

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 36.

Friday, 11 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the year! Next week will be very busy, please be extra kind to our lovely office staff as they will have extra work to do and it may take a little longer to get to the phone or unlock the gate!



Joanne Hurrell

Swimming Years 4 and 5



Unfortunately, Years 4 & 5 were unable to go for their swimming lessons yesterday due to a road closure and the first coach getting stuck. If you are due a refund from today's lesson this will be returned to your original form of payment by the end of term. We appreciate some children will be very disappointed to have missed their last lesson but this was beyond our control.

Story
Garden

The Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to Mrs Elmes for arranging all the class library visits which will continue next week. Your child will be coming home with their first Summer Reading Challenge books very soon if they have not done so already.

PLEASE keep up with this over the summer – the staff and children are keen to win back the trophy for the school with the most participants!

Year 6 Production

SCHOOL
POP

Well done to Year 6 for their amazing performance of "School of Pop". It takes a lot of courage to stand up on the stage and perform in front of an audience and Year 6 have done an amazing job. The whole school watched on Wednesday afternoon, we had a full audience of parents yesterday afternoon and we have one more performance this evening. We will share more photos next week. Thank you so much to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hamer for all their hard work with this.



"All of the hard work Violet Class have put into practising their singing, dancing and acting has finally come to a glittering finale with their production of 'School of Pop'. We are so proud of the progress they have made and the dedication they put into learning their lines and making their performance shine!" - Mrs Pearson

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Football Trophy

Congratulations to Darcie and Isla (Y5) on winning the Medway Football Tournament with their team, the Under 10s Staplehurst Girls, at the weekend.

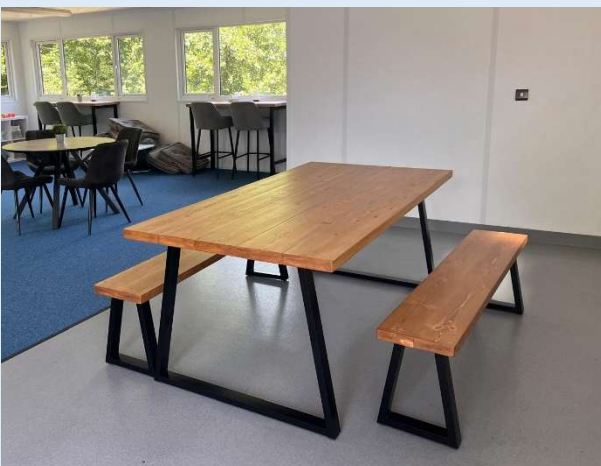
Earlier this week, they brought in their medals and huge trophy to show the rest of Blue Class.

Well done!



Nurture Room Furniture

A massive thank you to Waitrose for their generous donation. We have used the money to buy this gorgeous farmhouse table and benches for our nurture room.



Last Week of Term

Next week will be busy as it is the last week of term. Please read the reminders below to ensure you don't miss anything. It would be helpful for your child to have a carrier bag in their school bag in case there are more things for them to bring home.

★ Proms Concert

Our brass band will be performing on the playground at 2:45pm on Monday. All parents are welcome to come along to this. The PTA will be holding a cake sale which we'd love you to support. If you have any donations of cakes, please bring these to the office on Monday morning.

★ Music Concert

A reminder that the children who do music with Ms Slowgrove will be performing in a concert on Wednesday next week at 2:30pm.

★ Rocksteady Concert

Rocksteady will be performing next Thursday at 2:30pm. Parents of children who do Rocksteady are welcome to attend.

★ Leavers Service

Our Leavers Service will be held in school at 9am next Friday. This is for Y6 parents and families only.

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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.8	97.9	+0.7
Year 1	94.0	95.0	+6.6
Year 2	94.3	96.5	-1.4
Year 3	94.6	96.4	+5.0
Year 4	94.0	95.3	+12.7
Year 5	96.6	97.2	-2.8
Year 6	94.8	99.3	+7.7

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 **Violet** Class who will receive an extra playtime next week.

Hot Chocolate with Mr Hall

Well-done to the children who have been recognised today for demonstrating our school values: Compassion, Hope, and Community.

Rainbows : Amy and Arthur

Y1: Faaizah and Roni

Y2: Out on a Trip

Y3: Sid and Harriet

Y4: Esme and Teddy M

Y5: Kennie and Toby

Y6: Hunter and Kingsley



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Diary Dates

14TH JUL

- 2:45pm – Brass Band Concert - Proms in the Playground

16TH JUL

- Music Performance for Parents of pupils of Katie Slowgrove
- 6:30pm Year 6 Disco

17TH JUL

- 2:00pm Rocksteady Concert

18TH JUL

- Last Day of Term 6
- 9am – Year 6 Leavers Service in the School hall
- 12:00pm – Year 6 lunch on the field
- 2:30pm – Year 6 Parents invited for tea and cake on the field

Year 2 Trip

Today Year 2 are out at Bedgebury. Thank you to all the parents that have provided transport – this has helped make the trip affordable.



Rainbow Trip



This week Rainbow class enjoyed an exciting trip to Hastings as part of their learning about 'Under the Sea'. They visited Hastings Aquarium, the Shipwreck Museum, the RNLI Lifeboat Station and finally the beach. We had a fantastic day!

My favourite fish was the clown fish because I like orange. – Albert

I liked going on the minibus. – Willow

I liked the beach best - William

We liked everything! – Archie and Hunter

Thank you to St Ronan's School for providing the transport for this.



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To Do List - For the Office

★ Year 6

Please ensure your Caterlink Accounts have a zero balance by Thursday 17th July. We will arrange for Caterlink to refund any accounts in credit. For info, the special leavers' lunch on Friday 18th will be paid for by the school (pizza and chips).

★ Breakfast Club Accounts

All breakfast club accounts need to be paid up to date by Friday 18th July.

★ Medicines

Any child's medicine that we have in school will be sent home at the end of next week.

★ Medical Conditions

Can you please ensure you have told us about any changes to, or new medical conditions your child has. It is important that the information we have on Arbor is correct and up to date.

★ Asthma Inhalers

If your child has asthma, can you please ensure that your child has an in-date asthma inhaler in school in September.

Thankyou - the School Office



Well Done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week :-

Rainbow - Pippa and Elsie

Yr 1 - Teddy, Alexi and Cleo

Yr 2 - Sylvia and Vishmita

Yr 3 - Esme and Qailah

Yr 4 - Andrew and Malachi

Yr 5 - Nathaniel and Daniel

Yr 6 - Rowan, George and Marley

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Keep on Reading!



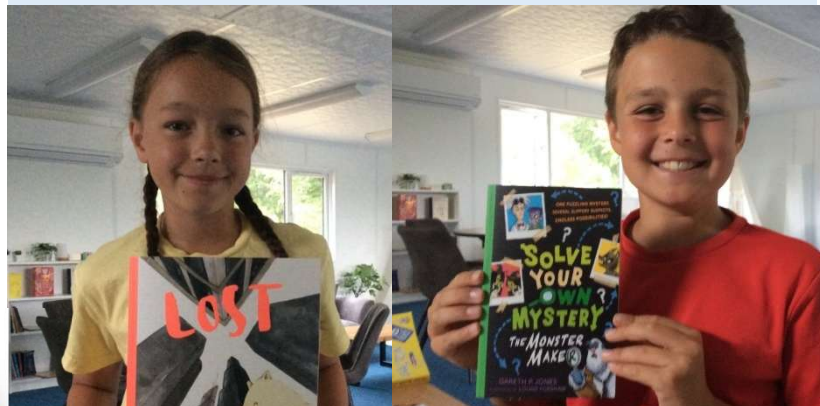
Earlier this week, Blue Class enjoyed the warmer weather by taking their reading session to the outdoor classroom. We are so lucky to have this space!



A Message from Mrs Beales



Even though we have now completed the Libraries for Primaries programme, we were lucky enough to be asked to help to select the books for next year's programme. The National Literacy Trust invited us to be part of their book review panel, which meant that we had to read and review a selection of books. We loved doing this and we are lucky enough to be allowed to keep the books that we reviewed. Thank you to the children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who worked hard and wrote such insightful and interesting reviews.



House Leader Board



This term, the 4 houses have been battling to win the most dojo points. The results are below:

- 1st place - Danes
- 2nd place - Romans
- 3rd place - Saxons
- 4th place - Normans

Danes will have a non-school uniform day on Tuesday 15th July as reward for winning this term.

Please remind your child that the points total for each house resets at the start of next term.



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Forest School

Forest School sessions next week will be:

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

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.



A Prayer to end the week



Thank you, God, for the gift of summer.

Please bless us with rest, fun, and new experiences.

Help us to grow in kindness and love, and to remember your presence in all we do.

Amen.



YOUNG VOICES

Our new YV choir for 2026 met in the Nurture Room this week to have a listen to the music for our 2026 YV concert at The O2. This year we will be celebrating 30 years of YV and we are loving some of the song choices!



Don't forget you can keep track of our progress and hear some of our rehearsals on the school website. This weeks clip is available now at -

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/parents/after-school-clubs/young-voices-choir>

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KIDS GO FREE THIS SUMMER!



Make the most of the Summer Holidays with FREE travel for kids

Book online and SAVE!

Up to 3 children go free with each fare-paying adult or senior.

SUMMER SEASON AT THE K&ESR - 2025

A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL KENT AND EAST SUSSEX COUNTRYSIDE
The Kent & East Sussex Railway is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, running between Tenterden and Bodiam.
To get the best value, book in advance online until midnight the day before your visit.
Many other running dates are available throughout the year. See our website for full details.

KIDS GO FREE OFFER

23rd July to 30th August



Up to three U16 travel FREE with a fare paying adult.

SUMMER SEASON TICKET

23rd July to 30th August

Unlimited travel for adults and seniors living within the TN postcode.
Regular services only.
Proof of address required.

EARLY BIRD SUMMER EXPLORER

23rd July to 30th August

Service departs Tenterden Town Station at 08:45 most Wednesdays and Saturdays.



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Throughout the summer at Bodiam Station.
Bring your bear along for a picnic.



DIESEL GALA

18th to 20th July

Ride behind iconic diesel services in packed daily programme.
Locomotive driving opportunities for the adults.
Shuttle buses from Headcorn Station.



JUNIOR ENGINEERING

3rd August

Departure times from Tenterden 9.50am and 1.45pm

Suitable for children aged 6 to 12 years, accompanied by one adult.



BUS RALLY

10th August
Tenterden Town Station

Offering free rides to a number of local destinations! This includes a service to connect with trains from Headcorn and Ashford railway stations.



TRAIN TIME UK

19th to 21st August
at Tenterden Town Station

Creative toy train play sessions for under-fives.
FREE, no booking required.



MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

30th August

Tenterden Town Station
Enjoy a range of fascinating displays and take a ride on the 5" gauge railway.



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- Spaces must be pre booked
- Ages 4 - 18
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Register Now

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SEASONAL CRAFTS

A creative experience for the whole family!
Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness.

Where:

Tunbridge Wells Family Hub, 39a Grove Hill Road
Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD

Date:

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Time:

1.00pm - 2.45pm

Where:

Sherwood Family Hub
Friars Way, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3UA

Date:

5th August 2025

Time:

1.00pm - 2.45pm

To book a place please contact:

twfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk 03000 41059

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