

Welcome Back! Harestanes Primary School Newsletter - August 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely restful break and are feeling refreshed for the new term ahead.

We have a busy and exciting term planned, full of fantastic learning experiences and opportunities for our children to shine. As always, our focus will be on wellbeing, learning, and helping inspire our children to achieve their best.

Thank you for your continued support - it is much appreciated. I'm looking forward to working closely with you all and building a strong sense of community.

Warmest wishes,

Jillian Grant

Head Teacher

Back in school!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school over the last couple of weeks! They have come back with a positive attitude and appear really enthusiastic for the year ahead! They are all looking very smart in their school uniform and I am sure this continue throughout the school year. A warm welcome to our new Primary 1 children and their families. We look forward to working with you over the year.

We welcome a number of new staff this year. Miss Davidson as P2/3 Class Teacher and Miss Hood as P5/6 Class Teacher. Miss Thomson has returned to Harestanes this year and will be P7 Class Teacher. We also welcome Miss Boyd who was with us for a short time at the end of last session and will be here for a period of time. Both Mrs Meechan and Miss Webb are currently on maternity leave and both have a new baby girl that they have welcomed to their family. Harestanes sends them both huge congratulations!



Drop-in Event - All welcome

We are having an drop-in event on Tuesday September 1st. Parents are welcome to pop into the Cooking Kitchen at 9am to meet with myself as Head Teacher and Mrs Cochrane (Depute Head Teacher). I am keen to hear your ideas or hopes for the year ahead as working in partnership with our parents and carers is really important as we move forward. I hope that you can make it along and pop in even for a short time. I look forward to seeing you there.



New Vision, Values and Aims

Last session, we gathered pupil, parent/carer and staff views about the school vision, values and aims. We collated this information and have created a new vision, values and aims for Harestanes. Please see the pictures below.







Nut-Free School



A wee reminder that Harestanes Primary is a nut-free school. This means that products that contain nuts, e.g. nutella, some cereal bars, peanut butter should not be brought into school for snack. Thanks for your support in keeping school a safe place for everyone.

Classes 2026/27

The classes for this year will be:

P1/2 - Miss Reid/Mrs O'Donnell

P2/3 - Miss Davidson/Mrs Barrand

P3/4 - Miss McDonald

P4/5 - Mrs Rodgers

P5/6 - Miss Hood/Mrs McKenna

P6/7 - Miss Millar/Miss Barclay

P7 - Miss Thomson

Willow Room - Mrs Cree

Blossom Room - Miss Gormley/Mrs McGuire

Maple Room - Mrs McParland/Mrs Adam

Oak Room - Ms Lawson/Mr Sewell/Mrs McParland

PE Days are outlined in the table below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1/2	√		√		
P2/3		√		√	
P3/4		√			√
P4/5	√		√		
P5/6	√			√	
P6/7		√			√
P7		√	√		
Willow Room		√		√	
Blossom Room		√	√	√	
Maple Room				√	√
Oak Room	√	√		√	

Communication

Following positive feedback from families our 'Magic Moments' feature on a Friday will continue this year. This is where we will share the highlights from our week at school, this will begin this week. We will also provide a weekly diary of events each week which I hope will help you to keep up to date with what is happening. I am in the process of creating a calendar of events for the whole of the school year to help families plan in advance for events. Please be aware that whilst we will do our best to stick to the dates, they may need to change on occasion. When this is ready we will send out and post it on our school website.



Parent Discussion Forum and PTA



The next meeting for the Parent Discussion Forum and PTA will be on **Wednesday 16th September from 5:30pm - 6:45pm at Harestanes Primary School.** Everyone is welcome to join us. The more the merrier! Please see below to find out more about these groups and what we do.

Parent Discussion Forum

- Works in partnership with the school to support learning, share parents' views and help shape school priorities.
- Gives you a direct voice in decisions that affect your child's education.
- A chance to find out more about how the school runs and what's happening across the year.

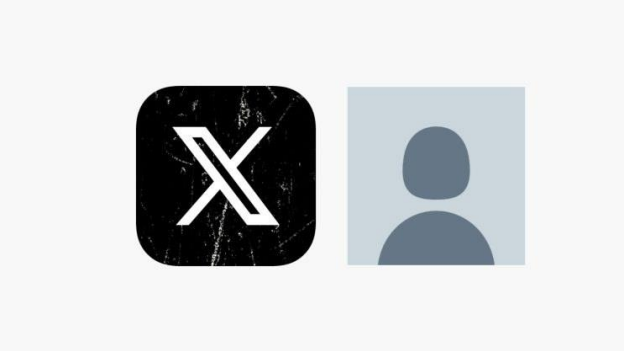
PTA

- Focus on organising events and activities that raise valuable funds for the school.
- Helps build a sense of community through fun activities for children and families.
- A great way to meet other parents and get involved in the school life.

Being part of either group does not mean a big time commitment - any help, however small, is valued.

If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please get in touch with the school office. We would love to hear from you!

X/Twitter



If you would like to receive regular updates from X (previously known as Twitter), please follow @HarestanesPS. This is a protected and locked site and is not available to the general public.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office if you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for your support.

Jillian Grant

Head Teacher