

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



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Friday, 25 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school but it has been lovely to be able to spend some time outside in the sunshine and make the most of the beautiful weather.



Joanne Elmes

Consultation Evenings

You are now able to sign up on Arbor for a consultation with your child's teacher. If you have more than one child please allow a gap of at least 10 minutes between appointments. You are invited to come to the hall 10 minutes prior to your time slot, to have a look through your child's books. If you come into the hall, Year 6 pupils will be on hand to show you where to find the books and where to wait for your appointment. Due to the number of parents that each teacher needs to meet with, we are unable to make consultation times longer than 10 minutes, but if the teacher thinks it is necessary, they will offer you an additional time to come in and meet with them.



Family Breakfast

A reminder that our first family breakfast of the year will be on Friday 16th October. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office. Breakfast starts at 8am and finishes at 8:30am.

ECO CLUB

Mrs Elmes will be running Eco Club again this year, and we have appointed an Eco Champion to assist her. Thank you to Maverick in Year 6 for agreeing to take on this role and work alongside Mrs Elmes. Maverick will be keeping everyone informed through our newsletters and in assembly about the work the Eco Club are doing. Our other class representatives are -

- Red Class: Kitty, Reggie
- Orange Class: Archie S, Maisie H
- Yellow Class: Gwen, Tammy
- Green Class: Joshua S, Sylvia
- Blue Class: Noah, Freya
- Violet Class: Seb, Ella

School Council

Well done to the children who have been voted to be class representatives for the School Council this year.

- Red Class: Eliza, Theo
- Orange Class: Darcey, Laurie
- Yellow Class: Charlotte, Ezra
- Green Class: Jack, Antalya
- Blue Class: Bella, Deacon
- Violet Class: Esme, Henry

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HARVEST SERVICE



Next Friday is our Harvest Service in St Laurence's Church. Please take your children straight to the church on Friday morning, for 8:45 where the class teacher will be waiting for them. The service starts at 9am and families are welcome to join us.

There will be a time during the service for the children to place their Harvest gifts at the front of the church. Please could these be non-perishable food items such as a tin of food, packet of pasta, biscuits etc. All food items will be donated to our local food bank at Hawkhurst Baptist Church.

We would appreciate parent helpers to walk back to school with us. If you prefer to take your child back to school in the car, please let the class teacher know.

If your child comes to breakfast club on a Friday, please ensure they are in school no later than 8:15am and they will walk to the church with staff.



Thank you to everyone who was able to support the book fair. Your purchases raised some good commission and we now have £35 per class to spend on books. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for organising this.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

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

YR: Adel and Bodhi

Y1: Kitty and Freya

Y2: Gus and Orla

Y3: Roni and Tommy

Y4: Guntasveer and Sylvie

Y5: Sidney and Dolly

Y6: Lucy and Elsie J



I am delighted to be able to tell you that for the fourth year running, we have won the Summer Reading Challenge!!! We are absolutely delighted that we will be holding onto the trophy for the next year.

Thank you to all of our children who engaged in this, and to our parents for supporting it. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Lesley at Hawkhurst Library!

All children who completed the challenge will be rewarded with a free cinema trip. Thank you to the Kino for providing this for us.

Community

Hope

Compassion



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	97.4	96.2	+0.2
Year 1	97.7	95.4	-2.3
Year 2	95.8	95.2	-3.1
Year 3	94.4	93.2	-3.2
Year 4	92.3	91.3	-3.1
Year 5	95.8	94.3	-1.6
Year 6	95.1	93.1	-2.5

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 **Rainbow** Class.

Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Green Class (Yr46)

Wednesday: Red Class (Yr1)

Thursday: Rainbow (YrR)

Could we please ask you to ensure children have Forest School clothing appropriate for the weather.

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>

Diary Dates

29TH SEP

- EYFS Open Day for 2026 Intake at 9:30am

1ST OCT

- Census Day Special School Menu

2ND OCT

- 9:00am Harvest Service at St Laurence Church

6TH OCT

- EYFS Open Day for 2027 Intake at 1:30pm

7TH OCT

- EYFS Open Day for 2027 Intake at 9:30am
- Parent Consultations

8TH OCT

- EYFS Open Day for 2027 Intake at 1:30pm
- Parent Consultations

16TH OCT

- Family Breakfast 8:00am
- PTA Quiz Evening

20TH OCT

- Individual Pupil Photos

21ST OCT

Last Day of Term 1 for Pupils

22/23RD OCT

- Inset Days - School Closed

2ND NOV

- First Day of Term 2

5TH NOV

- National Child Measurement Programme Yrs R & 6

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Well done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week.

Rainbow

Adel, Jaxon and Ajay

Yr 1

Billy, Sienna and Reggie

Yr 2

Willow, Cleo and Bear

Yr 3

Emily, Alexi and Florence

Yr 4

Sadie and Oscar

Yr 5

Esme, Emily and Louis

Yr 6

Albie, Darcy and Ethan

End of Week Prayer



Loving Father,

Thank you for all who are part of our school. Please grant them your encouragement, wisdom and peace.

Strengthen teachers who have heavy workloads. May they be firm, yet patient, expecting excellence but forgiving mistakes.

May they support their students, playing to strengths, helping with struggles and motivating them to do their best.

Comfort and restore those living under shadows of unhappiness, abuse, pain or fear. May many find faith discovering their identity in You and knowing Your amazing grace in their lives.

Please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community.

In Jesus name.

Amen



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Forest School Appeal



It is that time of year again where Mrs Paton is after conkers, acorns and chestnuts for Forest School art work. If you are able to help with any of these, we will be happy to take your donations in the office.

Here are some pictures from previous years to give you an idea of what we do with them.



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For more details on each course please see the Nurture & Wellbeing pages on the school website.

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/parents/nurture-and-wellbeing/latest-courses-and-workshops>



**Kent and Medway
Mental Health
NHS Trust**

Parent Workshop

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

08/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

12/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

18/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

30/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

07/12/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity \(Primary\) | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955