

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 32.

Friday, 13 June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school and the term is going to get busier with lots of end of year events taking place. Please ensure you read the newsletter each week to stay fully updated.



Jodie Hurrell

Careers Day



Thank you to Miss Eastwood for organising our Careers Day this week and thank you to all those of you who came along to talk to the children. This really helps to give them an insight into different jobs and what opportunities are available for them in the future. You can find out more on page 6.

Grandparents Afternoon

Thank you to all the Grandparents who were able to join us in school this afternoon. It is always so lovely to welcome them into classes and to see them enjoying spending time with their grandchildren.

Football



Thank you to Mr Rose-Hall for organising a football match against Sissinghurst Primary last Thursday. Congratulations to our players who won 7-2 over three games!

Classes for Next Year

I have been asked when you will hear about your child's new teacher for September. We are just in the process of finalising this and will send a letter out very soon.

Friday Assembly



As we now have the stage up in the hall for the Y6 end of year performance, we do not have the space to have many chairs at the back.

Certificate Assembly for the rest of this term will therefore only be for parents of children who are receiving a certificate.

There will be no certificates this week due to Grandparents afternoon and no certificates next week due to sports day.

For the following weeks, you will receive an email on Thursday if your child is going to be receiving a certificate on that Friday.

Thank You PTA

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA for donating £1000 toward our sandpit. This has enabled us to fill it with play sand and will help to buy some buckets and spades. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events this year. You can see more on the Sandpit later in the newsletter.

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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.8	98.6	+4.6
Year 1	94.0	97.0	+6.4
Year 2	94.3	91.2	+2.8
Year 3	94.7	97.5	+6.1
Year 4	93.8	95.3	+3.0
Year 5	96.6	99.7	+10.6
Year 6	94.8	90.3	-4.0

The above table shows attendance for the year so far for each class together with a view on how this week has changed from last week. (Green is Good)

This week's winners were *Blue* Class who will receive an extra playtime next term.

Hot Chocolate

Hot Chocolate (or its equivalent, depending on weather) will return in 2 weeks time, after sports day.

School Council



The School Council met last term to decide where they wanted to spend the money that they raised from running the Chocolate tombola. It was a unanimous vote to buy some games for the Nurture Room. They went away and asked their classes for suggestions before meeting again to put together a list. Here they are with some of the games. These are now in the Nurture Room for all children to play with! The School Council have decided that the money they raise from selling ice pops this term will go towards some toys and games for the playground at break and lunch time.



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Choir 2025-26



We have our new YV choir for 2026!

Well done to all the children who came along to audition this week. Everyone worked really hard at home (and in the playground) learning the words and actions for the audition song and bravely sang in small groups in front of the rest of choir.

We were so impressed with them all and we can't wait to start our rehearsals in September!

Have a look at the link on our website to see them perform 'Power in Me' after only one week of practice!



You can see all of our Young Voices updates at

<https://hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/young-voices-choir>

Sandpit



There was great excitement on Tuesday when 10 tonnes of play sand was delivered to school! Some of us couldn't wait to get in and play! Thank you so much to Andy Clarke from the Park Farm Butchers in Hawkhurst who came in with some special machinery to move all the sand from the front of the school for us.



We had some very excited Year 6 volunteers who helped level it all out. We are still looking for more beach buckets and spades, fine plastic sieves, or plastic pouring jugs for the sandpit if anyone has any they would be happy to donate.



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Diary Dates

16TH JUN

- Year 4 Trip to Herstmonceux

17TH JUN

- Year 1 Trip to Rare Breeds Centre

20TH JUN

- Sports Day (KS1 AM / KS2 PM)

2ND JUL

- Year R Vision Screening

10TH JUL

- Year 6 End of Year Production

16TH JUL

- Music Performance for Parents of pupils of Katie Slowgrove

17TH JUL

- 2:00pm Rocksteady Concert



Sports Day is scheduled for

Friday 20th June -

(At the moment there is no reserve date in case of bad weather.)

KS1 will start at 9:30am

(gates will be opened at 9:15am)

KS2 will start at 1:30

(gates will be opened at 1:15pm)

Please feel free to bring chairs / blankets to sit on.



A reminder that there is no smoking, vaping, or alcohol allowed on the school premises, including the field.



Swimming for Year 4 & 5 at Weald Sports Centre

Thursdays : 19th Jun, 26th Jun, 3rd Jul, 10th Jul

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A Prayer to end the week



Dear God,

Bless our school, let peace live here, let the rooms be full of happiness.

Let love be all around, love for one another, love for all people, and love for life and living.

Let us remember, that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.

Amen



Forest School

Forest School sessions next term will be:

Tuesday: Yellow Class

Wednesday: Rainbow

Thursday: Red Class

Could we please ask you to ensure children have Forest School clothing appropriate for the weather and ensure they have sun cream on and a sun hat/cap.



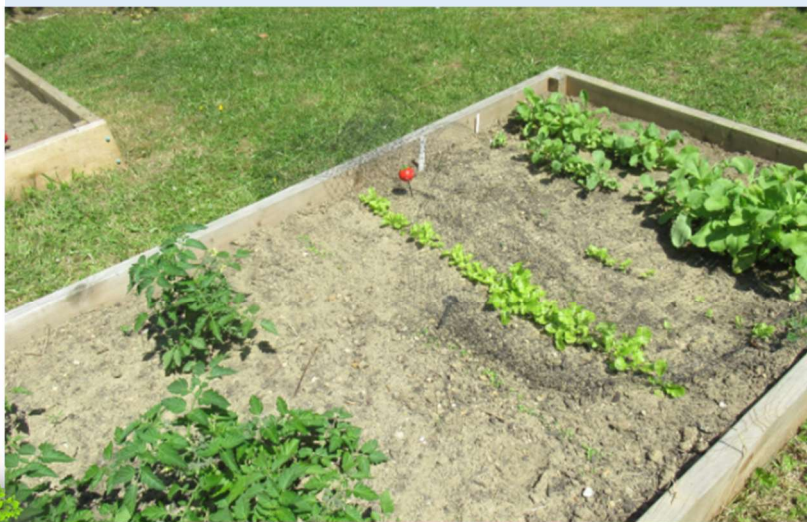
Gardening Club



Pupils under the supervision of Mrs Faulkner and Mrs Rogers have been enjoying the good weather recently and the crops planted in the secret garden are looking like they are also enjoying the sun (and occasional rain shower).

There are tomatoes, onions, salad crops and pumpkins and plenty of flowers coming along nicely in the raised beds.

Our thanks to Waitrose and Tesco's who have provided both funding for the raised beds as well as tools and seeds, without which this would not have been possible.



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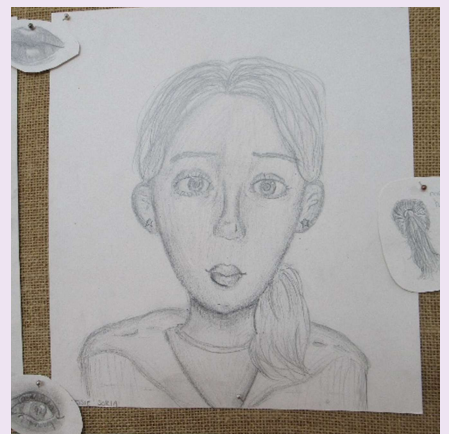
Yesterday, we had our second Careers Day! We were joined by a variety of visitors coming in to speak to classes about their jobs and there were also activities for each class in the hall during the afternoon. We would like to say a huge thank you to our visitors for giving up some of their day to give presentations and take answers from children! We have had some fantastic feedback from the children and our visitors were impressed with the engagement and behaviour in each class. We hope to have even more slots available next year!



Community

Catch up with Violet Class

Year 6 have been working on their self-portraits using sketching pencils to carefully show tone and proportion. We took some time to focus on the difficult features first - eyes, lips and noses.



Hope

Compassion



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THE FESTIVAL THEATRE

at HEVER CASTLE

We're fast approaching the summer holidays, come and spend the afternoon at Hever Castle for the gorgeous

The Wind in the Willows on Sun 15 June, 2pm.

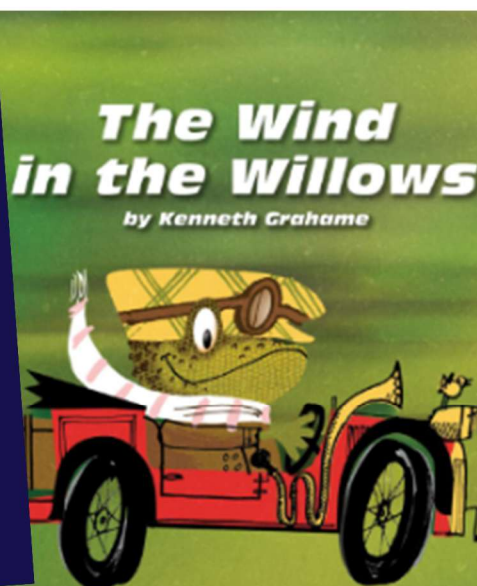
Multiple award-winning Illyria theatre company celebrates Kenneth Grahame's timeless tale of friendship, laughter, the longing for home and the lure of adventure. Enjoy it where the story is set, in the great British outdoors. Ticket prices include the opportunity to **stay and play** in the castle gardens after the show, until they close at 6pm. Suitable for all the family, the Anne Boleyn's Woodland Walk is a relaxed environment, brilliant for first time theatre goers! You can bring your own seats, beanbags, rugs etc. along with your picnic. Choose where you would like to sit when you arrive, you will view the performance from there whilst enjoying your picnic.

Book here: heverfestival.co.uk or here 07379 488 477

Love football?
Want to be part of something special?



We are looking for girls entering school
Years 4, 7 & 9 from September 2025.
Contact Ant on chair@cranbrookjuniorsfc.co.uk



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