



Harewood Junior School

Parents' information meeting

9th September 2026

Year 6 class teachers this year are:

6T –

Miss Tonks

6ST -

Mrs Twist

Monday

and

Tuesday

6ST –

Mrs Scott

Wednesday - Friday

6B –

Mr Brazier

Year 6 Teaching Assistants are:

Mrs
Carmelino

Mrs
North

Miss
Reed

Many of these teaching assistants are part-time, but they will all be working in the year group at different points.

PPA teachers (every other Wednesday):

Mrs
Cullimore

Mrs
North

Miss
Reed

Our new school rules:

Image	Rule	Expanded
	We choose to be responsible .	Responsible Being responsible for myself, others and our environment
	We choose to be kind .	Kind Being kind to myself, others and nature
	We choose to be safe .	Safe Keeping myself, others and our environment safe

Key Stage 2 SATs

Key Stage 2 SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 10th May 2027.

- Statutory tests will be administered in the following subjects:
 - Reading (60 minutes)
 - Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
 - Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar (45 minutes)
 - Mathematics
 - Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
 - Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
 - Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)
- All tests are externally marked.
- Writing will be 'Teacher Assessed' internally, as in recent years.

Themes

We have an exciting curriculum and teach different subjects through a main theme. This year we will be studying the following topics:

- The House of Wisdom
- Alive and Kicking
- Evolve

The following slide shows the Parent overview for the Autumn term.

It is posted on the website and will be updated throughout the year to include an overview of the Spring and Summer terms.

Curriculum summary for Autumn Term: Year 6 2026 - 2027

English:

After our baseline assessments we will move on to learn about different writing genres, including:

- Biographies
- Poetry
- Fantasy, quest stories
- Balanced argument

We will also be learning a variety of GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) techniques. In addition to this, children will be reading a range of texts, using and applying reading comprehension skills, and tested on spellings each week.

Our class reader is The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. We will also be reading extracts from Northern Lights by Phillip Pullman.

Computing:

- Internet safety

Design and technology:

- Food technology: The history of biscuits and Glass Biscuit making.

Art:

- Studying the work of Dennis Creffield.

Music:

- Musical terminology, notation and reading music.
- History of film music

MFL: We will be revisiting the French vocabulary that we already know before learning new words and phrases.

Science: Electricity and Light

Light

- Be able to explain how light travels
- Understand how we are able to see light and non-light sources
- Explore shadows

Electricity

- Understand and use electrical symbols
- Explain and understand how the number/voltage of cells effects a circuit

Our topic this term is:
The House of Wisdom

History: Rise and Fall of Baghdad

- Placing the Golden Age of Islamic civilisation in historical context
- Analysing and inferring using historical sources
- Comparing life in Baghdad and London in AD 1000
- Investigating the legacy of the Golden Age of Islam and Baghdad's 'House of Wisdom'
- Identifying reasons for the rise and fall of Baghdad

Suggestions of ways in which you can help your child at home to reinforce their learning:

Regular reading, 10 minutes at least 3 times a week. This should include comprehension questions about the book too.

Practising spellings, including using them in sentences.

Rapid recall of times tables and related facts.

Research of our topics.

Encouragement to complete homework on time and to a good standard.

Useful websites to reinforce learning:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

https://kids.kiddle.co/Islamic_Golden_Age

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tg4wx>

<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/electricity.html>

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/>

<https://trockstars.com/>

Mathematics:

After our baseline assessments, we will start by recapping some basic numeracy skills, targeted to meet the children's needs. We will be covering several units of work, including:

- Numbers and the number system
- Checking, approximating and estimating
- Calculating
- Exploring and calculating fractions, decimals and percentages
- Proportional Reasoning
- Shape, space and measures.

Geography:

- Compare and contrast a geographical area in the past and present
- Describe human settlement and land use patterns
- Use four and six figure grid references

PSHE:

- Rules, democracy, justice.
- Embracing our differences
- Diversity, discrimination
- Stereotypes.
- E-safety

RE:

- What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

PE:

- Fitness and cross country
- Invasion games skills (non-contact)

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to

1.8 MILLION

words per year

and scores in

90th PERCENTILE

on standardized tests

will be exposed to

282,000

words per year

and scores in

50th PERCENTILE

on standardized tests

will be exposed to

8,000

words per year

and scores in

10th PERCENTILE

on standardized tests

Source: Hoyle, Anderson and Newman, 1993

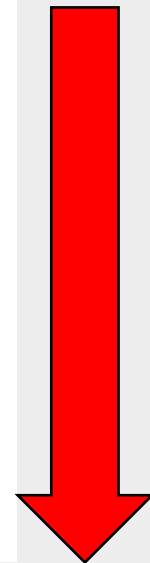
Reading

We expect the children to read at least 3x a week, at home, to an adult and then have their reading record signed. We will check records on a Friday.

HAREWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL – READING LEVELS PATHWAY



Year group	Age	Book Band
Nursery	Up to 4 years old	Lilac Pink
Reception / Primary 1	4-5 years old	Lilac Pink Red Yellow Light blue
Year 1 / Primary 2	5-6 years old	Green Orange Turquoise
Year 2 / Primary 3	6-7 years old	Purple Gold White Lime Lime +
Year 3 / Primary 4	7-8 years old	Brown Grey
Year 4 / Primary 5	8-9 years old	Dark blue
Year 5 / Primary 6	9-10 years old	Dark red
Year 6 / Primary 7	10-11 years old	



CHILDREN PROGRESS
TO COLOUR BANDED
BOOKS – START AT **LIME**

Spelling

- We teach spelling in a variety of ways. Spellings are grouped according to spelling patterns.
- There are 10 spellings a week, which the children will be tested on every Tuesday.
- Some children, who find spelling especially difficult, may have an adapted list to learn.
- Spellings are available on the website, are glued into homework books and will also be posted on Class Dojo.

Maths

We would ask that you help your child learn their times tables and practise basic arithmetic with simple activities at home, in addition to their homework.

Every child has a log-in for Times Tables Rock Stars. The children need to have a firm grasp of all times tables and their related division facts, as these will help them to quickly and accurately calculate a range of mathematical problems.



TTRS @ Harewood Junior

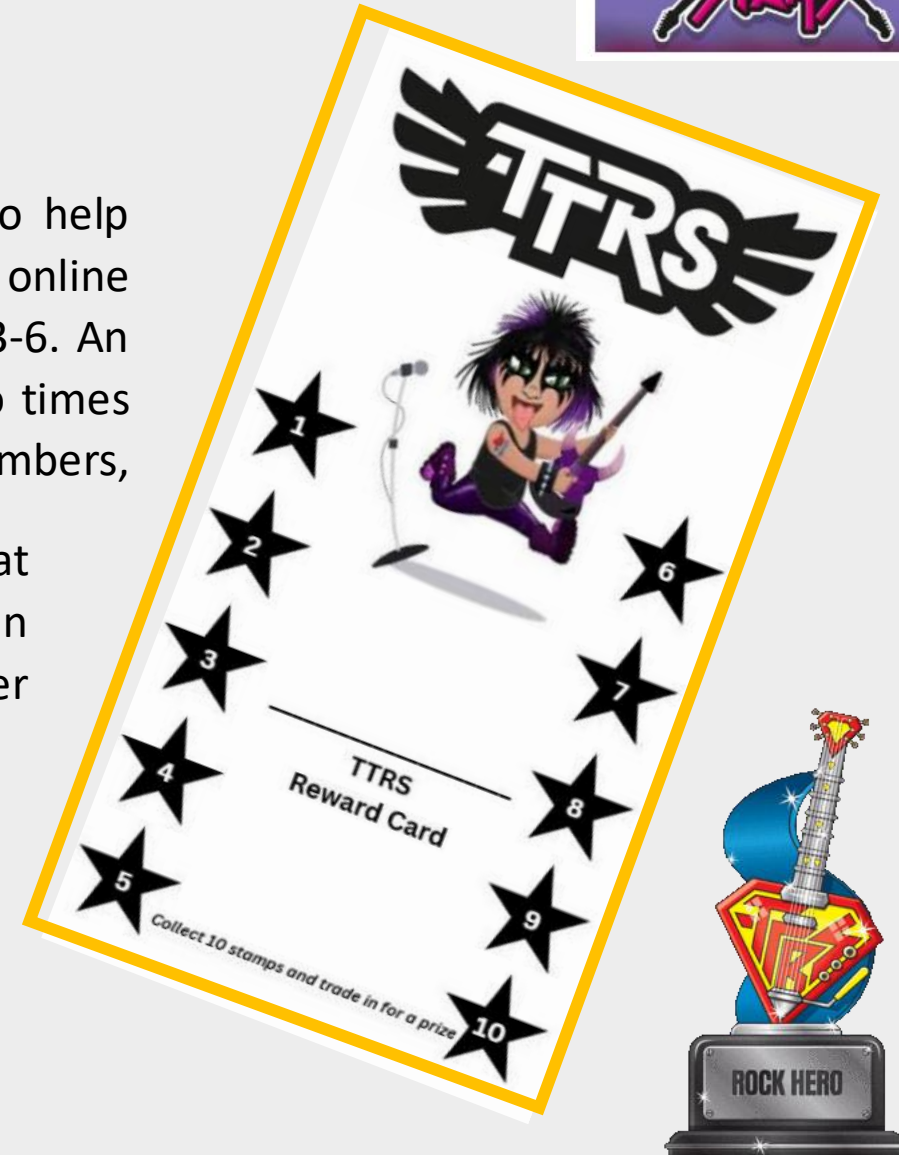


Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables both in school and at home! It is an online platform that supports the learning of times tables for children in years 3-6. An app form of this platform is available for most devices. When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

As part of child's weekly homework, they are expected to use TTRS for at least 30 mins a week (3 x 10 mins for example). Any extra practise they can do will mean that your child will become increasingly fluent and gain greater confidence in their times table facts....an important life skill.

In school, participation will be recognised during 'Celebration Assembly'. As well as additional incentives, including the TTRS punch cards which will be used to encourage and motivate.

Each week, children will also have the option to attend Mrs Hooper's TTRS Drop-in sessions during Friday lunch times.



Homework

Homework will be set on Class Dojo.

The children have their login details stuck into their Homework book. Once the children have completed their homework, a clear photo of it should be uploaded to Class Dojo.

The Homework Book stays at home.

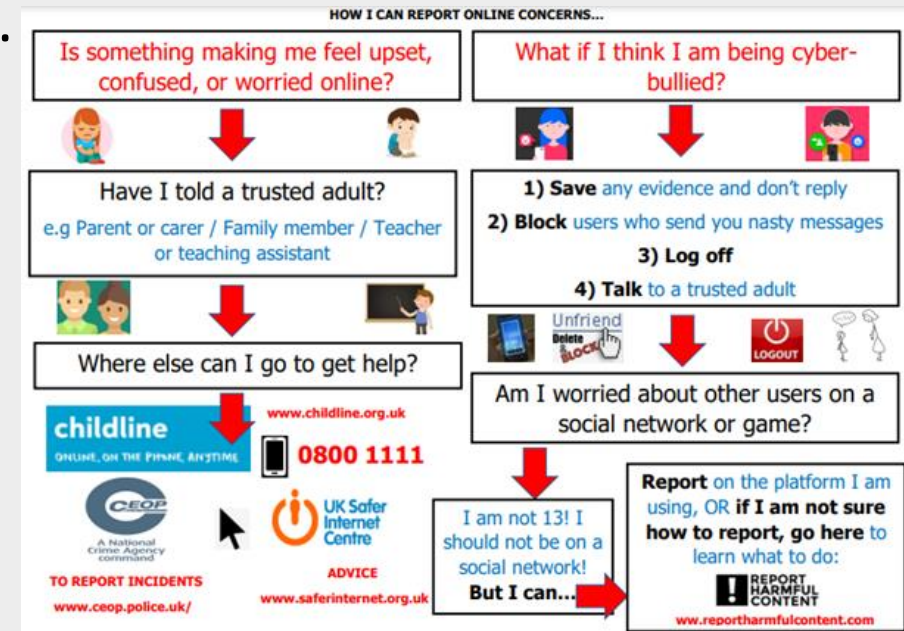
Homework is set on a Thursday and must be returned by the following Tuesday.

Please encourage your child to present their homework neatly and to hand it in on time.

If you are having difficulty accessing Class Dojo, please inform your child's class teacher.

ONLINE SAFETY

- For support, guidance and resources on all aspects of **online safety** – from setting parental controls to identifying age-appropriate apps and games – you can visit our school website for useful information
- If there has been an online safety issue, worry or concern that your child has raised, please contact your child's class teacher or **Mr Beardshaw-Brown** (Assistant Headteacher & Online Safety Lead) via the school office.
- Parental guides are available for numerous apps and platforms – please ask Mr Beardshaw-Brown for a copy
- You can also refer to our 'Reporting Concerns flowchart' for information on how to support your child in getting help online – there is a copy in their homework book



P.E.

P.E. will be every Thursday, after swimming has finished. This may change, later in the year, when we have coaching sessions. You will be informed of any changes. The children need to come to school dressed in school PE kit. Please remember that all jewellery must be removed and long hair tied back. This is for safety reasons.

Bikeability

Will begin during week commencing 12th July 2027.
Details will be sent out nearer the time.



Secondary School Transfer

Your child have been given the letter from Gloucestershire County Council, regarding the procedure for applying to your choice of Secondary School.

All the information you need is on the letter.

Please remember the deadline to apply is 31st October.

Our Pastoral team are there to support your child.

- Mrs Fogg- Pastoral Lead
- Mrs Jones- CiC mentor/ Pastoral HLTA
- Mrs Forrester-Attendance

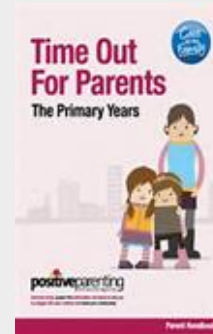


Further support for you

We run a variety of courses and workshops to support you led by Mrs Fogg as well as ones we commission from outside providers.



Lumi nova-
Supporting
children's
mental health



Parenting
courses



Sleep project



Homework
Project

Our Wellbeing Team work with individuals and small groups of children around pastoral needs. They will be supporting your children to settle into Year 3. In addition, they make pastoral referrals for children and families, support families and liaise with other professionals. Do reach out to us if you need some additional support.



Friends of Harewood

Want to be part of a great team?



Can you help raise money to benefit the pupils of our school? We raise over £5,000 last year!

Planning meetings are held termly after school.
Volunteers urgently needed to help us run events.

Typical events -

Family quiz night
Children's discos
Children's film nights
Sponsored events
Easter egg hunt
Summer Fayre

Help us raise more money-

Sign up to earn commission for school through your online shopping!



You are invited-

McMillian coffee event-
24th September

Friends AGM 30th
September

Parent groups

Sign up to the waiting list for our range of possible courses and we will be in touch as we offer



Help with Friends of Harewood?

Use this QR code to express your interest in Friends and one of the team will get in touch, or simply come to our AGM on 30th September.



A group of eight children and one adult are posing for a photo. They are all wearing helmets and life jackets, suggesting they are participating in a water sport like kayaking. The children are of various ages and are smiling, with some waving. The background is a clear blue sky.

JCA *Let the adventure
begin...*

**Year 6 Residential Trip:
Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th June 2027**

A group of children are standing on a wooden dock, preparing to go kayaking. They are wearing helmets and life jackets. The water is calm, and the sky is blue.

WELCOME TO JCA

CROFT FARM



Croft Farm

Gloriously located in the heart of the Cotswolds near the historic town of Tewkesbury. Croft Farm boasts its own 12 acre lake with easy access to the River Avon. The lake is the central feature of the site and the base for a wide range of Water sports activities with the River Avon providing some more adventurous canoeing and kayaking.



Facilities



12 acre lake



Sports field



River Avon



Clubhouse



Bar & eatery



Teacher's retreat



Accommodation

Purpose built Scandanavian-style log cabins or newly built Pods, designed with children in mind, fully heated with 2-4 beds. Accompanying adults are accommodated in twin bedded rooms.



Activities



- Abseiling
- Archery
- Buggy Building
- Canoeing
- Circus Skills
- Climbing
- Dance Mania
- Fencing
- Initiative Exercises
- Katakanuing
- Kayaking
- Mini Olympics
- Orienteering
- Raft Building
- Rocket Launch
- Sailing
- Sensory Trail
- Sit on Top Kayak
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- Team Challenge
- Wide Games
- Windsurfing



Harewood Junior School details

- Our residential trip to Croft Farm waterpark will take place from Wednesday 16th June-Friday 18th June 2027.
- We will leave at approx. 11am on Wednesday 16th June (children can arrive in school from 10:15am) and return at approx. 2pm on Friday 18th June 2027.
- Nearer the time we will organise a meeting to explain exact timings; confirm the activities; share the kit list; and answer any of your questions.
- Behaviour contracts have all been signed and returned for those children who have paid their deposit. Thank you.



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Payments:

- The initial non-refundable deposit of £80 was due last term and has been paid to secure your child's place. Thank you.
- If you have not paid a deposit, but would like your child to come on the trip then please speak to me and I will check with JCA to see if they have any spaces remaining. We cannot guarantee that there are additional spaces.
- The remaining £260 has now been set-up on ParentMail. The first £100 of this is due by 16th October 2026. Another £100 is due by 5th February 2027. The remaining £60 must be paid by 21st May 2027. You can make payments at intervals throughout the year, but these are the deadlines for minimum amounts to be paid. Thank you.



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- We are all very excited. 😊

	School Timetable 08.30 gates open – drop off at gate 08.40 registration and lessons 10.45 break 12.40 – 1.30 lunchtime 3.05 (Y3/4) School day finishes – collect children from front playground 3.10 (Y5/6)	School Uniform  Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo) No hoodies White collared t-shirt Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/dress Red and white chequered dress Black shoes Grey/black/white socks Must be labelled. Name	School PE Kit This must be worn on PE days and Healthy Active Friday. Your child's PE day is: Thursday  Plain white t-shirt Red shorts Black joggers/leggings Must be labelled. Name
<u>Year 6 Team</u> Mrs Scott Mrs Twist Mr Brazier Miss Tonks Miss Reed Mrs Carmelino Mrs North	Every day a small bag containing:  Water bottle (labelled and filled) Book and reading diary - Snack (optional) Healthy lunch (labelled) NO NUTS Raincoat (labelled) Hot days: suncream, sun hat		You must register on: - Parent Mail - Class Dojo 
Keeping children safe and healthy No NUTS – more on allergy safety to come Healthy food only - No toys or belongings from home - No smart watches - No tattoos - No nail polish - No jewellery - Stud earrings may be worn but NOT for PE or swimming - Hair to be tied back - Y6 must have permission to bring a mobile to school and it will be kept in the office throughout the day. Please speak to the school office.		<u>Attendance</u> and punctuality is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and wider development. Being in school every day helps children stay connected to learning, peers and the wider life of the school. It promotes a sense of belonging, a stable routine and access to opportunities that support personal, social and academic development. Unavoidable absence must be reported to the School Office by 08.50, stating the reason for absence. You must call the office on each day of absence. Please call: 01452 525 364	Our school rules: We choose to be Responsible We choose to be Kind We choose to be Safe  Our school rules are new and will be introduced during the first term of 2026.

And finally...

Thank you for coming.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

We look forward to an exciting year teaching your children.