



Together We Love, Learn, and Live

Newsletter 3 – December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're already over halfway through the term and heading into one of the most magical times of the year in primary school – Christmas! The children have been working so hard across the school. We have had some wonderful feedback from prospective parents at our recent open days about the children's fantastic behaviour and attitudes.

There's so much to look forward to in the coming weeks as we celebrate the festive season together. Please take a moment to check the key dates for upcoming events and keep an eye on your Class Dojo pages for updates – you won't want to miss a thing!

It was lovely to welcome Miss Cale back to school for a cup of tea last week. We have passed on your well wishes and she really appreciated all your kind messages. We're looking forward to seeing more of her in school after Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful season with you and your children!

Mr Allard

Parents Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome so many families to our recent parents' evening. These occasions are an important opportunity for us to come together, celebrate the achievements of our students, and share in the pride of their progress.

They also allow us to have open and constructive conversations. We work hard to get things right, but we recognise that there is always room for improvement. Your feedback and support play a vital role in helping us provide the best possible experience for every child.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

Open Mornings

We've had a fantastic turnout at our recent open mornings, and we have one more scheduled for **Thursday, 8th January at 9:30 am**. Please do share this with family and friends - we're eager to keep up the positive momentum from last year, which enabled us to return to two classes in EYFS

Donations Welcome

We're currently looking for donations to help enhance our Wraparound Care provision. If you have any toys, board games, dressing-up clothes, or other similar items in good condition, we'd be incredibly grateful for your contributions.

Whole School X-Country

After being postponed due to rain, the Whole School X-Country event finally took place on Friday, 28th November.

The children had a wonderful time out in the fresh air, running alongside their classmates. We were incredibly proud of their perseverance and the way each and every one of them gave it their all!

Remembrance Services

A special thank you to Year 2 and Year 6 for leading such a thoughtful Remembrance worship, reminding us all of the importance of sacrifice and reflection. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this meaningful occasion.

Parking

Hardwicke Parish Council recently visited the school to explore how we can work together to ensure that everyone enjoys a safe and respectful journey to and from school.

We know that school runs can be busy, but we kindly ask all families to park considerately to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours. Please avoid parking illegally, blocking driveways, stopping on bends, or using the staff car park without permission. As the weather gets colder and more families choose to drive, please also consider using the village hall car park and the surrounding paths to ease congestion.



Clubs & Sports

It's been fantastic to see so many children taking part in a wide range of clubs this term, and we've been really impressed with their growing commitment.

We've also been proud to have children representing the school in Boys' Football, Girls' Football, Netball, and Tag Rugby. They have been brilliant ambassadors for Hardwicke, consistently demonstrating our school values- we are incredibly proud of them!

Please note that the final week for teacher-led after-school clubs will be the week commencing 1st December.

Spring term clubs will be available to sign up for on Arbor during the week commencing 5th January 2026, with all clubs beginning the week of 19th January 2026

This term, our school value is **Forgiveness**.



Forgiveness is an important value because it helps us let go of hurt and begin again with kindness. At Hardwicke School, we all show forgiveness – adults and children – so we can move on from mistakes and rebuild our friendships. By showing our value of forgiveness, we are also living out our school vision of *Doing Everything In Love*. This makes our school a happier, safer place for everyone. We had a house afternoon to end the term where we explored forgiveness through fun activities, reminding us how powerful it is to forgive and start fresh.

Hardwicke Mission

'Hardwicke's Mission – Promoting Social Justice in Our Community

This term, we launched *Hardwicke's Mission*, a whole-school initiative that encouraged children to look closely at the needs within our local community and to consider how they could contribute to positive change.

As part of this mission, pupils learned about the challenges faced by different groups in our area and explored the work of a chosen charity. Each year group engaged in activities that deepened their understanding and identified practical ways to offer support, whether through fundraising, raising awareness, or contributing resources.

Through these efforts, we aimed to empower our pupils to become thoughtful, active citizens who recognised the value of compassion, fairness and collective action. This work links closely to one of our core school values, service. Throughout this project, pupils are demonstrating service by putting the needs of others before their own, offering help where it is needed and recognising the importance of acting with kindness and responsibility within their community.

Our chosen charities are:

- EYFS - WWT Slimbridge
- 1B - Pets for Therapy
- 2H - Gloucester Wildlife trust
- 3C - Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice
- 3R - Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue
- 4D & 4F - Vale Wildlife and Rehabilitation Centre
- 5W & 5S - Age UK Gloucestershire
- 6C & 6S - Hollie Gazzard Trust

Staffing News

We are delighted to share that **Mrs. Iannetta** will be taking up an exciting new role and joining the **DGAT Central Finance Team** in the New Year. At the same time, we will be sad to see her step away from her current role, as she has been such an important part of our Hardwicke family. Once transition plans are confirmed and completed, she will officially begin her new responsibilities.

We wish her every success in this new chapter!

We would like to inform you that **Ms. Williams** and **Miss Horler** will be leaving our school at the end of this term as they are moving away from the area.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care, and hard work they have shown during their time with us. They have made a lasting impact on our school community, and they will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families alike.

Please join us in thanking them for everything they have done and in wishing them the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

Just a reminder of our **school vision** and the values that we want all stakeholders to live out in our daily lives.

‘Do everything in love’ (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Together we Love, Learn and Live

Hardwicke fosters a loving and caring community where each child is cherished and empowered to flourish. We strive for every unique individual to **love** and to be loved, to have a love of **learning** and a respect for the ever-changing, diverse world in which we **live**.



Our Mission

Hardwicke is a nurturing and loving community. Every child is valued and is encouraged to grow, flourish and succeed.

We strive for all children to develop a love for learning, aspiration to achieve and respect for the diverse and ever-changing world we live in.

Love: We inspire and encourage children to become empathetic, caring, kind and curious individuals.

Learn: We prepare children to become confident and independent individuals enabling them to flourish and grow

Live: We guide our children to go out into the community and wider world to be confident and caring contributors.

Autumn Key Dates

25/11	Open Morning - 9:30 am
26/11	EYFS Workshop – Maths @ 2:30 pm
28/11	Christmas Wreath Making 7:00 pm
5/12	Non-Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle Donations
7/12	Christmas Wreath Making 4:00 pm
11/12	Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
12/12	House Event – Forgiveness
16/12	Christmas Worship Y3 – 9:00 am
	Nativity Performance EYFS – 2:00 pm
18/12	Christmas Carol Concert Year 4,5 & 6 - 2:15 pm
	Doors will open at 2pm – drinks will be on sale from the HSPA before
19/12	Class Christmas Parties
	End of Term – School finishes at 1 pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

REC Y1 Y2 Y3
Y4 Y5 Y6

WEAR NON UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER IN EXCHANGE FOR A HAMPER GIFT

BRING IN ITEMS FOR YOUR YEAR GROUPS CHOSEN COLOUR

HAMPER WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER.

PURCHASE A NUMBER FOR £1 TO BE PUT INTO THE PRIZE DRAW

Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy
'Do everything in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Is your child starting school in September 2026?
We are delighted to be able to invite you to visit our school where every child is cared for, nurtured and at the centre of all we do.
Our aim is for all children to be happy and instil a love of learning and life as we strive for excellence together.

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 9:30am
Thursday 16th October 2025 9:30am
Thursday 6th November 2025 1:30pm
Tuesday 25th November 2025 9:30am
Thursday 8th January 2026 9:30am

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Christmas Tree Recycling



In Partnership with Just Helping

Collections 10th -13th January
Registration Closes 6th January



Take the hassle out of disposing of your Christmas tree and have Longfield collect it for a voluntary donation. *

You will not only be helping reduce your carbon footprint but also supporting your community hospice providing Hospice at Home care and Wellbeing, Counselling and Bereavement Support for individuals facing a life-limiting condition.



*After costs, over 80% of monies raised will go to Longfield Community Hospice with around 13% going to Just Helping charity and over 5% to other local charities.

just-helping.org.uk/register-tree
Registered Charity Number 298627

