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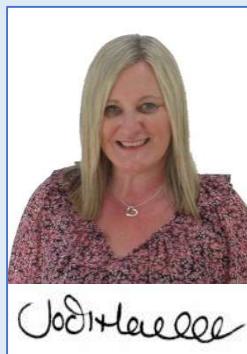
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Newsletter No 6.

Friday, 16 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last newsletter this term. Term 2 is always very busy and full of excitement as we start to get festive in school! Please ensure you read the newsletter each week as there will be lots of dates coming out.



Joanne Hurrell



Family Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our family breakfast this morning and to those of you who stayed to meet our NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team afterwards.

PTA Quiz

Thank you to our amazing PTA who are running a quiz for us this evening. We really are so grateful for the money they are raising at the moment. I was talking to a parent on the gate this week who had no idea how bad school funding is at the moment – this isn't just us, it is a national issue. Parents supporting our PTA events are going to make a huge difference going forward to what we can and can't provide in school.

End of Term

A reminder that we finish school next Wednesday (21st October) and all children are due back on Monday 2nd November. We suggest that children return in winter uniform please. We know some of the boys prefer wearing shorts all year round, rather than trousers. Grey or black shorts are fine for boys or girls, but the blue summer dresses will not be warm enough from the beginning of November.

If you need help with school uniform, please come in and speak to a member of the office, Mrs Paton, or have a chat to me on the gate.

School Uniform

If you have any good quality summer uniform that you know you won't need, or won't fit next year, we are happy to have this in school for a second-hand uniform sale. Also, if you have any good quality Christmas jumpers that you won't use this year, we are happy to take those from you too.

Brigade are offering a 15% discount on new uniforms over Halloween. Please see the flyer in the ads page of the newsletter.

Kino

Thank you to the Kino in Hawkhurst for showing two films now to the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. We are very grateful for your support. We are looking forward to the presentation assembly next Wednesday where we will be receiving the trophy for the fourth year running! Well done everyone!



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	94.8	93.7	-2.8
Year 1	97.2	94.2	-3.5
Year 2	95.5	94.5	+1.7
Year 3	95.2	95.5	-1.7
Year 4	91.6	93.3	+2.8
Year 5	95.0	91.0	-5.0
Year 6	95.3	93.8	-1.9

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 **Yellow** Class.



Hot Chocolate with Mr Hall



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

YR: Megan and Dakota

Y1: Sienna and Jak

Y2: Ivy-Rose and William

Y3: Evelynne and Anna

Y4: Jakob and Koa

Y5: Elsie A and Rosie

Y6: Teddy M and Seb

Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

- Tuesday : Green Class (Yr4)
- Wednesday : Red Class (Yr1)

Forest School for the first week back after the holiday will be:

- Tuesday: Blue Class (Yr5)
- Wednesday: Orange Class (Yr2)
- Thursday : Rainbow (YrR)

Please send children to school in their FS clothes.

A full Forest School Timetable for Term 2 is available on the school website -

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

Breakfast Club



A Reminder that from the start of term 2 (Monday 2nd November), breakfast club will cost £3.50.

There will be no difference in the price for different drop of times, and all children are welcome to attend from 7:30am onwards.

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Hello Yellow

Today we have been celebrating Mental Health Day. We started off with one of our Family Breakfasts and it was lovely to see so many of you there. You may have seen Rachel Gardner, from the Emotional Wellbeing Team (EWT) in the hall too. Some of you came to listen to Rachel in the Nurture Room after breakfast and heard about what the team can offer. There was a good discussion about how we can promote it more in school and make it easier for parents to access their support. Did you know the EWT offers online and face-to-face workshops? These can be around anxiety, behaviour, Neurodiversity or resilience. In addition to this, they can offer 1:1 support for families which is tailored to your child's needs. If you would like to access this support, I will be happy to discuss it with you and make a referral to the team.

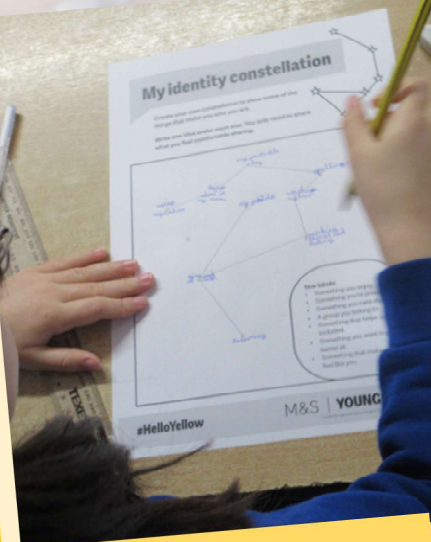
Throughout the day, all classes have been doing activities around Mental Health and Wellbeing. Rainbow Class have painted Colour Monsters, Red and Yellow Classes have designed and coloured a doodles feeling flower. Orange Class have been playing games together and Green Class have created their own identity constellations. Blue Class have been designing a blueprint for a space where everyone feels they can belong and Year 6 have been music tracing.

Please encourage your child to tell you about what they have been up to today!

Mrs Poland



Red Class - The children designed and coloured a doodle feelings flower. They were able to say how they were feeling and why. In the afternoon they talked about how we could use different strategies to help each other feel better.



Year 4 – Identity Constellations.



Year 6 – Music Tracing



Rainbows created their "Colour monsters" and talked about how they were feeling



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Admissions 2027 - Keys Dates

For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, Transferring to Primary school in September 2027.

Fri 6th Nov 2026

Online application process opens

Fri 15th Jan 2027

Online application process closes

Fri 16th Apr 2027

Offers of school places sent to parents

Fri 30th Apr 2027

Parents to accept/refuse offers by this date

Mon 17th May 2027

Appeals to be lodged by this date

For more information on 2027 Admissions including our selection criteria and full KCC guidelines, please refer to our website page –

<https://hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/admissions>

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

Common misconceptions

For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, Transferring to Primary school in September 2027.

✗ MYTH #1

Attending a nursery or pre-school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the associated school.

✓ TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ Nurseries and primary schools are not linked for admissions purposes.

✗ MYTH #2

A sibling attending the school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the same school.

✓ TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ If eligible, your application may be considered under a school's 'sibling' oversubscription criteria.

✗ MYTH #3

Attending an infant school will automatically guarantee a space for your child at the linked junior school.

✓ TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ Children do not automatically transfer to a junior school. Admissions are ranked according to the school's admission criteria, including any linked school arrangements.

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Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions





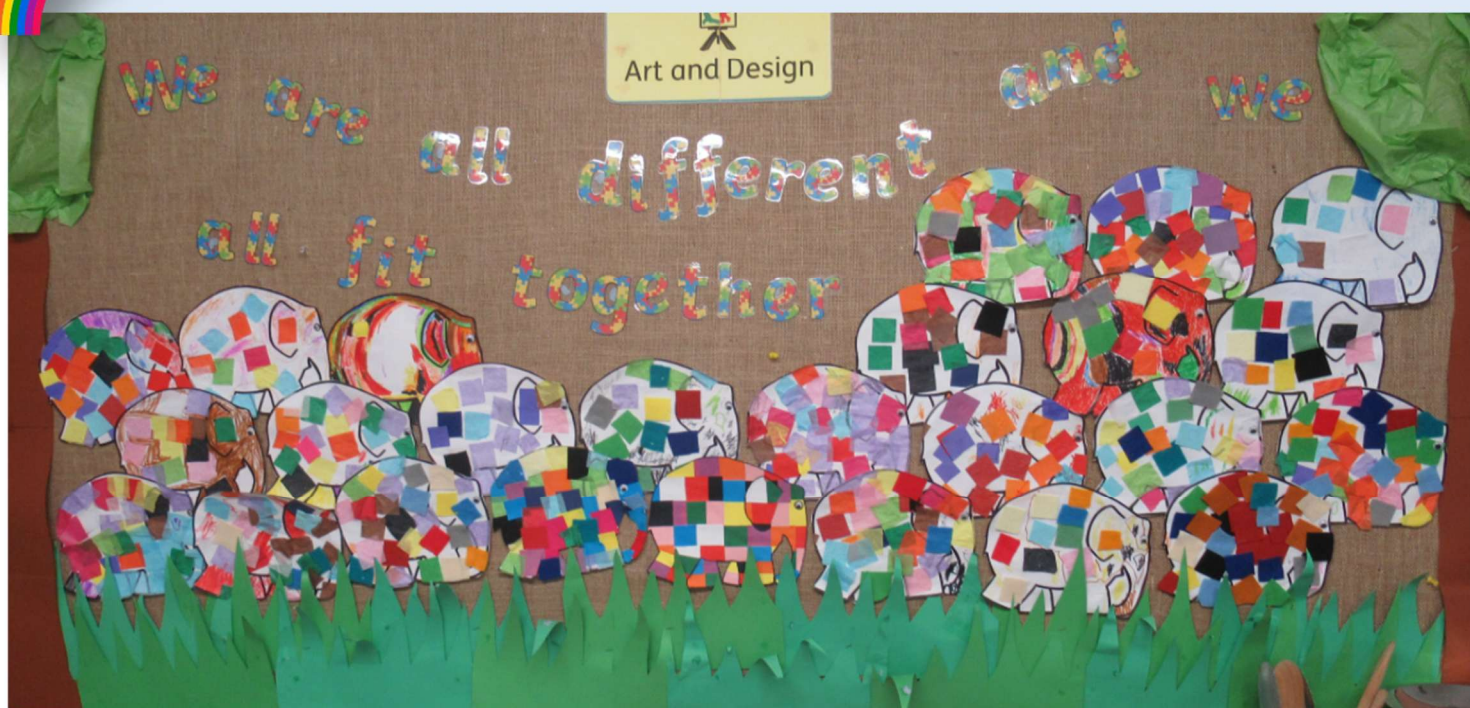
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Catch Up with Rainbow Class



Rainbow Class have been very arty lately. We have made some fantastic elephants demonstrating how we are all different and we all fit together.

They have also been studying Autumn colours while experimenting with different textures and media to decorate their Autumn Trees. Here are just a few from the classroom display, we think you will agree that they look rather good.





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Diary Dates

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

6TH NOV

Online application process for 2027 Admissions starts

End of Term Prayer



Dear Lord,
Thank you for this term.
Thank you for the friends we have made and the lessons we have learned.
We are sorry for the times we have not been our best and ask for your forgiveness.
Please help us to have a happy and safe break.
Give us time to rest and recharge so we are ready for the new term ahead.
Amen.



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

Rainbow

Bodhi, Matilda and Martin

Yr 1

Phoebe, Prince and Kitty

Yr 2

Elsie, Malakhi and Bodhi

Yr 3

Evie, Tomos and Faaizah

Yr 4

Holly and Jenson

Yr 5

Dolly, Monty and Qailah

Yr 6

Tony, Ian and Summer



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Uniform made to last

HAWKHURST GANG BONFIRE SOCIETY

BONFIRE NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN 6PM
AT KGV PLAYING FIELD,
HAWKHURST.

SHORT TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION
BONFIRE
FIREWORKS
and we might even be able to
Light the Beacon
(subject to permission)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE GREEN SHOP

£5 ADULTS
£3 CHILDREN (UNDER 16)

QR code

HAWKHURST GANG BONFIRE SOCIETY

GUY COMPETITION!

Friday 6 November 2026

BUILD IT • DISPLAY IT • WIN IT!

Have fun creating your own Guy and display it proudly in the village.

HOW TO ENTER

- Display your Guy from Saturday 17 October until judging day
- Take a photo and post it on the Hawkhurst Bonfire Society Facebook page/group
- Judging will take place at 12 noon on Friday 6 November
- Winner will be announced on the Hawkhurst Bonfire Society Facebook page/group
- The winning Guy will be placed on top of the bonfire at the event

PRIZES TO BE WON!

1	1st Prize	2	2nd Prize	3	3rd Prize
	£25		£10		£5

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