



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Summer (B) 2026

Message from our Headteacher

As we reach the final days of term, it is always a time to look back and celebrate everything we have achieved together over the past year. This final half term has flown by in a whirlwind of exciting events, which you can read about in this newsletter.

It has been a fantastic year at Harlington Lower School. To our amazing children, thank you for bringing our school values to life every day, tackling your learning with such enthusiasm, and being such brilliant ambassadors for Harlington Lower School. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to our exceptional staff team; their boundless energy, care, and dedication are what make our school such a thriving environment. We have some staff moving on to new opportunities at the end of term; we thank them all for their contributions to the school and wish them all the best for the future.

We also send our very best wishes to our Year 4 leavers as they take their next step into middle school.

You have left a wonderful mark on our school, and while we will miss you, we know you are ready to spread your wings and achieve great things.

Wishing all of our families a safe, sunny, and thoroughly restful summer break!

Oak Class

We have been incredibly busy in Oak Class this half term as we prepare for our exciting transition to Year 1! The children have truly risen to the challenge, working with a much greater level of independence and showing incredible resilience. Living by our motto of "keeping on trying," they are tackling more challenging tasks with an inspiring "can-do" attitude. It has been wonderful to watch them spend much longer focusing and paying attention during directed learning, proving they are more than ready for the next step in their school journey!



Lola - I am good at number work!

Edward - I like writing everyday!

We are so proud of the overwhelming success of our Teddy Bear Fun Run, which raised a brilliant £230 for MIND BLMK thanks to everyone's amazing support. The children also shone during our very first school Sports Day, demonstrating wonderful teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. To top it all off, we have thoroughly enjoyed our Forest School adventures, exploring nature, building confidence, and having an absolute blast outdoors!



Charlie - I liked the teddy bear fun run!

Bradley - We made bird feeders at forest school.



**Golden Book:
Thomas**

Chestnut Class

Wow, how are we already at the end of the summer term? It has been such an amazing year, and we are all so proud of Chestnut Class and the fantastic progress everyone has made. You have all worked incredibly hard, shown kindness, resilience and enthusiasm, and it has been a pleasure to watch you grow. You should all be so proud of yourselves and everything you have achieved this year.

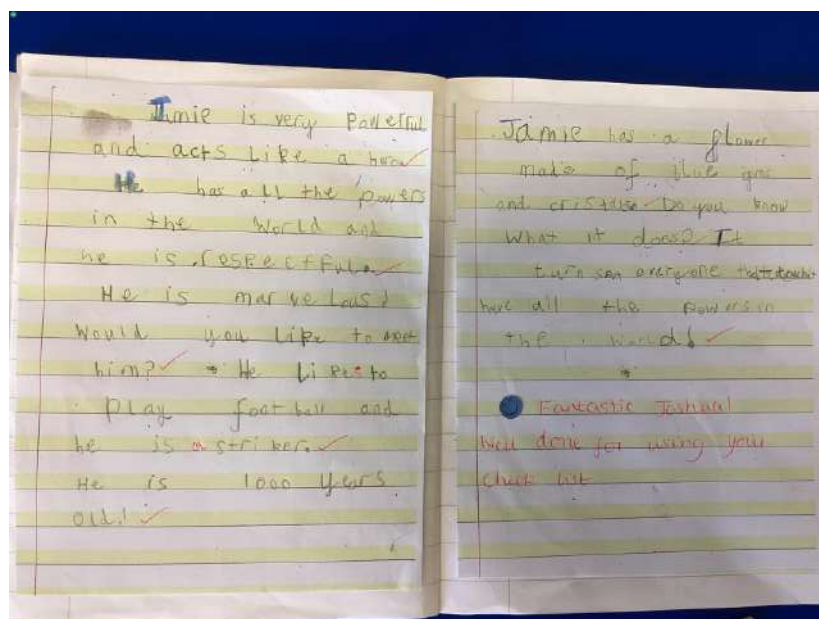
Maths: We have worked really hard over the past month learning to tell the time for o'clock and half past. We have also learned to identify coins and notes. We had lots of fun making a shop in our outside provision and learning to add together different amounts.



Lola: I persevered with learning the time

Jack: I have enjoyed learning about money especially when playing shops.

English - It has been lovely to see the children's writing skills develop over the course of the year. This half term we have studied A Midsummer Night's Dream. We have been working hard on our descriptive writing and using adjectives to describe the fairies. This year the children have developed into independent writers and now use their phonics skills to write challenging words.



Staying cool in the sun and Geography: In our Geography lessons we have been learning about extreme weather. The children were able to apply their first hand experiences of the heatwave to design some brilliant sun safety posters.

Chestnut class- I enjoyed when Miss Coffey sprayed me with the hose.

Sumaya- It was very hot but we persevered.



Zoo trip –

As a Key Stage we enjoyed a brilliant trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The children were brilliantly behaved and a credit to the school. We were very lucky to see many of the animals: brown bears, penguins, giraffes, otters, rhinos, butterflies and chimpanzees to name just a few.



Freya- We had lots of fun and we loved all of the animals.

Elsie- I enjoyed seeing the animals with my friends and seeing the animals so close up

PSHE

In PSHE, we have been looking at transition and how to manage our emotions during change. We have read the huge bag of worries by Virginia Ironside and identified the importance of talking to others about our worries. Then just like the book, we wrote down our worries, scrunched them up and threw them away.



Golden Book :
Jack

Hawthorn Class

It's been a busy half term for Hawthorn Class. The children have really enjoyed their DT unit of work on 'Sensational Salads'. They tried a variety of salads including potato salad, coleslaw and beetroot salad. The children had fun making a carrot and sultana salad and a tuna pasta salad. They are looking forward to making their fruit salad in the last week of term.



Ally - I liked making things, especially the pasta salad!

Kylo - I liked tasting and making the salads.

The children have enjoyed reading and learning about 'The Tempest' in English. They have taken on the role of different characters in the story, they particularly like pretending to be Caliban and hiding from the fairies under the cloak. The children worked really well on retelling and acting out the story using actions.



Nell - I like to do a lot of writing.

Elliott. L - I enjoyed making up a fairy friend for Ariel.

The children have had fun in our Music lessons this half term. They have learnt a Polish circle game 'Tańczymy labada' and were able to sing the song confidently in Polish. They were then able to play tuned instruments to make an accompaniment for the song. They also learnt about Polish composers and traditional Polish dances. They learnt how to sing another Polish song called 'Płynie statek'.



Ruben - I loved playing the glockenspiels.

Khaleesi - I liked singing the songs and playing the circle game.

The children loved taking part in the French Enrichment Day. They learnt about France and where it is. They also learnt about what famous landmarks there are in France and what food that they might eat. The children enjoyed learning how to count to 10 in French, they also learnt some colours and greetings in French.



William - I liked learning the greetings in French.

Oliver - I loved eating the croissant and doing the wordsearch.



Golden Book: The whole class

Rowan Class

As part of our DT lessons, Rowan Class have been busy designing and creating their own kites. After carefully planning their designs, the children used bin bags, straws, tape, and string to bring their ideas to life. Once completed, everyone headed outside to test their kites and see how well they flew. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork, and the children had great fun watching their creations take to the sky!



Grove Theatre

Our Year 3 pupils blew everyone away with a sensational singing performance at the Grove Theatre as part of Inspiring Music's 'Something for Summer' showcase. They took to the stage with immense confidence, filling the theatre with beautiful music and making the entire school community incredibly proud.

We are also incredibly proud of four of our Year 3s, who stepped in to perform their brass instruments with only 5 minutes' rehearsal, when another school was unable to make it. They played beautifully, and the way that they showed the school values of courage and confidence was wonderful to see.

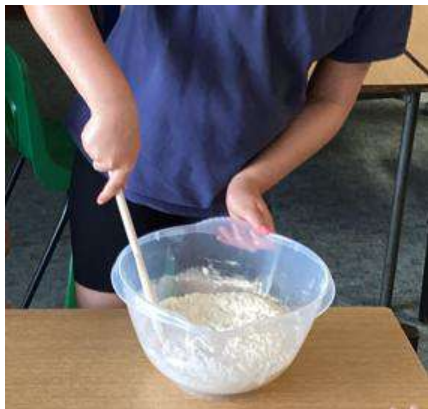
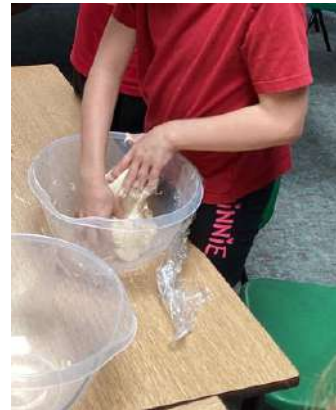


Golden Book: Arthur

Beech Class

What a fantastic final half term it has been! These amazing Year 4 children have shown such hard work and dedication to their learning and enthusiasm for everything that they have been asked to do. I am incredibly proud of all of them and the progress they have made and I feel privileged to have taught them in their final year at Harlington Lower School. Good luck on your new adventures at middle school Beech Class and be the best that you can be - you are all superstars! From Miss Hines 😊

In DT, we explored the history of Warburtons before becoming bread experts ourselves! We sampled a range of their products, carefully evaluating each one for its appearance, smell, texture and taste, before designing our own bread flavours. After choosing our ingredients, we took part in our very own 'Great Bread Bake Off'. We were so proud of our baking skills and, best of all, our bread tasted delicious!



Elliott: It was interesting learning about all the different ingredients that we need to use to make bread.

Harper: My group chose apple and cinnamon which mixed really well together. I could hardly taste the cinnamon but the apple was very strong. It was delicious.

Earlier this year, during our Ancient Egypt topic, we mummified some tomatoes. This half term, we finally opened them to see the results. The tomatoes had dried out, their skins had become wonderfully wrinkly, and, to our surprise, none of them had gone mouldy or developed a smell. We all agreed that our mummification had been a success! Although every tomato had been well preserved, the appearance and lack of moisture meant that Aoife, Ellie and Holly were crowned the winning team.

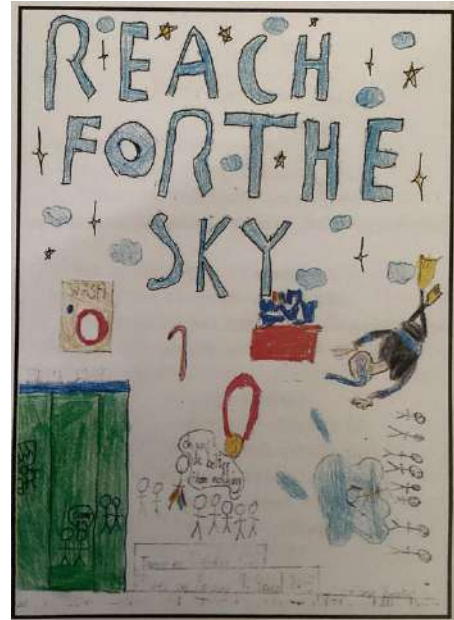
Kianna: I loved it when we got to pour out the tomatoes and see how successful they were.

Over the past few weeks, we have also been working incredibly hard to prepare for our end of year production and Leavers' Assembly. After lots of rehearsals, we finally performed to our families and teachers.

We are so proud of everything we achieved and hope everyone who came to watch enjoyed the performances as much as we enjoyed putting them together. Learning all of the songs was great fun, especially our Leavers' song, *Beautiful Things*.

Vincent: I really enjoyed learning our lines while trying not to give our parents any spoilers.

Elysia-Mai: I enjoyed the singing and the acting and it made me laugh when I had to wear a dirty PE t-shirt.



Golden Book
Kianna-May