Weekly Newsletter 2026/27

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been at school! It has been wonderful to see the children busy with their learning, enjoying new experiences and continuing to make us proud with their enthusiasm and positive attitudes. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from across the school this week.

🎃 **Harvest Festival – 14th October**

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Kate to school for a special Harvest Assembly. Our celebration began with a wonderful performance of Cauliflowers Fluffy by Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. The event concluded beautifully with Year 5 and Year 6 pupils performing Harvest Festival through both singing and signing.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Reverend Kate for leading the assembly and encouraging us to reflect on the importance of gratitude, kindness, and supporting others within our community.

We would also like to express our appreciation to all our families for their generous donations to our Harvest collection. These contributions will be delivered to the local food bank, where they will provide valuable support to members of our community who are experiencing hardship.

❤️‍🩹 **Wear Red Day - 16th October**

Our school proudly took part in Give Racism the Red Card Day by showing our commitment to equality, respect and inclusion. We started the day with a special assembly where we learned about the importance of standing up against racism and celebrating diversity. To show our support, everyone wore red, creating a powerful visual reminder that racism has no place in our school or wider community. It was a fantastic opportunity for us all to come together and promote kindness, understanding and respect for everyone.

Parents' Evening Reminder – 21st & 22nd October

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next week. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so via the Arbor Parent Portal. We look forward to welcoming you and discussing your child's progress and successes this term.

Open Evening – 18th November

We are also pleased to invite parents and prospective families to our Open Evening on **18th November**. This is a great opportunity to visit our school, meet staff and learn more about the exciting opportunities available at Hart Plain Junior School. Please see our open evening poster for more information.

Great South Run Challenge for Cancer Research UK

As we head into the weekend, we wanted to say a huge well done to all of our children for the fantastic effort they have put into our Great South Run Challenge this week. We would also like to **wish the very best of luck** to all of our school community members taking part in the Children's, Junior and Great South Run events this weekend. We will be cheering you on every step of the way!

Finally, please remember that next **Friday 23rd October is an INSET Day** and the school will be closed to pupils. We wish all our families a happy and restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November, ready to begin another exciting term of learning.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Faithfull, Headteacher



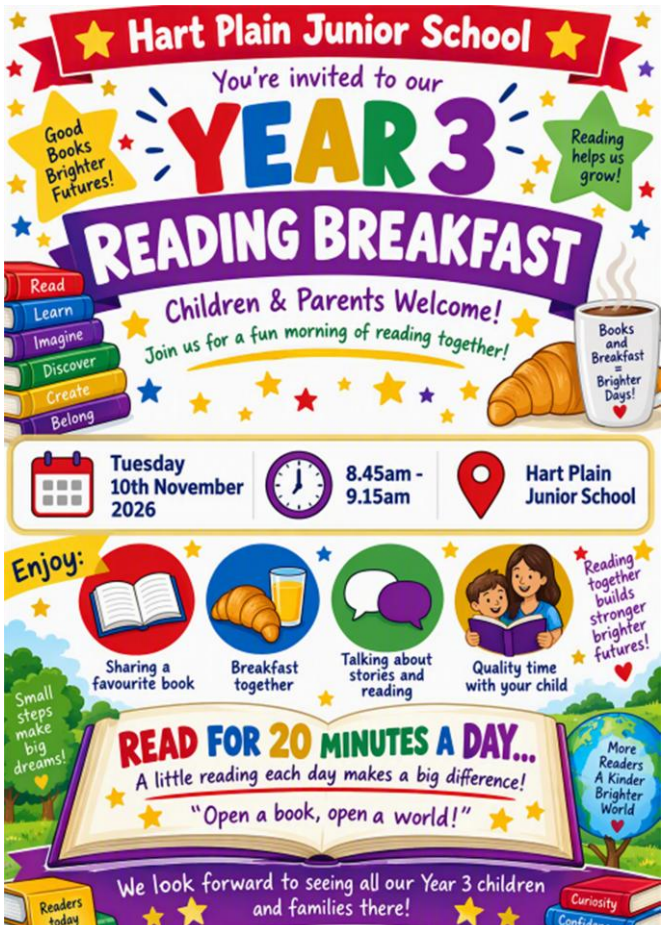


Halloween Craft Event

🎃 On Thursday after school, we welcomed **37 adults and children** to our Halloween craft event. It was wonderful to see so much creativity on display, and we were very impressed with the finished crafts.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. Well done to all our budding artists! 🍂👻





Year 7 Applications for Secondary School

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027, applications for school places will open on 7 September 2026.

Applications can be submitted online via.

The deadline for submitting applications is 31 October 2026.

Upcoming Dates

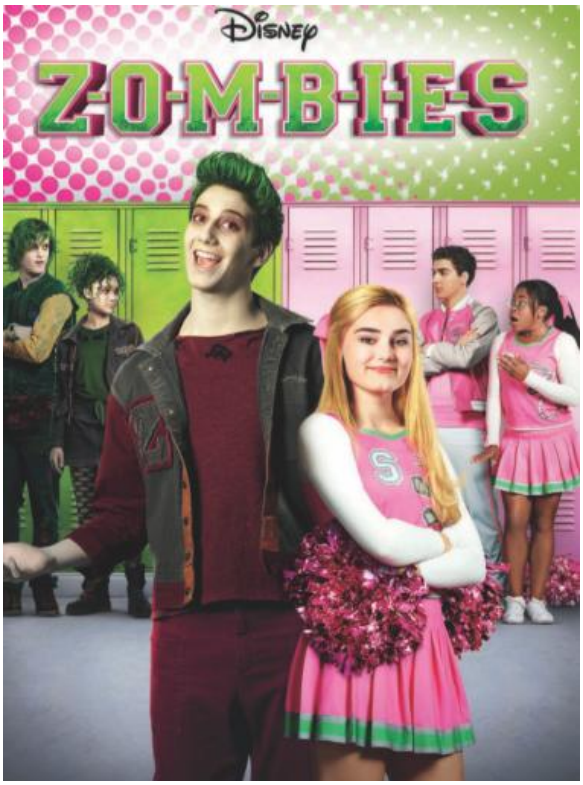
Every Thursday morning 8:45am - Joint HPIS & HPJS Coffee Morning @ the Family Hub in the Junior School

Whole school Film Night	Tuesday 20th October
Parents Evening	Wednesday 21st October
Parents Evening	Thursday 22nd October
Inset Day	Friday 23rd October
End of term	**Friday 23rd October**
First Day of Autumn 2	**Monday 2nd November**
Year 6 Fort Nelson Trip	Wednesday 4th November
School Photographer	**Wednesday 11th November**
Year 4 Chichester Theatre	Wednesday 16th December
Trip to the Panto	Thursday 17th December
Christmas Lunch	Friday 18th December
End of Autumn Term	**Friday 18th December**
Start of Spring Term	**Monday 4th January 2027**

Check out our website calendar for more upcoming events

Film Night – 20th October

Film Night will be held in the hall, so spaces are unlimited. We are showing Disney @Zombies' (PG) If your child would like to attend, please make a payment of £2.50 per child through the **Arbor APP**.



Please follow the link to place your order.



Signposting

Please note from time to time we signpost families to local activities and clubs. Whilst we are selective in what we send out, this should not be seen as a recommendation or endorsement. We do not carry out the same checks for signposted activities as we would for those activities hosted with the school and parents should therefore satisfy themselves that they are happy with the organisation and their activity.

