



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The End of Another Brilliant School Year!

We have reached the end of another busy and rewarding school year, and there is certainly plenty to celebrate. It has been a year full of energy, opportunity and achievement and we are so proud of all that our children have accomplished. Here are just some of the many highlights:

- Our sports teams represented the school in 12 different inter-school competitions across the year, including football, dodgeball, gymnastics and athletics.
- An amazing 88% of children in Years 1 to 6 took part in an extra-curricular club or competition this year, which is a fantastic achievement and shows such enthusiasm beyond the classroom.
- Wonderful productions lit up the year, including the Nursery Christmas Sing-A-Long, the Early Years performance of The Big Little Nativity, Key Stage 1's The Inn-Spectors and Year 6's memorable Super Stan production.
- Our school choir performed beautifully at Manor Gardens and at the Bolton Music Festival, sharing their talent with wider audiences.
- Our musicians also had their moment to shine during the 'Let Me Entertain You' performance for parents and the whole school, giving everyone a chance to enjoy their hard work.

This year's theme weeks and special days helped to deepen children's understanding and broaden their horizons in so many exciting ways:

- Interfaith and Diversity Week
- Anti-Bullying Week: Power for Good
- Safer Internet Day: Smart Tech – Safe Choices
- World Book Day: Go All In!
- Good To Be Green Week – Eco and Sustainability
- World Cup 2026 Week

We have also been proud to take learning beyond the classroom through a range of enriching trips:

- Reception Class became explorers at Imagine That in Liverpool.
- Key Stage 1 and 2 enjoyed a pantomime at Victoria Hall at Christmas.

- Key Stage 1 children enjoyed local area walks, visited Bolton Museum and Harwood Library, and travelled to Lytham St Annes.
- Lower Key Stage 2 visited Ribchester to support their learning about the Romans.
- Upper Key Stage 2 visited Bolton Museum to learn more about the Egyptians.
- Year 6 enjoyed an unforgettable weekend of adventure at Robinwood Outdoor Adventure Centre.

Alongside this, we were delighted to welcome a variety of visitors and experts into school to enrich the curriculum:

- Nursery and Reception enjoyed a visit from Magic Mark at Christmas.
- Year 5 took part in the Bikeability programme.
- The whole school enjoyed a Music Live Experience.
- Lower Key Stage 2 participated in the Hummingbird Project, a six-week positive psychology course.
- Upper Key Stage 2 explored rainforests and Lower Key Stage 2 explored the Romans through virtual reality headset workshops.
- NSPCC Stay Safe assemblies were delivered for Key Stages 1 and 2.
- Year 6 took part in magistrate workshops and then competed in a Mock Trial competition.
- We were also pleased to welcome our local MP, Kirith Entwistle, during Parliament Week.

A special mention must go to Year 3, who have worked on a school linking project throughout the year with Pikes Lane Primary, helping to strengthen community connections and build new friendships.

Finally, we are delighted that our school continues to be recognised for its commitment and excellence. In PSHE, we have maintained our Jigsaw PSHE Beacon School Status. In PE, our work has been recognised with the School Games Gold Mark. A huge well done to our subject leaders, Miss Faye Burns for PSHE and Mrs Helen Hustwit for PE and extra-curricular activities, for leading the team so successfully to these fantastic achievements.

PTA SUMMER FAIR



A huge thank-you to everyone who supported the PTA Summer Fair and raffle. With your help, we have raised an amazing £3,646! It has been lovely to see so many happy winners this week collecting their raffle prizes.

We would also like to give a special thank-you to Mrs Hayley Parkinson, our Chair, and Mrs Howarth, our Treasurer, for all their hard work in organising so many fantastic events this year, including the Halloween Discos, Christmas Fair and Summer Fair. Their commitment and enthusiasm have helped make each event a real success.

This year, PTA funds have helped us purchase new iPads, a sand pit for Early Years, Year 6 hoodies, and wet playtime games and activities for every classroom.



Remember Year 6, this is not just a goodbye but a warm wish for a fantastic new beginning.

WELL DONE BOYS!

We would like to celebrate the achievement of two of our Year 6 pupils, Lucas and Iwan, who, on a recent visit to the Lancashire Mining Museum, volunteered to help to do some weeding for 2 hours during their time there. They received numerous messages thanking them because they did such a great job. The boys have also offered to volunteer to run the 'hook a duck' stall on their fete day. It was lovely to hear the boys had shown our school values of responsibility, cooperation and independence during their leisure time and been so kind in their actions.

In addition to this **Lucas** also represented our school at the recent **Rotary Club Speech Competition**. The topic of this year's speech was "How can we influence and encourage reading for future generations?" and Lucas spoke about the importance of reading and how reading allows you to jump into a new world and meet new characters. He also spoke about the excitement of a cliff-hanger ending when you want to know what will happen next.

Participating in this competition took courage, commitment and preparation and we were very proud of Lucas who spoke so confidently on the stage in front of parents and other competitors. Well done!



WELL DONE HARPER!

Harper has been raising money for the Little Princess Trust. She has donated 13 inches of hair to make wigs for children who need them and in doing so has raised nearly £1500! Amazing! We really think her new hair style suits her and want to let her know that we are all so proud of her!



Finally, we would like to offer a huge thank you to all of our parents for your brilliant support this year. We wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back again in September!

School reopens on Wednesday 2nd September at 8.50am