

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will have now have heard about the appeal local schools are joining in with to support Harry Banks.



Harry is a young boy who is very ill and who needs specialist treatment. Harry previously attended one of our HAST lower schools. We circulated information earlier this week about fundraising and a link for donations was included. We know that many of you would like the school to hold a fundraising event too, so School Council have got busy and planned a special day for Harry.

## 'Hats on for Harry day'

**TSG are going to help raise money to help Harry.**  
**On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February please come to school wearing your favourite hat or hairband that you can keep on all day if you wish.**  
**Don't forget to bring your donation for the Harry appeal too.**  
**Thank you for your continued support.**



Please see *overleaf* for more details about Harry's condition and the appeal.



We have included this information on this second sheet as we know some children might find these details upsetting and hard to understand without sensitive adult support.

Harry had Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a very rare and aggressive children's cancer.

He has been through many medical interventions such as intensive chemotherapy, continuous investigations, major surgery, high dose chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy and more.

Harry had two and a half years when he was in remission. He was still monitored but his treatment had ended.

In November he was diagnosed with a neuroblastoma relapse to his CNS (central nervous system) and had an emergency operation to remove a tumour from his brain. Neuroblastoma has one of the lowest survival rates of all childhood cancers, and a CNS relapse is so rare – it's the worst.

*Harry can be part of a ground-breaking trial available in New York or Barcelona. The NHS has been fabulous with the care and treatment they have been able to provide for Harry so far, but he now needs different treatment. The family need to raise £500,000.*

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