



Welcome to Year 5

September 2026

Meet the staff

Class teacher

Mrs Curle

Support Staff

Mrs Williams
Mrs Dalby

Our School Rules and Values

Honesty

Community
Minded

Perseverance

Shared
Expectations

Nurturing

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible

How we safeguard your children

- All staff and Governors wear ID badges at all times when in and around school.
- All visitors wear a visitor badge and children are aware of this and know what to do in the event of a visitor not wearing a badge.
- Child Protection Policy and Keeping Children Safe in Education policy are updated annually at least and can be found on our website.
- As part of the curriculum we deliver lessons on keeping safe on line.
- Essex police are launching support with this called 'Sort your Settings'. Please take a look.
- Children in our school feel safe and comfortable to talk to us at school.

We have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) within school

Mrs Anderson, Miss Pells, Miss Curle and Mrs Mann.

Online Safety / E Safety

Each month we send out a Online Safety Newsletter with top tips on how to keep you and your family safe on line. There are some useful tips and information on the newest apps as well as up to date age limits on different websites and apps.

These are posted on our website and on Class Dojos along with the newsletter.

WHATSAPP- 16 YEARS AGE LIMIT

SEN Support

Some children in our school have specific or additional needs that we cater for with our skilled Support staff led by Mrs Cutts our SENDCO.



Our Nurture room has been developed for those children who are not always able to work within the busy classroom environment- this has proven to be very successful and it is also home to our therapy pet- Mr Oreo.

In the first instance of your child being identified with a need or a gap in their learning they will receive some additional support within the classroom and may take part in some interventions to close the gap.

Next if there is still a need for further support they will be put onto a one plan with some targets to achieve.



Mental Health and Well Being

Our Calm Cabin has been set up by Mrs Fletcher and she has created a calm and tranquil space for the children she works with.

This is for children who may have anxieties about something at school or at home or for those who need their self esteem and confidence built up

They go out on mini expeditions, grow their own flowers and veg and sometimes just doodle or escape with a book or music.

Additionally to this, one afternoon a week we have a play therapist in school to work with children who may need this kind of support- we would need parental permission for this if we identified a need.



Our Class Topics

Autumn Term

**Terrible Tudors:
Tudors**

Spring Term

**Vile Victorians:
Victorians**

Summer Term

**Least we forget:
WWI**

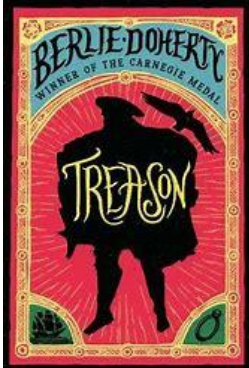
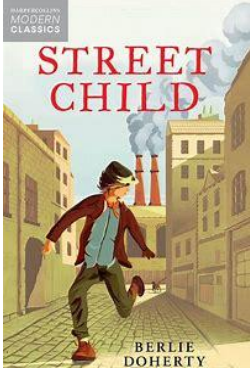
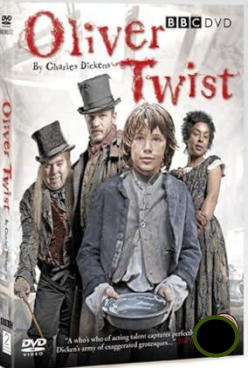
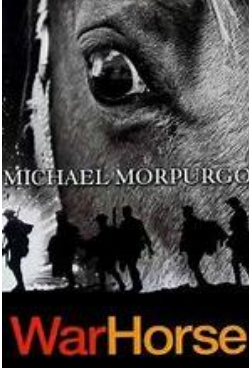
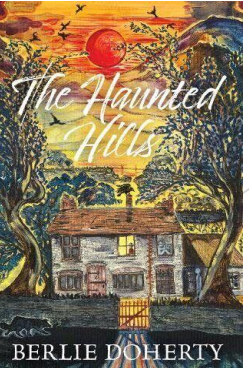
Class Authors and Novels

Reading is an essential life skill - it is the key to unlocking the world around us.

We will have whole class reading sessions every day reading and discussing a range of texts both fictions, non fiction, poetry and making cross curricular links with other subjects.

The children will be listened to reading at least 2/3 times a week by an adult to ensure they are understanding what they are reading. Those that need addition support will read every day.

Our class author this year is Berlie Doherty.

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
 	 	 

Maths

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn term	Number Place value FREE TRIAL VIEW			Number Addition and subtraction VIEW		Number Multiplication and division A VIEW		Number Fractions A VIEW				
Spring term	Number Multiplication and division B VIEW			Number Fractions B VIEW		Number Decimals and percentages VIEW		Measurement Perimeter and area VIEW	Statistics VIEW			
Summer term	Geometry Shape VIEW			Geometry Position and direction VIEW		Number Decimals VIEW		Number Negative numbers VIEW	Measurement Converting units VIEW		Measurement Volume VIEW	

By Year 5, children should know all their times tables (and the related division facts) up to 12x12. We will be continuing to support those children who are not secure with these yet. The children all have their own Times Tables Rock Stars log in which they access both in school and at home.

RE and PSHE

RE - we are teaching the new Essex syllabus

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Enquiry 1: Is believing in god reasonable?	Enquiry 3: Why should we be good?	Enquiry 5: How do Hindus make sense of the world?
Faith	Humanist	Multi	Hindu
	Enquiry 2: Has belief impacted on music and art through history?	Enquiry 4: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?	
Faith	Christian, Muslim	Christian	

PSHE

Autumn	Spring	Summer
My healthy self	The online world	Growing up
Connecting with others	Citizenship	Citizenship



In our school, we have been using myHappyminds (which is an NHS-backed curriculum) to teach how to build resilience, self-esteem and happiness in children.

Every year group from Early Years to Year 6 has a separate version of the curriculum.

There is also an APP for parents which contains a wealth of resources, both to support what we are covering in school as well as some helpful resources for parents.

This is the QR code to sign up for the free APP:



**The code you will need to put in is:
114843**

Spanish- KEY STAGE 2

We have reviewed our modern foreign language curriculum and are making the switch from French to Spanish in Key Stage 2. The reason for this is due to us identifying that children in our school are more likely to use Spanish in the future than French and it is also in line with our local secondary school too.

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Vegetables Presenting myself	My family In the classroom	Do you have a pet?

PTA - we need you!

We have helped raise thousands of pounds for our wonderful school and are always looking for helpers and support for our events. In the past we have had a pop up circus, car boot sales, summer and Christmas Fayres and our wonderful fireworks event which all help raise money for the school that help give our pupils extra events and things to have in school that they otherwise would not have.

For example, we have helped pay for the ipad trolley that the children use, we have helped towards new books for the library. The PTA gave every pupil a gift for Christmas and purchased games for each class to play when it is wet break. The list goes on!

Numbers have dwindled over the years and we really need more parent volunteers to support our PTA so we can continue to raise funds for our children.

If you would like more information then please email
pta@harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk

Our School Lottery

Welcome to Harwich Community Primary School and Nursery lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back.

We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extra curricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!



Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

The lottery and its prizes are our way of putting the fun in fundraising. The real winners are the schools. From every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to schools in the UK! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes - we've nearly DOUBLED the ticket percentage that goes to schools.

Even better, you can choose which school benefits from 40p of the ticket sales. You know (and you can see) that your money is going back into your community and your school will benefit from your contribution.

Uniform and PE Kit Reminders

Our uniform consists of:-

- Black jumper
- White polo shirt
- Skirt / trousers / shorts
- Black / white or dark navy white summer dresses
- Black school shoes (NO TRAINERS)

PE this term is on Tuesday and Friday and will be taught by Mr Boulton.

All children need to have their PE kits in school at all times. This includes:-

- A white round neck t shirt;
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls / trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms and jumper (winter)
- NO EARRINGS OR OTHER JEWELLERY

We also have a second hand uniform available at the school office if you are struggling to buy uniform.

Attendance

Children should attend school every day unless they are too ill to do so.

No holiday requests will be authorised in term time

We have a healthy competition on class attendance and the winning class is invited to play Flamingo Bingo with Attendance Ted.

Equates to:



Homework and Expectations

Homework is set on a Friday and is due back the following Friday.

Homework will consist of the following:-

- Daily reading
- Spellings
- A grammar or math's activity based on what we are learning that week (alternate weeks)
- Year 5 run a homework club on Tuesday lunchtimes for anyone that needs support.

Communication

We pride ourselves on communication with you as parents. Remember it is a two way thing.

These are the main ways we communicate with you about class, school or individual events:

- Class DOJOs
- School Website

We do have a school Facebook page too for details on events etc or reminders. However, this is not a platform for you to post negative comments about staff / school and you will be asked to remove it or be removed from the page if it continues.

If you do need to speak to a member of staff then please do and we usually start with the class teacher to support you.

You can communicate with us via DOJOs between the hours of 8am and 5pm.

Mrs Anderson or Mrs Fletcher are on the gate at drop off and pick up every day for queries or suggestions

Our School Website

You will find everything you need to know on our school website from policies to pictures of events as well as pictures of the staff and governors.

[Home | Harwich Community Primary School and Nursery](#)
harwich-pri.essex.sch.uk

Newsletters are posted on the website weekly (Every Friday)

Mrs Anderson also uploads her proud moments to the website too.

Please let us know if your children are not to be posted on our school website as soon as possible.