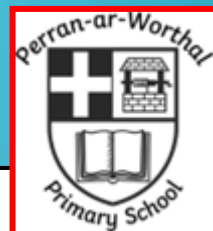


THE HEFFERTON POST

September 21st 2026



OUR FIRST FRIDAY PARENT AND PUPIL READING CLUB!

What a fantastic turn-out we had for our first Family Book Club session on Friday morning! It was wonderful to see so many adults enjoying books with their own children and others in their classes. Thank you to everyone that came along – we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share books and spend a pleasurable half hour immersed in the joy of reading. We will be continuing to invite family members into school for Family Book Club sessions every Friday morning from 8.35-9.00am and hope that you can join your children as much as you are able to.

The purpose of these sessions is to enhance the love of reading through 'Reading for Pleasure', therefore enjoying the opportunity to read to your child or a group of children, discussing stories, non-fiction books and poetry, bringing home and school together, so please see this as an opportunity for yourselves as adults to enhance or discover a love of reading. There may also be other activities to take part in throughout the weeks, depending on what class teachers have planned. There is no expectation for children to read to you during these sessions, although they may choose to do so if they wish. Just as a little safeguarding reminder to parents to keep mobile phones in bags or pockets and to remain in the classroom and then leave the classroom via the door you came in through. Thank you.



EXAM SUCCESS! Well done to our talented musicians who achieved their Grade 1 in recorder playing. A fantastic achievement by all!



DEMOCRACY IN ACTION!

Last week, as part of our focus on **BRITISH VALUES**, we had a visit from Jayne Kirkham MP who answered many thought-provoking questions from the children.



Every Moment Matters



Robins began their recorder tuition with Mrs Whomersley this term. All made a great start with a lot of concentration and focus. Well done!



ALFRESCO LEARNING ON FAB FRIDAY!
What a treat to see our Robins busy taking part in Skills Builder team games activities as part of their Alfresco Curriculum – problem solving together.



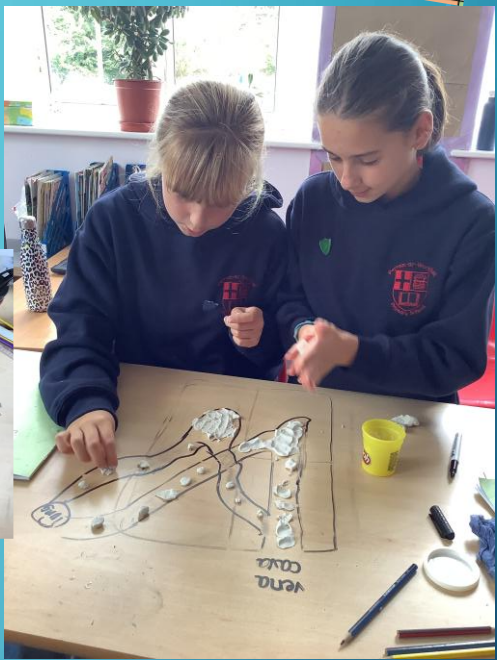
BUILDING BRIDGES! Clearly the Skills Builder teamwork continued throughout the week with our Robins working in together to create strong bridges using a wide range of materials with A LOT of masking tape! This week, the Robins will be testing out the structure of their bridges and comparing and reviewing the success of their designs and build.



FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! As part of their history unit on the Great Fire of London, the Robins were working in groups to create story maps as part of their recall writing activity. What a busy week for our Robins!

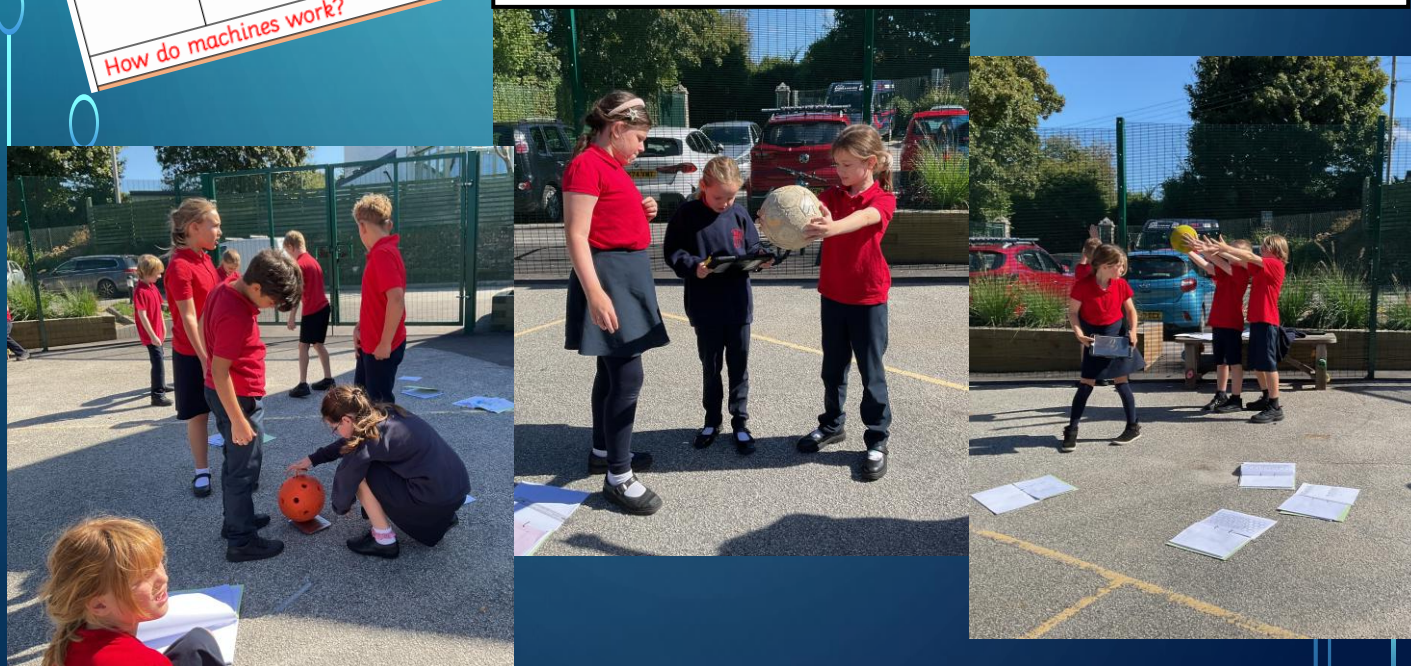
SWIFTS ARE ALL HEART! This term, our Yr6 pupils, as part of their science unit on Animals including Humans, began their studies focusing on The Circulatory System and The Structure of the Heart with a very creative approach to learning.

Autumn 1	
Animals inc humans (biology)	The circulatory system
	The structure of the heart
	Blood research
	Heart rate device
	Diet and lifestyle
	Transport of nutrient and H2O
What affects the health of humans?	



Autumn 1	
Forces (physics)	gravity
	Air resistance
	Mass and weight
	helicopters
	Water resistance
	Levers, pulleys and gears
How do machines work?	

THE FORCE OF GRAVITY! Whilst our Swifts have been getting to grips with circulation, our Kingfishers have been finding out more about gravity as part of their science unit on Forces and taking their learning outdoors whilst the sun shines – what a treat!



SKILLS BUILDER OPPORTUNITIES AT THEIR BEST! This term it is the turn of our Swifts to immerse themselves in team skills as part of the forest school curriculum activities. Building shelters, lighting fires and baking potatoes for their mid-morning snack, is all in a Fab day's work! Some of our Yr6 pupils were also busy in the kitchen with the brilliant Mrs Lightfoot creating the most delicious smelling sausage pasta bake as part of their cooking curriculum. What a great way to learn those life skills with your friends!



Citizen / Learner of the Week – w/c 14th September 2026

Puffins

- Learners and Citizens – The Whole Class (For settling into school life so brilliantly)

Wagtails

- Learner – Godwin (For participating enthusiastically and being a wonderful role model during phonics)
- Citizen – Luna P (For demonstrating a great understanding of how we all belong as members of our Wagtails class)

Robins

- Learner – Alice (For always working hard in every lesson, showing fantastic listening skills)
- Citizen – Louie (For a positive start to the new school year, trying his best and working hard)

Starlings

- Learner – William (For working really hard in class, trying to show his best at all times)
- Citizen – Aurora (For looking after friends and making everyone feel welcomed)

Skylarks

- Learner – Archie and Isla (For their consistent readiness to learn and their engagement in every lesson this week)
- Citizen – Charlotte (For her maturity and initiative, not only towards learning, but in everything she does)

Kingfishers

- Learner – Luca and Kaiser (For great teamwork in Maths)
- Citizen – Joe (For always working to the very best of his abilities)

Swifts

- Learner – Maria-Sophia (For application in Maths at the start of Year 6)
- Citizen – Tamsyn (For demonstrating our first essential skill – listening – at all times, setting a good example to the rest of her peers)

AUTUMN TERM

- ✓ Friday, 25th Sept: Non-Uniform Day for Children's Cancer Awareness Month (bring a £1)
- ✓ Monday, 28th Sept: Nasal Flu Vaccination for all year groups
- ✓ Wednesday, 14th Oct: Hatchbox photos for individuals, siblings and family
- ✓ Thursday, 22nd Oct: EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival at the village hall 1.30pm to 2pm
- ✓ Thursday, 22nd Oct: KS2 Harvest Festival at the village hall 2.15pm to 2.45pm
- ✓ WB 26th Oct: HALF TERM WEEK
- ✓ Saturday, 31st Oct: Application deadline for Secondary School Sept 2027 Admissions
- ✓ WB 23rd Nov and WB 30th Nov: Autumn Term Progress Review Meetings
- ✓ Thursday, 26th Nov: Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre Raffle
- ✓ Friday, 27th Nov: Christmas Fayre at the school from 3.15pm
- ✓ Monday, 30th Nov: EYFS/KS1 Tree Decorating Service in the school playground at 1.30pm to 2pm
- ✓ Monday, 30th Nov: KS2 Tree Decorating Service in the school playground at 2pm to 2.30pm
- ✓ WB 30th Nov and WB 7th Dec: Yr3 Swimming session everyday for two weeks
- ✓ Wednesday, 2nd Dec: School Choir Daytime Workshop and Evening Performance at the Source FM Christmas Concert 1pm to 8.30pm
- ✓ Friday, 4th Dec: Festive Film Night
- ✓ Wednesday, 9th Dec: Christmas Lunch Day – wear your favourite Christmas outfit/jumper
- ✓ Friday, 11th Dec: WHOLE SCHOOL LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP
- ✓ Monday, 14th Dec: EYFS/KS1 Nativity in the School Hall at 10am to 11am
- ✓ Monday, 14th Dec: EYFS/KS1 Nativity in the School Hall at 1.30pm to 2.30pm
- ✓ Tuesday, 15th Dec: KS2 Christmas Concert in the village hall at 5.30pm
- ✓ Thursday, 17th Dec: Christmas Party Day (wear your favourite Christmas outfit)
- ✓ Friday, 18th Dec: LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM (Christmas board game and festive film day)
- ✓ Monday, 4th Jan: FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM FOR ALL CHILDREN

Please note that there will be further dates added as the year progresses. If any dates need changing due to unforeseen circumstances, then we will give you as much notice as possible. We will keep you informed of any changes and additions on our weekly newsletter and via dojo.

SPRING TERM

- ✓ Monday, 4th Jan: First Day of Spring Term
- ✓ Wednesday, 13th Jan: PAW School Building Birthday (Opened in 1879)
- ✓ Wednesday, 15th Jan: Application deadline for Reception Class Sept 2027 Admissions
- ✓ WB 1st Feb: Children's Mental Health Week
- ✓ Tuesday, 9th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- ✓ WB 15th Feb: HALF TERM WEEK
- ✓ Monday, 1st March: National Offer Day for Secondary School Places Sept 2027
- ✓ Thursday, 4th March: World Book Day (dress up theme to be confirmed)
- ✓ WB 8th March and WB 15th March: Spring Term Progress Review Meetings
- ✓ WB 15th March: Cornwall Music Festival for those taking part
- ✓ Thursday, 18th March: Non-Uniform Day for the Spring Concert Raffle
- ✓ Monday, 22nd March: KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade in the playground 2.45pm
- ✓ Monday, 22nd March: Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 Spring Show in the school hall 5.30pm
- ✓ Thursday, 25th March: Last day of Spring term
- ✓ Friday, 26th March to Friday, 9th April: EASTER BREAK
- ✓ Monday, 12th April: First Day of Summer Term

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SUMMER TERM

- ✓ Tuesday, 12th April: First Day of Summer Term
- ✓ Friday, 16th April: National Offer Day for Reception Places Sept 2027
- ✓ Monday, 3rd May: BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- ✓ WB 10th May: Yr6 SATS Week (Statutory Assessments)
- ✓ WB 17th May: National Walk to School Week
- ✓ Friday, 28th May: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- ✓ WB 31st May: HALF TERM
- ✓ Monday, 7th June: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- ✓ WB 7th June and WB 14th June: Yr4 Multiplication Tables Checks (Statutory Assessments)
- ✓ Wednesday, 9th June: 1st Learning Together Session for New Reception Class 2027
- ✓ WB 14th June: Yr1 Phonics Screening (Statutory Assessments)
- ✓ Wednesday, 16th June: 2nd Learning Together Session for New Reception Class 2027
- ✓ 16th, 17th and 18th June: Yr5 Camp (Residential)
- ✓ Wednesday, 23rd June: 3rd Learning Together Session for New Reception Class 2027
- ✓ 23rd, 24th and 25th June: Yr6 Camp (Residential)
- ✓ WB 28th June: Yr6 Bake-Off Week
- ✓ Thursday, 1st July: Sports Day (weather permitting)
- ✓ 8th and 9th July: Yr4 Surf and Sleep (provisional date)
- ✓ WB 5th July and 12th July: Yr 2 swimming lessons each day
- ✓ WB 12th July: Meet the Teacher Meetings for Parents
- ✓ Monday, 12th July: Moving Up Day for all pupils (morning only)
- ✓ Thursday, 15th July: Yr6 Dress Rehearsal for End of Year Production
- ✓ Thursday, 15th July: Yr6 Production Matinee and Evening Performance
- ✓ Friday, 16th July: Yr6 Bake-Off Final
- ✓ Tuesday, 20th July: Yr6 Buddy Day with Reception Class
- ✓ Wednesday, 21st July: Yr6 Leavers' Assembly and Last Day of Term for all pupils
- ✓ Thursday, 22nd July: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- ✓ Friday, 23rd July: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- ✓ Thursday, 2nd September 2027: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- ✓ Friday, 3rd September 2027: First Day of Autumn Term

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Leading up to our Harvest Festival on 22nd October, we would like to give you some prior information on how best to help those in need through the Local Foodbank that we support each year. If you are keen to support the Foodbank with donations this year, then whilst you are doing your weekly shop between now and our Harvest week, then please do read this helpful information flier below which lists those items that would be of most benefit to families who are struggling. Thank you in advance for your support. We are happy to start receiving any donations during the WB 19th October.



Harvest appeal 2026

As you gather and give thanks this Harvest, support people practically in your community, and join us in ending hunger today, together and forever.

In the time leading up to Harvest, our food bank will provide over 634 food parcels, alone that is over 800 cans of baked beans, to people on the lowest

Support us this Harvest...

End hunger today...

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

- Tinned meat/fish/vegetarian options
- Tinned potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes
- Tinned puddings and fruit
- Long life milk and fruit juice
- Coffee, Tea
- Cereal, jam, honey, peanut butter
- Pasta, microwave packet rice
- Cooking sauce jars
- Shampoo, shower gel, toilet rolls

Explore ending hunger together and forever...

Download Trussell's Harvest reflection written by people who have used food banks.

This reflection can be used alone or together with a group.

Explore stories of hospitality and gratitude, reflect on different meanings of Harvest and pray with us as we seek to end hunger today, together and forever.

View and download the reflection at trussell.org.uk/harvest

Contact The Team at the Foodbank to learn more and donate items.
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Thank you