

Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome back!

Start of the New School Year at East Harptree



I do hope you all had a good summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

Our new reception children, have shown such courage and excitement on their first special day. Watching them take those important first steps into their educational journey has been truly heart-warming, and Mrs Haskins and Mrs Parker report that they have settled in remarkably well.

As always, things get going quickly here at East Harptree, and our Year 6 pupils have already embarked on their first adventure of the term with a trip to the lifeskills centre in Bristol. These experiences are so valuable for our older pupils, helping them develop independence and confidence as they prepare for the next stage of school life. I am also delighted to inform you about some important collaboration leadership and staffing changes that will further strengthen our team. Mrs Banks is now our Collaboration Deputy Head and Mrs Stanford is our SENDCo. Additionally, a warm welcome to our new teachers - Miss Butcher in Squirrels and Mrs Drew and Ms Dymond in Fox class. Each of these colleagues brings valuable skills, experience and unique strengths that will undoubtedly benefit our children.

Our school development priorities this year are comprehensive and exciting. We're introducing a new phonics scheme alongside a fresh approach to spelling instruction. We're also making thoughtful adaptations to our White Rose Mathematics programme and incorporating new Geography units into our curriculum. Throughout all of this, we're committed to providing ongoing training and coaching support for our staff to continuously develop their teaching expertise.

This year, our collaboration theme focuses on 'the power of reading', which feels particularly timely as we look ahead to 2026 being designated as the national year of reading. We are excited to explore this theme together and help our pupils discover the magic and possibilities that books can open up for them.

Next week, we have a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to meet with your child's teacher(s). This is your chance to find out about what will be taught this year and to ask any questions you might have. We truly value the partnership and cooperation we have with our families, as it makes such a difference to our pupils' success and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the year ahead.

Ian Harvey
Headteacher



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OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS
THANKFULNESS.

Teacher Meet and Greet

We warmly welcome you all to come and meet your child's teacher on the following times and dates:

Hedgehogs: Monday 8th September at 5.00pm (This information was sent out on the transition letter you received in your child's welcome pack)

Fox Class: Wednesday 10th September at 3.40pm

Squirrel Class: Wednesday 10th September at 3.40pm

Otter Class: Monday 8th September 3.30pm



PLEASE FIND BELOW THE DATES FOR OUR UPCOMING SCHOOL
TOURS FOR NEW PROSPECTIVE CHILDREN AND PARENTS.
PLEASE SHARE THE DATES WITH ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO MAY
BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.



The Collaboration of East Harptree and Ubley Primary Schools

**JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL TOURS
AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!**

ALL AGES AND YEAR GROUPS WELCOME

**East Harptree Primary
SCHOOL TOURS**

Tuesday 30th September at 9.30am
Tuesday 14th October at 9.30am
Thursday 20th November at 1.30pm
Tuesday 6th January at 9.30am

**Ubley Primary School
SCHOOL TOURS**

Monday 29th September at 11.00am
Monday 13th October at 9.30am
Monday 17th November at 1.30pm
Monday 12th January at 9.30am

Please contact the school office on the following emails if you will be attending:

East Harptree Primary
Email: office@eastharptreeprimary.org.uk

Ubley Primary School
Email: office@ubley.school



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