunch on the benches outside
- Children choose where they sit within their year group
- Dinner tokens are given before entering the lunch hall so the children have more time to eat and play
- When a child has finished eating, they go straight out to play
- Children are taking more responsibility for their time in the hall

The feedback has been positive from both pupils and staff positive!

The Hub – The Bonsai Room

- Over the holiday, we have updated the appearance of The Hub which we have renamed The Bonsai Room. This room and outside space is exclusively for pupils who need a different type of leanring environment to achieve their goals.

iSingPop

The children inY4 and Y5 have been enjoying learning and performing songs with the iSingPop crew! The Y4s will be performing at The Grange on Friday 11th September.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Communication update

As most of you will be aware we are starting to use **Class Dojo** to support our behaviour systems and school-to-home communication.

- You must **register on Class Dojo** as we will be using this more frequently than our text messaging service
- We will be using Class Dojo to send messages from school but will not be responding to messages coming into school
- We ask you to kindly respect this and **not communicate** to school via Class Dojo
- We will reduce the amount of paper letters sent home and will use **Google Forms** or **Class Dojo**

Bringing things into school

- Kindly do not allow your child/ren to bring things from home apart from their lunch, water bottle and jacket. Toys, 'fidgets', 'squishies' etc. **must not** be brought in from home unless previously agreed on a My Plan.
- Please ensure all items of clothing, water bottles, packed lunches are labelled.

Allergy and Medical Information

We are **collecting allergy and medical information for our pupils** – we appreciate you have shared this information previously but there have been national changes and we are ensuring our systems are robust.

Rewards and Celebrations

Thank you for an uplifting celebration assembly today. Children - you listened intently to your teachers and it is very clear that you know your peers well and are celebrating positive choices throughout the day.

I am looking forward to next Friday!

Year 3BL	Bintia T	Antoni L	Joshua P
Year 3T	Rayna	Vinny B	Alannah OH
Year 3BR	Harry GD	Joshua C	Edward C
Year 4D	Courtney C	Avery S	Safiyyah B
Year 4N	Olly J	Archie B	Quinn O
Year 4BB	Bonnie F	Cole N	Isabelle O
Year 5G	Abeera S	Logan F	Nivin K
Year 5K	Breamya U	Daniyal A	Yasmin F & Anna G
Year 5R	Kayden G	Elijah T	Lola H
Year 6B	Jude	Thomas	Reuben
Year 6ST	Haleema	Jessica	Finley
Year 6T	Nevaeh	Emily	Livia

SAVE THE DATES	
Friday 11th September	iSingPop concert @ Grange Primary School, GL4 0RW
Saturday and Sunday 12th September	iSingPop concert – Tuffley churches Festival TBC
Tuesday 8th September – Friday 18th September (excluding Monday)	Y6 swimming lesssons
Friday 18th September	School Photographer
Tuesday 22nd September – Friday 2nd October (excluding Monday)	Y5 swimming lesssons
Thursday24th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 28th September	Harvest Festival with Reverend Rachel Y3&4 TBC Y5&6 TBC
Wednesday 30th September	**Friends of Harewood AGM** after school, wellbeing Centre New Members needed
Thursday 1st October	**Census Day** – school funding is allocated by pupils in school on this day. 100% attendnace means 100% school budget.
Wednesday 21st October	Friends Event after school – details to follow