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

W/c 12th October 2026

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We are very pleased to welcome prospective pupils and their parents to our

OPEN MORNING



21st October,
4th November &
2nd December 2026
9.30-11am
(30-minute slots)



Tel: 01295 263067 or Visit: www.harriers-aspirations.org

We understand the importance of choosing the right school.
We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Morning, where you can learn more about:

- our Reception and Nursery provision
- our facilities and staff
- our values and how we ensure each child believes in their own potential and supports others to achieve theirs.

Please contact us on 01295-263067 or email office@harriers-aspirations.org to confirm your attendance.

Message from Mr Rabiasz

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the recent cross-country and girls' football events. They represented our school with fantastic energy, teamwork, and determination, making us all extremely proud.

Thank you also for your continued adherence to our updated mobile phone regulations on site. It has made a noticeable difference, leading to a direct reduction in incidents during drop-off and dismissal times and keeping our site safe for everyone. Linking with the start and end of day, please refrain from leaving childrens bikes, scooters and prams in the the bike shed near the school office; this is for staff bikes only.

Finally, a quick reminder regarding parent communication: to ensure your inquiries are received and processed promptly, all correspondence via email should be sent directly to the main school office and not to individual staff email addresses, which are reserved for internal administrative and teaching purposes only. Additionally, we are very happy to discuss school matters and answer any queries you may have but all interactions must continue to be respectful and appropriate for the school setting.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and cooperation. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Mr. Rabiasz

Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 28/09/26















Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 29/09/26















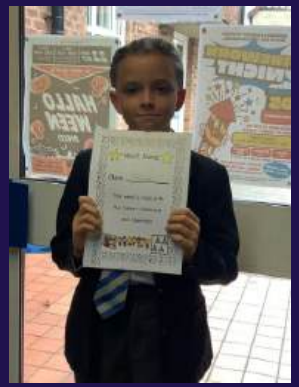
Upper Phase Celebration Assembly 05/10/26













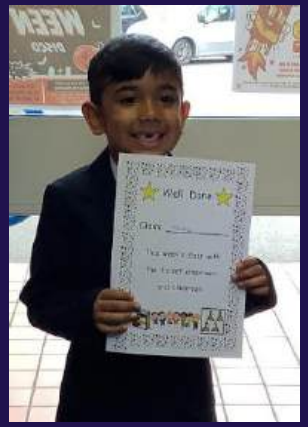


Lower Phase Celebration Assembly 06/10/26







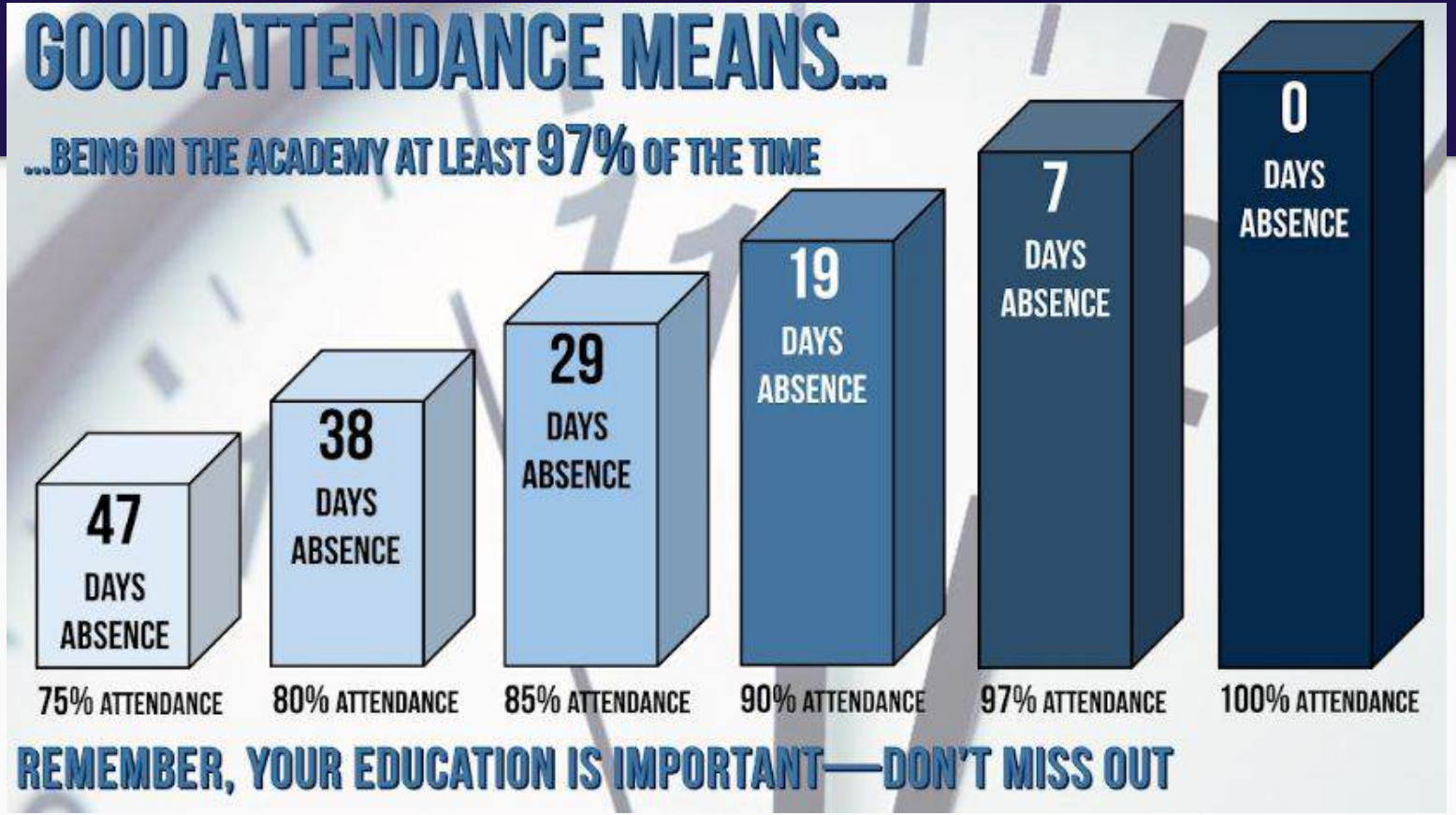








Attendance


GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...
...BEING IN THE ACADEMY AT LEAST 97% OF THE TIME
47 DAYS ABSENCE
75% ATTENDANCE
38 DAYS ABSENCE
80% ATTENDANCE
29 DAYS ABSENCE
85% ATTENDANCE
19 DAYS ABSENCE
90% ATTENDANCE
7 DAYS ABSENCE
97% ATTENDANCE
0 DAYS ABSENCE
100% ATTENDANCE
REMEMBER, YOUR EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT—DON'T MISS OUT

Upcoming Dates Term 1

- Thursday 3rd September - Term began!
- Wednesday 16th & 17th September - Art Printmaking Workshop
- Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th September - Year 6 Residential Trip
- Wednesday 23rd September - Warriner Open Morning 9-11am & BGN Open Evening 6-8pm
- Thursday 24th September - Warriner Open Morning 9-11am, BGN Open Morning 9.30-10.30am and NOA Open Evening 5.30-7.30pm
- Friday 25th September - European Languages Day
- Friday 25th September - McMillan Coffee Morning
- Thursday 1st October - Art Printmaking Workshop
- Friday 2nd October - Art Printmaking Workshop
- Friday 2nd October - Year 4 Book & Brew
- Tuesday 6th October - Year 3 trip to Avon Dassett
- Wednesday 7th October - Year 3 trip to Avon Dassett
- Wednesday 7th October - WPA & Future Open Evening 5.30-6.30pm
- Friday 9th October - School Photos
- Wednesday 14th October - Year 4 Science Oxford workshop
- Monday 19th October - EYU Phonics Workshop
- Wednesday 21st October - EYU Open Morning
- Thursday 22nd October - Aspirations Awards Assembly
- Friday 23rd October - School INSET Day

Nursery

Nursery pupils had a great time developing their listening skills. First, they crafted their own "listening ears" and drew the sounds they could hear.

We then took our skills outside for a local walk spotting different sounds, before finishing our trip with a fun play session at the park!





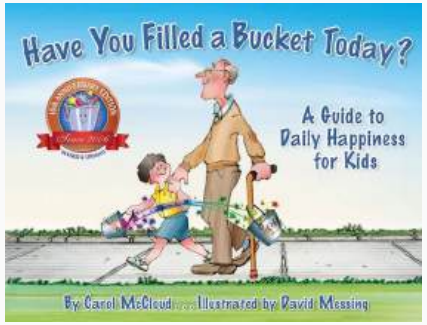




Early Years

In EYU we have been talking about different emotions, and how we can fill up each other's 'buckets' by being kind, helpful and friendly, and how this helps to fill our own buckets too.

The children have also enjoyed lots of collaborative role-play.









Year 1

Year 1 loved having their grown ups come in for our reading session.

We completed some activities that align with some of our favourite stories, including The Gruffalo.

We also demonstrated our fantastic phonics skills with the decodable reading map









Year 2

Year 2 had an amazing time doing an Art Printing Workshop with Abigail and Emma! We chose and designed a minibeast, then created it out of recycling. We then painting it and printed it onto paper to reveal our designs.










Year 3

Year 3 had the best time at Avon Dassett. We learnt that this used to be the bottom of the sea! We explained how this means it is full of sedimentary rocks that formed millions of years ago under that sea.

We loved searching for fossils, rolling down hills and playing games.





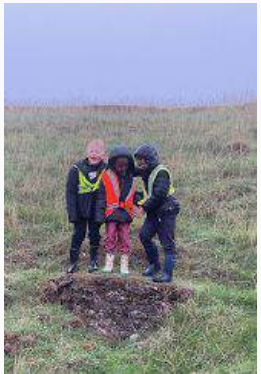














Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed sharing a story with parents/carers at our Book and Brew event on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who joined us!



















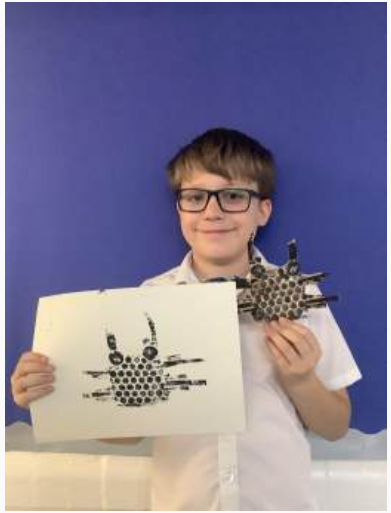

Year 5

Year 5 have had an excellent week as they have taken part in a variety of different activities.

We were fortunate to have the Cotswold Art Charity deliver an acrylic ink workshop using recycled materials.

Students enjoyed consolidating our topic of the Romans by dressing up and completing activities as a part of our Roman Day.









Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard across the curriculum, particularly with our work on electrical circuits and understanding why earthquakes occur.

We were also very lucky to take part in the Art Printing Workshop with Abigail and Emma. The children came up with some fantastic designs!

Cross Country

1st October 2026









23 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership's (NOSSP) Inter School Cross Country Competition and represented Harriers in the glorious sun that shone down on the sports fields at Wykham Park.

All those competing showed brilliant determination, perseverance and stamina to get round the course and whilst not competing, enjoyed cheering on and encouraging their fellow Harriers pupils.

The stand out performances were Alyssia (Parrots) who finished 1st and Inez (Red Kites) who finished 7th in the Year 3/4 girls race as well as Ayo (Owls) who finished 16th in the Year 5/6 boys race. As a result of them finishing in the top 20 in their races, they qualified for the Cross Country Finals taking place at Sibford School in December. Well done all!

NORTH OXFORDSHIRE School Sport Partnership
Making a positive difference!









Girls' Football

8th October 2026

16 girls from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 made the short walk to Wykham Park to represent Harriers at the NOSSP Inter School Football Competition. The competition was organised to give girls the opportunity to try out football for the first time and to continue to develop their football skills. With most of the Harriers girls playing matches for the very first time, it was the perfect setting to introduce them to "the beautiful game".

With 9 schools being represented and over 150 girls competing, both teams had the opportunity to play multiple matches, with the Year 3 and 4 team coming away from the competition unbeaten (winning 3 and drawing 1), whilst the Year 5 and 6 team won 2, drew 1 and lost 1.

The girls were in good voice, showed tremendous enthusiasm, teamwork and spirit both on and off the pitch and they should be very proud of themselves.







Space Assembly

8th October 2026

Years 1-6 were treated to a fantastic assembly about space from Leah at Space Store.

The children were mesmerised by the facts and photos of Jupiter as well as the details about what astronauts have to wear in space. Leah was very impressed with the knowledge of space that the children at Harriers have!

Thank you to Miss Tompkins (Year 3) who put on the space suit and really looked the part!

Thank you too to Mrs Jenkins who organised the assembly for us all.







Printmaking Workshops

Some of the year groups have started to take part in some exciting Art workshops over the last few weeks!

The Cotswolds Arts Through Schools Charity has provided us with some printmaking workshops for Year 1 - 6! The children have been creating some fabulous insects by creating a print out of cardboard!

GREAT FOOD

BIG SAVINGS!

Your child could enjoy a tasty, balanced meal every day — and you could save up to **£500** a year

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE

IN RECEPTION

YEAR 1

& YEAR 2!

SIGN UP HERE

AM I ENTITLED?

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2, they are automatically entitled to free school meals. From Year 3 onwards, you may still qualify if you receive certain benefits – saving your family over £500 a year and supporting your school. Check eligibility and apply today via the QR code, at **www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals**, or through your school.





A FREE SCHOOL MEAL EACH DAY ISN'T JUST A HEALTHY CHOICE — IT'S A SMART ONE.

HEALTHY & BALANCED – Fresh, colourful meals packed with the nutrients growing children need, meeting all School Food Standards.

FRESH & SEASONAL – Children enjoy a vibrant variety of flavours while sharing a sit-down meal with friends, building confidence, conversation skills, and even mastering cutlery in a relaxed, restaurant-style setting.

SUSTAINABLE & SMART – We make the most of ingredients, reducing food waste without sacrificing taste.

INCLUSIVE & SAFE – Our Allergen-aware menu and designated allergen buddy team member ensure children with dietary needs can enjoy lunch safely and confidently.

PTFA EVENTS

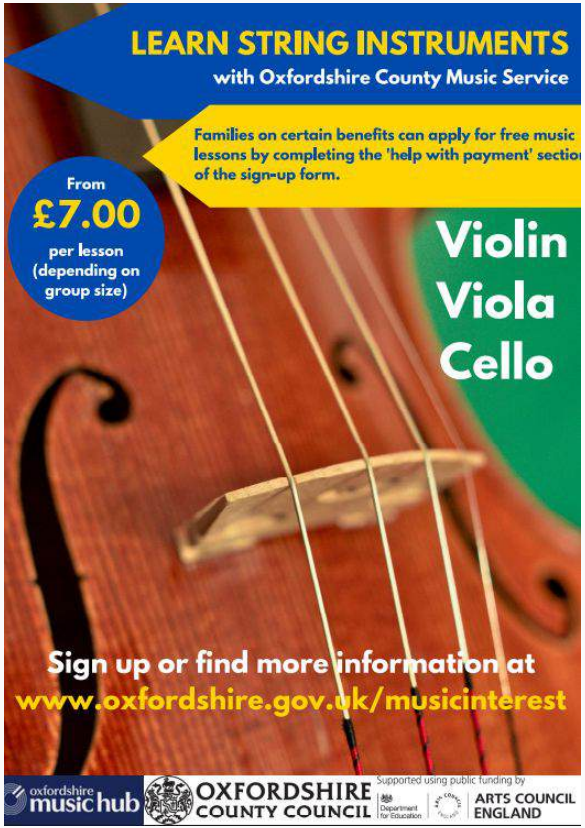


Tickets for both events are available to purchase now through your Arbor account.



Music Lessons at Harriers







SEN and Inclusion

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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)



Mrs Agate



Mr Rabiasz



Miss Wayte



Mrs Atherton



Mrs Stephens

Safeguarding our children

Bullying and Hate crime definitions

Definition

"…the **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen **face-to-face** or **online.**"

safeguarding network

Anti-bullying Alliance

Hate crime - **definition**

"**Any** criminal offence which is **perceived by the victim or any other person**, to be **motivated by hostility or prejudice**, **based on a person's actual or perceived disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity**."

safeguarding network

Adapted from the Crown Prosecution Service

ChatHealth

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

ParentLine 5-11 years

New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending state schools or home educated in Oxfordshire

Text 07312 263227

to message a school health nurse



Or scan QR code here to start a chat

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm, Monday-Friday excluding Bank Holidays. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.

We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). We might inform other relevant professionals if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!

We Walking with You on your Parent/Carer journey
A warm, parent-led group for anyone caring for a child or young adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

Connect • Share • Learn Join us online or in person for relaxed, insightful sessions led by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a safe, welcoming space.

⭐ Plus: Special Guest Events Hear from professionals and services across the field! and getting out in nature.



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September 2026

Parent pathways

From first thoughts to first term

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Dear Paula,

Happy September!

Here is our third edition of ***Parent Pathways*** - *our* **free, ready-to-send parent newsletter for years 10–13.**

Please share with your parents so they can find out more about **how to support their children with university choices.**

👉 Download Parent Pathways PDF newsletter here and send to parents

Wake-up Wednesday Advice

This online safety guide explores Discord, highlighting risks including stranger contact, harmful content, harassment, spending and excessive use. More online safety and media advice: https://nationalcollege.com/library?sortBy=relevance&phase=2&roles%5B0%5D=2&types%5B0%5D=App%5CModels%5CResource&amount=24&selectedView=grid





Help for parents







Career opportunities



ARCh
Assisted Reading for Children in Oxfordshire

Want to work part-time for a local charity, term-time only?

ARCh is an award winning charity which recruits, trains and supports volunteer reading helpers to work with primary school children throughout Oxfordshire to encourage a love of books and reading.



We have the following position available for someone living in the Banbury area.

Field Worker (Banbury) home based

A confident 'people person', with a passion for books and education, you will provide support to ARCh Reading Helpers. The role involves visiting primary schools in the Banbury and surrounding areas, liaising with school staff and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Enthusiasm and good communication skills are vital!

8 hours per week (to be worked across the week) **term-time only**.

Use of computer and own car essential (travel expenses paid).

Contact info@archoxfordshire.org.uk for an application form.

ARCh, Suite E, Gobles Court, 7, Market Square, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6AA
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Charity number 1146276

Activities outside school







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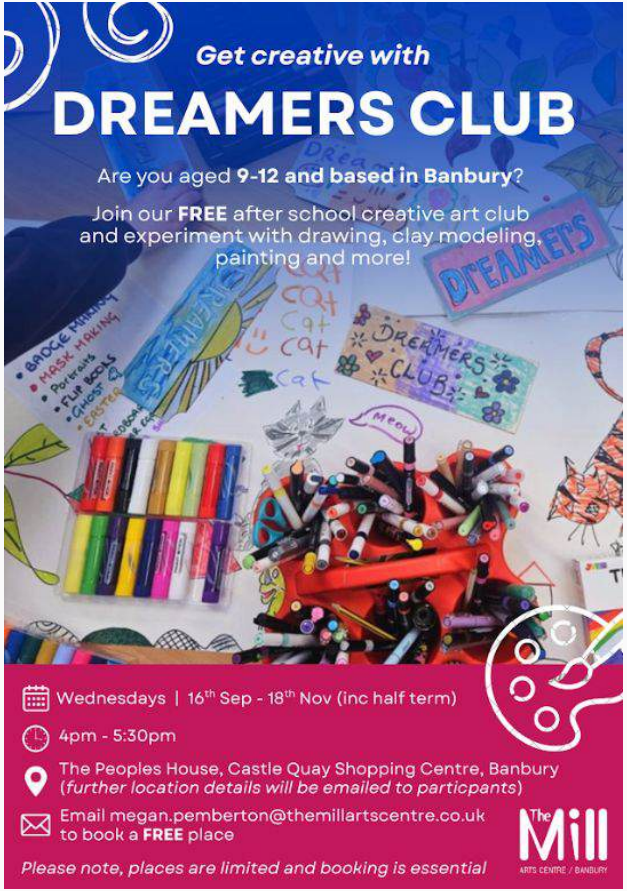




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Activities outside school



Fundraising for Harriers



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Just sign up to easyfundraising. Every time you shop with your favourite retailers this autumn, they'll donate to us - not you.

Get to £5 in donations and easyfundraising will boost it to £10:

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