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 7th March 2025

Message from Mrs Coley

Dear Parents and Carers,
Spring certainly arrived this week and it has been lovely seeing the children enjoying the wonderful facilities we have in our outside spaces.
We value your feedback immensely, to help inform our practice and improve the provision we make for your children. With this in mind,I would like to give you all an invitation to attend our next HAC (Harriers Action Committee) ; our parent forum.This is an informal way of meeting with parents, to discuss ideas and suggestions. We have two very committed parents, who have attended for many years and been contacts for other parents. However, we always like to meet as many of you as possible and therefore, invite you to come along on Thursday, 20th March, at 9am. Please just come to reception, once you have dropped off your children.

Best wishes,
Steph Coley

Attendance
Week ending 28th February

Whole school attendance for year to date: 94.7%

National Average year to date: 94.5%

It's all of our responsibilities to ensure your children are in school when they are well.

Ducklings	87.1%
Robins	92.2%
Wrens	93.7%

Swallows	95%
Swifts	95%
Doves	96.6%
Woodpeckers	94.7%
Kingfishers	95.8%
Toucans	95.2%

Parrots	95.5%
Red Kites	92.6%
Flamingoes	93.3%
Pelicans	95.5%
Eagles	93.9%
Owls	93.2%

Upcoming Dates Term 4

10th - 17th March - British Science Week
10th March - Boys football vs Hanwell Fields
11th - Girls Football vs Dashwood
13th March - Year 6 cinema trip
18th March - VIRTUAL parents evening - slots available until 5.30
20th March - Parents Evening in person - slots available until 6.50
21st March - Red Nose Day (letter to follow)
24th March - Nursery transition morning
25th March - Boys Football vs St Leonards
25th March - Years3, 4, 5 Show to in the hall.(2pm)
26th March - Years 3,4,5 show in the hall 9am.
26th March - Parent Wellbeing Workshop 2.45pm
27th March - Nursery and EYU Mother's Day Event
28th March - Non-uniform day PTFA & PTFA Mothers Day gifts
31st March - Boys Football vs Bishop Loveday
April 1st and 2nd - Year 2 Farm visit
2nd April - year 5 pottery workshop
3rd April - Easter Bingo
4th April - Easter Bonnet Parade (letter to follow)

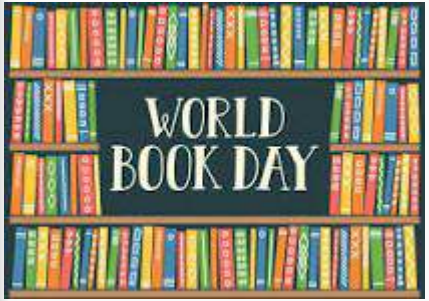
- Nursery - Year 2 1.30-2.10pm
- Years 3-6 2.15-2.45pm

4th April - END OF TERM 4

22nd April TERM 5 Begins

Upper Phase Celebration Assembly

WORLD BOOK DAY ACROSS THE SCHOOL



Nursery Spaces

We currently have 8 afternoon spaces in our nursery for the next academic year.
Please make sure that if you have a child who is 3 in the next academic year, that you reserve their space as soon as possible. Get your application in while there are still spaces!

Nursery

We had a great day sharing stories together for World Book Day, and enjoyed tasting different types of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Early Years

We have been making rock pools this week whilst we learned to write instructions in our English lessons.

We cooked and flipped pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

We also had a brilliant day dressing up and completing activities on World Book Day!

Year 1

Year 1 had lots of fun making pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. We enjoyed measuring out the ingredients and mixing it all together.

We put lemon and sugar or honey on them before eating them!

Year 2

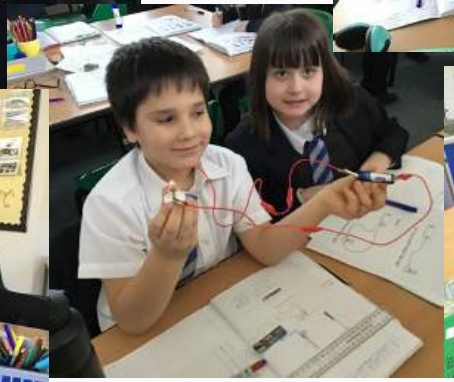
The Year 2s have had a brilliant time planning, creating and making their healthy eating wraps during our Design and Technology lessons!

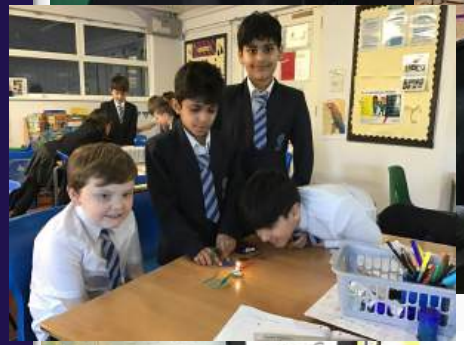
Year 3

Year 3 have been testing their watercolour skills. We practiced skills including blending, blotting, crayon patching and spotting. We will use these skills to recreate the painting 'The Thames below Westminster' by Monet.

Year 4

Year 4 pupils have enjoyed investigating how to build a successful circuit in our Science lessons.
They were very surprised to learn that just using a bulb, a battery and some foil can make a complete circuit and make the bulb light up!





Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. It was lovely to experience the children sharing and reading books with the Year 1 children.

We had some fantastic costumes including: a fabulous flamingo, two Witches, Matilda, Toothless and a Stich.

Year 6

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and even completed a mock SATs paper in their costumes!

Year 6 were also lucky enough to listen to 4 different teachers read to them, as well as pairing up with a Year 2 child to share a book together!

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There **is** such thing as a FREE LUNCH

Your child may be eligible for a free school meal which could save you over **£475 a year** and gain additional funding for your school. To see if you qualify, visit

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

DON'T FORGET

School meals are free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 regardless of circumstances!

Please sponsor Mr Sherington to complete the Marathon this year - raising money for Oxford Hospital Charities.

http://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/jon-sherington

Arbor Parent Portal

Arbor is the system we use to record all information we hold on pupils, including attendance and medical needs.

You should have received an activation email earlier this week to enable you to log into your account.

If you need any assistance with this, please call into the school office.

Going forward, this will be the way we will communicate with you. This will replace SchoolPing.

Arbor

Parent's Evening

Please activate your parent portal account on Arbor.

An email will be sent out to enable you to book your parent's evening appointment.

Monday 17th March (Red Kites only) 4 - 6pm (Virtual)
Tuesday 18th March (Whole school, apart from Red Kites) 3.40pm - 5.30pm (Virtual)
Thursday 20th March (Whole school) 3.40 -7pm (In Person)

If you have the Arbor App this will make the process quicker and easier for you.

Any issues, please call into the school office.

STANDING in the GAP

Children's Mental Health Week

3rd- 9th Feb 2025

We herby present this certificate to :

HARRIERS BANBURY ACADEMY

ThanK you to all the staff and pupils for the non uniform day to support Standing in the Gap during Children's mental health weeK 2025

You raised an amazing £81

ThanK you

February 2025

STANDING in the GAP

Supporting children to manage their emotions

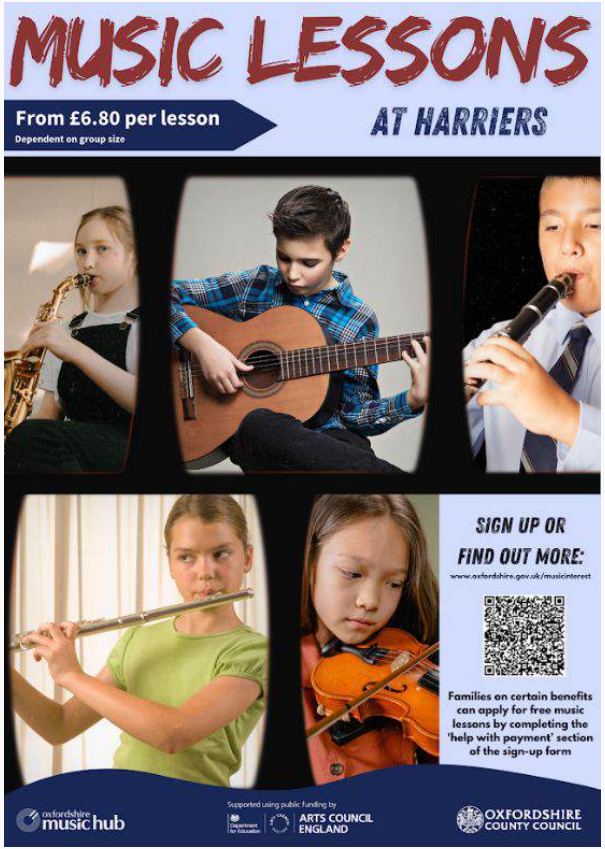
WWW.STANDINGINTHEGAP.UK

A Big Thank You

We celebrated Chinese New Year this term and Mr Rice were very kind and provided year 5 with boxes full of Chinese food for them to taste!

Thank you so much!

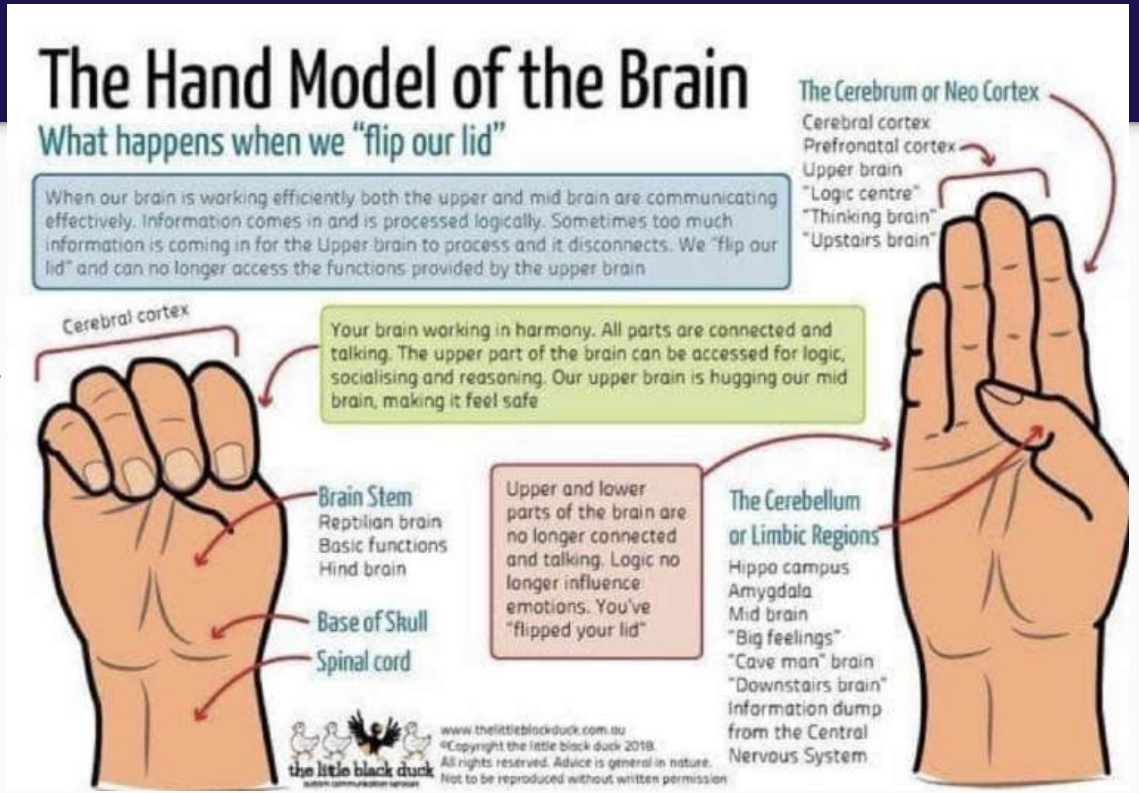
Music Lessons at Harriers



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

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)

Who we are……..

Miss Thewlis Mrs Jones

Mrs Agate

Mrs Coley

Miss Wayte

Mr Sherington

Mrs Stephens

Safeguarding our children

Eating Disorder Support - Shout 8258

Shout 85258, is a free and confidential text messaging support line for people struggling to cope. The digital service, has issued new guidance on the issue of eating disorders. Eating disorders are recognised by the NHS as a 'mental health condition where you use the control of food to cope with feelings and other situations'. Recognising an eating disorder is the first step towards healing and regaining balance. There are various types of eating disorders, including Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia, and Binge Eating Disorder. However, some individuals might not fit into these categories and instead experience Other Specified Feeding or Eating Disorders (OSFED) or ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder), which is more common among individuals with autism. Understanding these different experiences helps us better support those going through these challenges. If interested in finding out more, please click on the link below:

https://giveusashout.org/latest/how-to-support-a-young-person-with-an-eating-disorder/

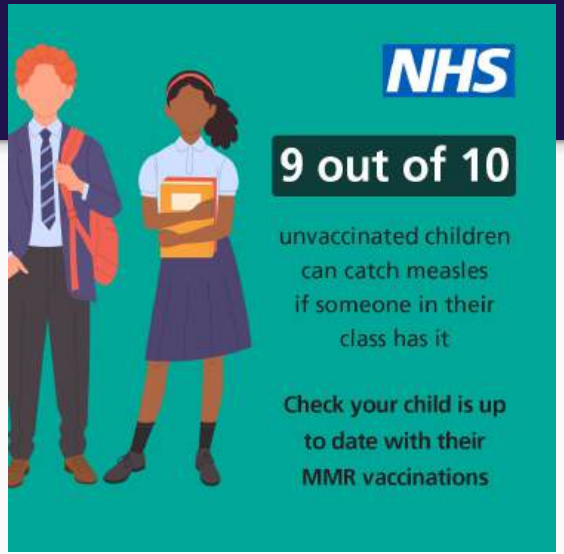
Wake Up Wednesday Advice

This free guide breaks down the risks associated with the popular multiplayer title Marvel Rivals and lets you know how best to safeguard children and young people playing the game.

Advice on the digital tools available to enhance literacy by making reading more interactive and accessible

See Ping for PDFs which will be easier to read.

Please see here for the latest Primary School Health Newsletter
https://sway.office.com/dGH85FJFkQhEeCTV?ref=email



[Term 4: Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter 2025]

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?

Scan me

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

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*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

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

www.studysmartuk.online

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	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.

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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.

Activities outside school