ASPIRATIONS

Harriers Banbury Academy
an Aspirations Academy

Our Vision: to cultivate high quality education in a supportive environment, enabling our pupils to become kind, happy, confident individuals, ready to take on the world

Harriers Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

Message from Mrs Coley

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another year comes to a close, I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all the staff and children at Harriers, who have made 2024 another very happy, successful year for our school community. I'd also like to thank all of YOU, who have supported in so many ways this year: volunteering to read each week; volunteering for trips; running our "New to You" uniform sale; running clubs before and after school; being part of our PTFA and supporting and helping at the fundraising events; lobbying the council about our parking situation; attending our HAC meetings; being a governor; donating items for us to use in school; supporting our food and toy banks; running our sports teams and I'm sure I've probably missed some things out. All these things go to make Harriers the special community it is.

We wish you all a very restful Christmas break and a happy, health 2025!

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 7th January.

Best wishes,

Steph Coley

Attendance Matters!
Cumulative Totals

Whole school attendance for year to date: 94.5%

National Average year to date: 94.6%

Year to date, week by week, accumulative attendance for Terms 1 & 2

Nursery	88.0	87.5	86.2	85.9	86.0	86.1
Robins	93.9	93.1	92.4	92.5	92.3	92.3
Wrens	92.9	92.9	92.5	92.9	93.0	92.9
Swallows	96.0	96.0	95.5	95.4	95.2	95.2
Swifts	97.6	97.3	96.9	96.4	96.2	95.8
Doves	95.7	95.2	95.0	94.7	94.7	94.9
Woodpeckers	94.3	94.3	94.1	94.3	94.5	94.9
Kingfishers	96.6	96.7	96.4	96.6	96.6	96.7
Toucans	97.0	96.6	96.0	95.8	95.8	95.8
Parrots	95.5	95.3	95.0	95.0	95.3	95.1
Red Kites	92.7	92.5	92.3	92.2	91.6	91.4
Flamingoes	94.4	94.2	93.3	93.5	93.7	93.7
Pelicans	96.9	96.3	96.2	96.3	96.3	96.2
Eagles	94.6	94.9	94.3	94.4	94.6	94.1
Owls	92.9	93.2	93.6	93.6	94.5	94.3

Attention

It is your responsibility to notify the school office on the first and subsequent mornings of absence.

Failure to do so may result in your child's absence goes down as unauthorised.

Upcoming Dates Term 3

6th January - INSET - school closed to children
7th January - First day back for children Term 3.
13th January Y5 Planetarium visit at HBA
15th January PTFA AGM 3.30pm at school
17th January Y2 Book 'n' Brew 2pm
23rd January Early Years Stay 'n' Play maths workshop for Maths 2.15pm
28th January Y1 Book 'n' Brew 2.30pm
29th January Doves class to Pizza Express
30th January Y3 to St Mary's Church(pm)
30th January Y4 Cherwell Theatre Company
30th January Early Years Stargazing 5.30pm

4th February 11am Nursery storytelling workshop
4th February 2.45pm Nursery storytelling workshop
5th February Parent workshop- "Children's Mental Health Week" 2.45pm
5th February Y3 Egyptian Day
5th February Woodpeckers class Pizza Express
6th February Y4 Cherwell Theatre Company
7th February Early Years & Year 6 Heights and Weights
11th February Y6 SATs evening for parents & carers 5pm
13th February VAlentine's Disco (times tbc)
14th February End of term 3

Father Christmas came to visit

Thanks to our PTFA contacting him, Father Christmas visited Nursery and Early Years today and he even managed to pop into years 1 & 2 to say hello!!

Lower Phase Celebration Assembly

Upper Phase Celebration Assembly

25th November 2024

High Flyers

Term 2 Aspirations Award Winners!

Santa Fun Run! Well done to all our runners, we had a wonderful day and raised over £1300 for Katherine House Hospice!

Special well done to Max, Charlie and Iona who all raised over £100 each.

Goodbye and Good luck to Mr Nagel, Mr Norton, Saffron and Sarah!

Early Years

Early Years experienced spending money and learnt about healthy eating during our trip to Morrisons. The children had so much fun choosing what to buy.

Robins and Wrens have worked really hard performing their Christmas shows. The children have loved showing their dancing and singing.

Year 1

This week Year 1 had fun doing the Santa Fun Run.

Year 1 also performed their Christmas Concert. They all loved making performing to their families!

Year 2

Year 2 did an amazing job this week with their Nativity show.

They sang beautifully, said their lines clearly and put on a fantastic show.

We are so proud of them all!

Year 3

Year 3 loved the Santa Fun Run!

For our final project in topic, we have been applying our knowledge of magnets to make magnetic games.

Year 4

Year 4 children enjoyed learning about Quentin Blake and creating their Christmas cards in his style. We can't tell the difference!

The children also enjoyed singing in the carol concert and taking part in the KHH Santa Fun Run.

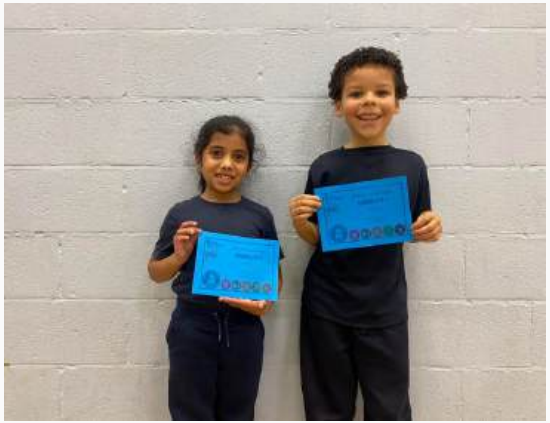
Year 5

Year 5 have been busy with design technology creating spaghetti bridges and using saws and wood!

Year 6

Year 6 have been really immersing themselves into what it would have been like during World War 2. They wrote descriptive words and took their friends on a descriptive journey of being in a busy station at this time.

Sporting events



Dodgeball festival

On Thursday 5th December, a team of 8 children from Years 3 and 4 undertook the short walk to Wykham Park to take part in the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership Dodgeball Festival. The team played 4 games against other local schools and showed off their best dodging, dipping, ducking, diving and dodging again! The children visibly grew in confidence the more they played and also showed outstanding teamwork, integrity and honesty. What a fantastic morning - well done all! Mr Gledhill

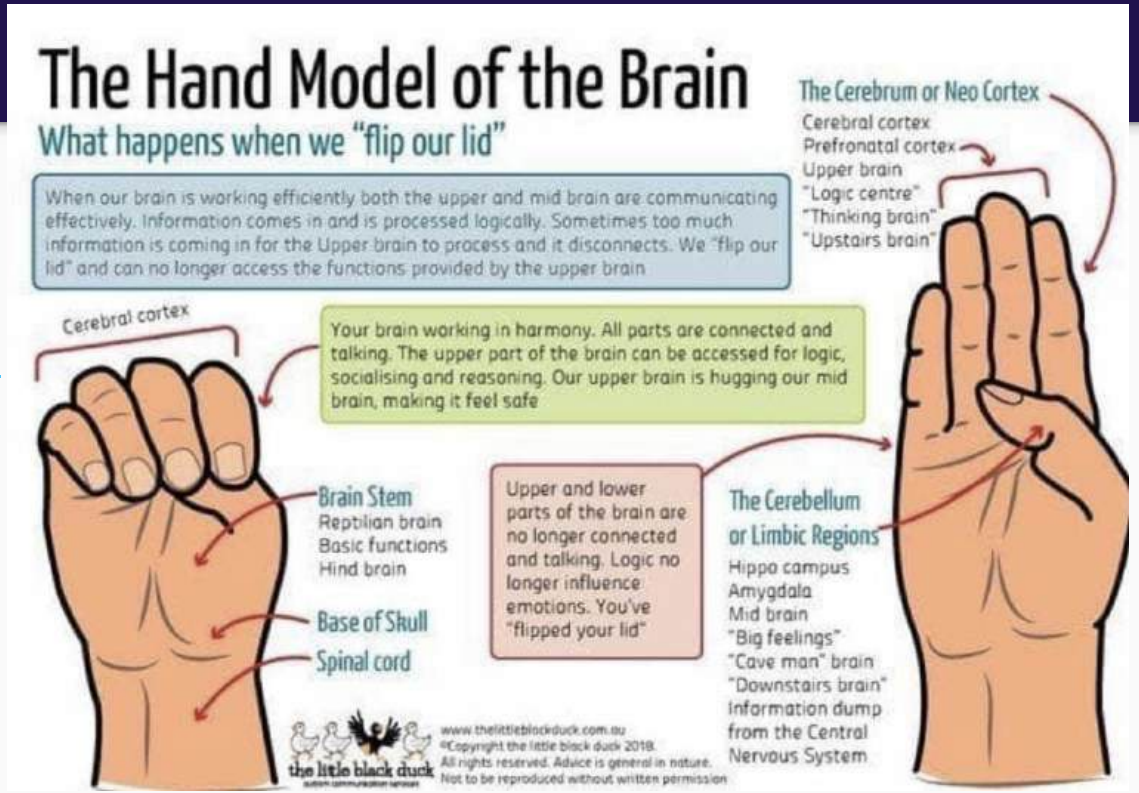
Music Lessons at Harriers

We offer a variety of music lessons at Harriers! Some children can have music lessons **free of charge** with the Oxfordshire Music Service! If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please go to the following website and complete the form!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest

SEN and Inclusion

Here's a video that teaches children about the brain and how they can regulate emotions: [Upstairs brain, downstairs brain]



Safeguarding our children

Who we are……..

If you have any concerns about your child's safety, your safety or that of another child/family in our school, then please see one of the Designated Safeguarding Team. Mrs Agate is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Miss Thewlis Mrs Jones

Mrs Agate

Mrs Coley

Miss Wayte

Mr Sherington

Mrs Stephens

Safeguarding our children

Helpful phone lines for the Christmas holidays in case you are worried about a child protection issue;

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000
Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub - 0845 050 7666
Childline - 0800 1111
Police - 999 for emergency or 101 for non emergency

Wake Up Wednesday Advice

Free guides relating to cycle safety, spending and saving, and Snapchat. (Note: Snapchat has an age restriction of 13+).

See Ping for PDFs which will be easier to read.

Storytelling Garden

The after school art club have produced some beautiful watercolor paintings, after looking at book illustrations, including work by Jan Pieńkowski and Jackie Morris.

The children (from Y1 up to Y6) have experimented really creatively and enjoyed working with watercolours and acrylics.

Please see here for the latest Primary School Health Newsletter
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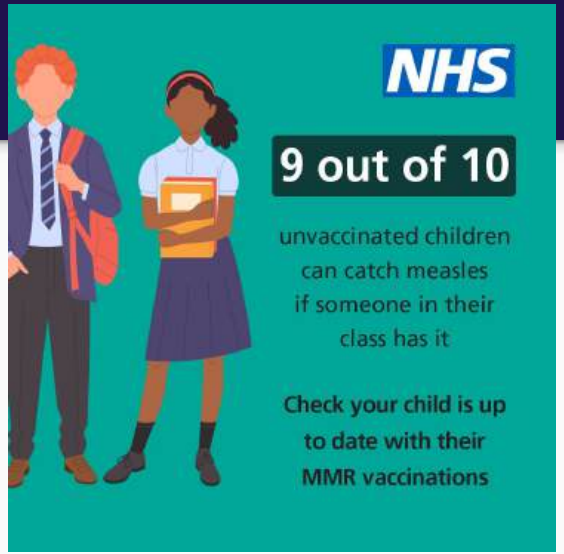

[Term 2: Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter]

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Fundraising this year

This year, let Katharine House Hospice take away the stress of what to do with your real Christmas tree after the festivities are over. The process is simple:

1. Book your tree collection at Christmas Tree-cycle 2025 | Supporting Katharine House Hospice, Banbury

1. Make a generous donation.
2. Leave your tree outside your home from 8am on 9 January. It will be collected on either 9 or 10 January.
3. Katharine House will collect the trees and take them to our chipper to be recycled.

Fostering in Oxfordshire

oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering

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You care with our support

Being a foster carer is rewarding but, we'll be honest, it's not easy. Our children and young people have often been through a lot and can need plenty of support. But every day we see the impact that support has. Seeing them grow in confidence – well, nothing beats that.

Fun trips to the shops, cuddles after a bad dream, helping with homework, being there during those tricky teen years – foster caring is about providing stability, positivity and reassurance when a child needs it most.

Want to know more?

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Visit **oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering**
or give us a call on **0800 783 5724**

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Free Online Courses

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Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

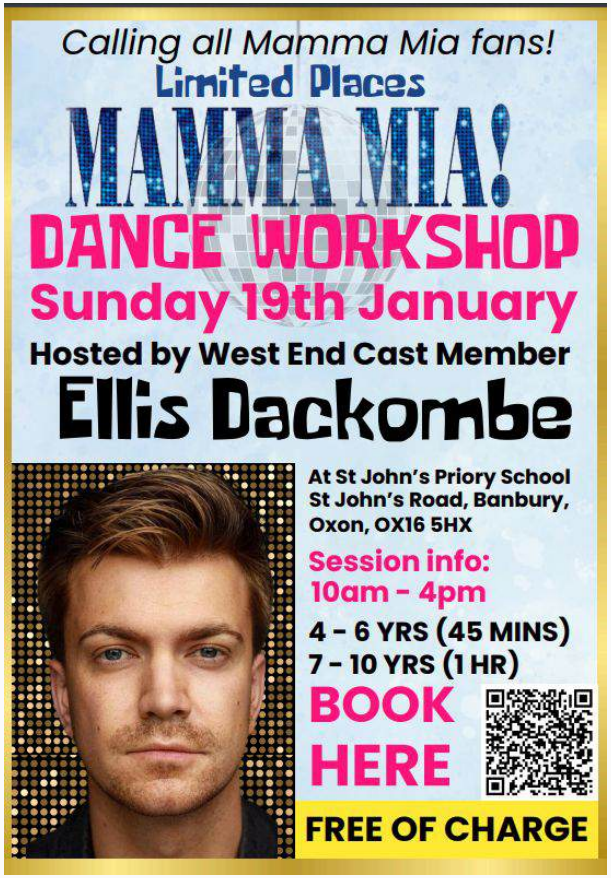
Available In the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that MUST be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

Activities outside Harriers



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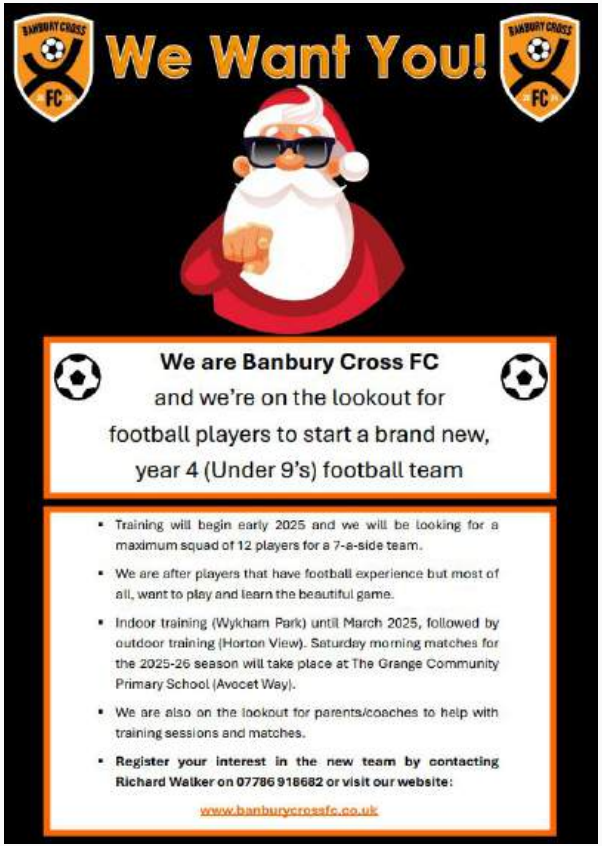

Fundraising for our school

easyfundraising

Here's your good deed of the day! Support Harriers Banbury Academy on #easyfundraising! It's a fantastic way for you to help us fundraise for free. Sign up today and turn your Black Friday, Christmas and all other online shopping at your favourite retailers like eBay, Tesco, M&S, H&M, Argos, and 1,000s more into much-needed free funding for us: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/harriersbanburyacademy/O8C4C0/c2s/N5Zntup/Q3246/facebook/

What is Cashpot for Schools?

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, **every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to their chosen school.**

But that's not all! For every customer who chooses your school, Asda will put £1 into your school's Cashpot, and another £50 when your school's first opted-in customer spends in-store or online! You can check how much your Cashpot is growing via the Asda Rewards app.