



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 1.

Friday, 05 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year and a special welcome to all of our new families. We trust you all had a lovely summer break with your children.

Please ensure you read the newsletter every week to keep up to date with what is going on in school.



Jodie Hurrell

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to come in and meet your child's new teacher next week. Please don't worry if you are unable to make it, or you have more than one child and have to choose one teacher over another. At the end of the week



- ❖ Mon 8th, 2:45pm - Years 3 and 6
- ❖ Tue 9th, 2:45pm - Years 2 and 5
- ❖ Wed 10th, 2:45pm - Years 1 and 4

Parent Teacher Association

Last year we were very grateful to a group of our parents who set up a new PTA for us. With National school funding at an all-time low and the cost of everything increasing, we really rely on this additional funding for the extras that we wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please look out for a letter coming out shortly detailing events for the year and how you can get involved.

Open Sessions

(For Parents of Children Starting School in September 2026)

If you have a child who is due to start in EYFS in September 2026, you are invited to come to one of our open mornings or afternoons to find out more about our school. Please feel free to share these dates with other parents who may not already have children here.

If you would like to come to one of the following sessions, please ask the office to sign you up:

- ❖ Tuesday 23rd September at 9:30am
- ❖ Wednesday 24th September at 1:30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 30th September at 9:30am
- ❖ Thursday 2nd October at 1:30pm

PE

A reminder that on the days your child has PE they should come to school dressed in their PE kits.



- ❖ Rainbow: Monday (starting 15th Sep)
- ❖ Red (Y1): Friday
- ❖ Orange (Y2): Friday
- ❖ Yellow (Y3): Monday
- ❖ Green (Y4): Tuesday
- ❖ Blue (Y5): Wednesday
- ❖ Violet (Y6): Thursday

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CERTIFICATE of EXCELLENCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO DATE

IN RECOGNITION OF

CLASS TEACHER HEAD TEACHER

WELL DONE



On a Friday afternoon, two children are chosen from each class to come and have hot chocolate. Children are chosen for demonstrating our school values: Compassion, Hope, Community.

This will start next Friday.

Certificate Assembly

Each week from the 19th September, three children from each class will be awarded a certificate in Assembly. Parents are welcome to join us for this at 2:45pm in the school hall. If your child is going to receive a certificate you will be sent a message through Arbor on the Thursday afternoon.

Reporting an absence.



Please use the Arbor app to report your child absent from school. Follow these instructions:

Login to your Arbor app

- ❖ Click on the large attendance section
- ❖ On the right-hand side click on the green button - Log Absence
- ❖ Please provide a detailed reason in the box

Please use this method rather than just sending a message.

School Website Updates



I would like to direct you to the class pages on the school website. Here you will find information about the staff in your child's class, an overview of what your child will be learning, and we are going to make more use of these class pages this year by adding regular photographs and reports to provide a real overview of what is happening in school.

To access these pages please follow this link:

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/class-pages>

Hawkhurst WI



Thank you very much to the WI in Hawkhurst who have provided us with tubes of toothpaste for every child in school this week. This is following on from the workshops we had in school last year about dental health.

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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	98.5	98.5	-
Year 1	99.1	99.1	-
Year 2	99.6	99.6	-
Year 3	96.1	96.1	-
Year 4	93.1	93.1	-
Year 5	99.2	99.2	-
Year 6	97.7	97.7	-

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 **Orange** Class.

Back to School Prayer



Dear God,
Help me to,
Use my eyes to see new friends,
open my ears to listen to my teacher,
Open my mind to learn new skills.
Let my heart love everyone around me,
Help me grow and learn each day,
I want to be the best that I can be this school year.
Amen.



Diary Dates

MON 15TH - THUR 18TH SEP

- Book Fair after school

23RD SEP

- Open Day for 2026 Intake at 9:30am

24TH SEP

- Open Day for 2026 Intake at 1:30pm

30TH SEP

- Open Day for 2026 Intake at 9:30am

2ND OCT

- Open Day for 2026 Intake at 1:30pm

3RD OCT

- 9:00am Harvest Service at St Laurence Church

27TH OCT

- Flu Vaccinations

28TH OCT

- Individual Pupil Photos

Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Green Class (Yr4)

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday : Red Class (Yr1)

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 full Forest School Timetable for Term 1 is available on the School website -

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/forest-school/forest-school-timetable-for-2025-26>



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Brass Lessons



Lessons restart on Monday 8th September for those pupils who are learning a brass instrument.

Lessons are free and available to anyone who wants to start playing from years 3 to 6.

Lessons are provided on a Monday by Dr Charlotte O'Neil and instruments are provided by Cranbrook Town Band. and learners are able to play together on a Thursday evening in the Foundation Band before being able to move on to the Training Band when they have enough experience.

This is not only an ideal way to start learning an instrument, but also a great introduction into playing together as an ensemble.

Both bands are ably supported by adult members and have performed at concerts with the Cranbrook Town Band throughout the year.

Please let you the school office know if you would like your child to start lessons.

In addition, anyone can come along for an evening of music on Thursday 11th September, even adults ! - see the poster opposite for details.

TRY A BRASS INSTRUMENT
EVENING.

BACK TO BRASS

Learn a new skill -

Come and have a go evening:
Hawkhurst Primary School
Thursday September 11th
6.30pm

No experience necessary, just
get in touch so we know you're
coming along.

Produce music magic with
Cranbrook Town Band Brass
Roots

Any age - any stage - returners
welcome
Contact Charlotte O'Neill on 07943
902745



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Come and join
The Community
performers



We hope to kick off the festive cheer with our first panto.

We are meeting on Saturday 6th at the Royal oak at 12.30 till 2pm

Please come along and sign up. It doesn't matter if you want to try a bit of acting, help paint the scenery or help make the costumes.



Come and join us for our very first PTA quiz night!

Hawkhurst CEP School

Friday October 3, 2025, 19:30 - 23:00

Tables are at a cost of £64 each with the maximum number of people at 8 per table. Tickets will include 2 bottles of wine, a bottle soft drink and snacks. Other drinks available to purchase separately!

It's the perfect way to spend your evening with friends and a little friendly competition!

Tickets can be purchased at

[https://www.pta-
events.co.uk/hawkhurstpta/?event=event&eventId=102327](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hawkhurstpta/?event=event&eventId=102327).

Tickets sales close on the 22nd September.

We really hope you will support the PTA with this event in order for us to continue to contribute to the schools much needed funds!

Thankyou, the PTA

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Open Day

Battle Abbey School.
Building brighter futures since 1912.



SEPTEMBER
13
SATURDAY
10AM-1PM
Senior School
Battle
(age 11 - 18)



Book your
places via the
QR code

ROCK
STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!



IGNITE THEIR SELF-BELIEF

- Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
PLACE ONLINE



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate)

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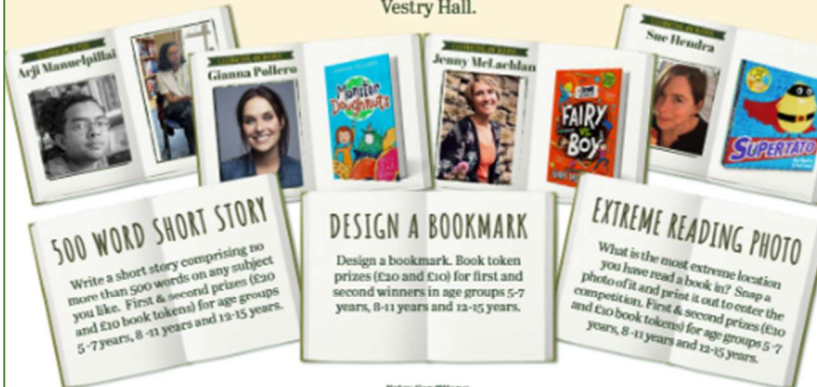
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Cranbrook Literature Festival

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th October 2025

Cranbrook Literature Festival offers events for all ages and plenty of book-themed competitions for children. Authors appearing at local schools are Arji Manuelpillai, Jenny McLachlan, Gianna Pollero plus Sue Hendra hosting a 'Supertato' event in the Vestry Hall.



500 WORD SHORT STORY

Write a short story comprising no more than 500 words on any subject you like. First & second prizes (£30 you like. First & second prizes (£30 and £10 book tokens) for age groups 5-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-15 years.

DESIGN A BOOKMARK

Design a bookmark. Book token prizes (£20 and £10) for first and second winners in age groups 5-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-15 years.

EXTREME READING PHOTO

What is the most extreme location you have read a book in? Snap a photo of it and print it out to enter the competition. First & second prizes (£30 and £10 book tokens) for age groups 5-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-15 years.

Entry Conditions:

Children must be the appropriate age for their entry group as of 1st September 2025. Entries to be submitted by Tuesday 7th October either to Mrs T Pidd (Stage of Bowden, Stone Street, Cranbrook) or to the school you attend. All entries to have the full name and age of the entrant on the back, a contact number and the name of school attended. The judges' decision will be final in all competitions. Entries may be used for publicity purposes. The organisers cannot guarantee the return of entries.

Book
your tickets
now...

Cranbrook
Literature
Festival



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