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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school; Year 5 and Year 6 going out to St Ronans, our Choir going to the O2 Young Voices Concert and Year 6 preparing for the residential trip next week. Term 3 seems to be going very quickly.



Jodi Harrell

## Young Voices Choir



What a pleasure it was to join the choir for the YV Concert at the O2 Arena on Tuesday. A huge thank you to Mrs Poland who works so hard to make this happen, and to Mrs Harper who helps out with choir every week. Thank you to all the adults who gave up their day and evening to accompany the children (Mrs Poland, Mrs Harper, Miss Harper, Mrs Faulkner and Mrs MacKenzie Harris) Thank you to all of the children for working so hard to learn their songs and dance moves and to all the parents who have supported their child being in choir and who were able to come and watch. Whilst we were unable to see you in the audience, we knew you were there willing us on.



On Tuesday we got the opportunity for a once in a lifetime experience at The O2. We were united together as the largest choir in the world! We sang plenty of amazing songs from different artists including Bob Marley, Jacob Collier and Katy Perry. For some, it was their first time but for me it was the greatest and last time, I've been for 4 years now and I never expected the last to be such a good one. We were in for a real treat when Urban Strides performed on stage; everyone was jumping, dancing and screaming! We sang with MC Grammar, some of us even had a high five from him, we felt like VIPS! Erica Tudor, Year 6.





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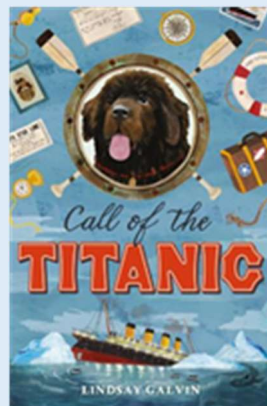
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## Years 5 and 6

Children from Y5 and Y6 visited Saint Ronan's on Tuesday to hear from author Lindsay Galvin. They learnt about the inspiration for her book, *The Call of the Titanic*, and how she researches to gather ideas for each book she writes.

There were lots of fantastic questions from our children and they thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Thank you to Saint Ronan's and Mrs Beales for helping organise the visit!



## Christmas Story Competition

We had two winners from the Rotary Christmas Story competition this year. Twenty-seven local schools entered the competition and are able to enter three stories per year group for their school. We are delighted that out of 30 Year 2 entries, Koa won second prize and out of 45 Year 5 entries, Awa won the 3rd prize! Congratulations to both Koa and Awa!!



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

Rainbow : Laurie and Hudson

Yr 1 - Emily-Rose and Matthew

Yr 2 - Felicity and Jack

Yr 3 - Kieran and Teddy

Yr 4 - Ella, Dennis and Jack

Yr 5 - Marko and Ollie

Yr 6 - Arthur DS and Michael

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## Catch up with Blue Class

Year 5 had their second visit from local artist Neil Ashton, who this week began showing pupils how to print their lino designs using a press.

They have made so much progress in using the tools to cut intricate details and we are very proud of their determination and creativity!



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### Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.5	-0.1
Year 1	93.8	+0.2
Year 2	93.7	-0.1
Year 3	92.0	-0.4
Year 4	93.5	-0.3
Year 5	96.5	-0.1
Year 6	94.1	-0.1

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



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

Rainbow: Maisie and Amy

Y1: Hannah and Tommy

Y2: Oliver and Sylvia

Y3: Daisy and Deseret

Y4: Fletcher and Lucy

Y5: Qismah and Clay

Y6: Katie and George





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### *Parent Teacher Association News*

Thank you to the whole of the Hawkhurst School Community for your support so far. We have managed to raise a fantastic amount of money given we are only just getting started! We are planning to fund some 'reading for pleasure' items for the nurture room, and we are also hoping to run some really fun events for all of the children later into the spring and summer. If you would like to join our new, friendly PTA then please do join us at our next meeting which will take place on Thursday the 6th of March at 7.30pm in the school. We also understand that evenings can be difficult for parents, so we are considering setting up a 'teams' meeting so you can join from home - if this is something that would interest you then please email us on [hawkhurstpta@gmail.com](mailto:hawkhurstpta@gmail.com) to let us know!

#### **Support for our Upcoming Fundraising Event!**

We're excited to announce that on Thursday the 13th of February, we'll be holding a (pre World Book Day) Fancy Dress Sale, Valentines Bake Sale and Pop-Up Charity Shop at school to raise more funds for both the nurture room and future events. To make this event a success we need your help! We are looking for donations of:

- Childrens Fancy Dress Items (good condition costumes, accessories etc)
- Baked Goods for our Bake Sale (homemade or store bought - all contributions welcome!)
- Good Quality Items for our Pop-Up Charity Shop (clothing, books or toys)

Please drop off (non-perishable) donations at Reception during w/c - 3rd of February and Please drop off Bake Sale donations at Reception in the morning of the 13th of February.

#### **Can You Help Us Make A Difference?**

The PTA hopes to organise some fun and exciting events that benefit our school community, but we can't do it without your help! If you can't currently commit to joining the PTA as a full-time member but would still like to lend a hand at individual events (like running stalls at a summer fete or helping at a bake sale), we'd love to hear from you. Every bit of support will make a huge difference!

Additionally, if you have specific talents or connections that could help us, we'd be thrilled to know. For example:

- Do you have skills in social media, marketing or design? –
- Do you or someone you know run an inflatables, or disco company, work as a face painter, or have experience organising events?
- Are you an accountant or someone with expertise that could help behind the scenes?

Please email us at [hawkurstpta@gmail.com](mailto:hawkurstpta@gmail.com) to let us know how you can help. Thankyou in advance for all of your support!

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### Diary Dates

#### 27<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> JAN

- Year 6 Residential Trip

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Family Breakfast

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Kindness Day Menu
- PTA Valentines Bake Sale and Pop-Up Charity Shop

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Last Day of Term 3

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- First Day of Term 4

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> MAR

- PTA Meeting at 7.30pm



Thank you very much to everyone who has signed up to Easyfundraising. This is a simple way of raising PTA funds that costs nothing. If you shop online, please sign up and help earn extra funding for our school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

## Forest School

Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Yellow Class

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday: Red Class

Please send children in their (warm) FS clothes whatever the weather.

## A Prayer for our teachers to end the week

Thank you for my teacher who is nice and funny and kind.

They could be doing lots of other jobs, but they want to teach children like me and I think that is great.

Please give lots of good blessings to my teacher.

And help all of us students to be good and to pay attention and enjoy their learning each day.

Amen.



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Stay and Play for babies and children  
0-4 and their adults

## Toddler Train

**Tuesdays**  
**1.30-3pm**

£1.50 for first adult and child,  
50p for additional child/adult

Hawkhurst Baptist Church,  
TN18 4BT

entry via the side entrance into the hall.  
Parking available at back of hall



Play, Craft, Songs, Chat, Snacks and Drinks



## PLANT TREES WITH US!

**Community tree planting at Heather Wood.**

Join us on Saturday 1st March as we plant trees to create new woodland at Heather Wood.

Suitable for the whole family (children must be supervised at all times and dogs kept on leads). All tools, equipment and guidance will be provided by our staff.

Book your **FREE** places to take part using the QR code below.

Morning planting session from 10am-12pm

Afternoon planting session from 1-3pm

Please note there is no parking on site, use the QR code for information on how to get there on foot or using our shuttle bus.



*You are invited to*  
**CAFE CHURCH**



INTERACTIVE



EXPLORE

**10:30AM**  
**SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY**

Exploring faith together across the generations.

Hawkhurstbaptistchurch.org.uk



**WDC WADHURST DRAMATIC** Proudly Presents  
**Alice in Wonderland**  
Written By Ben Crocker  
Directed by Russ Kirton

Performances:

Friday 24th January at 7.30pm

Saturday 25th January at 3.00pm and 7.30pm

Sunday 26th January at 3.00pm

Friday 31st January at 7.30pm

Saturday 1st February at 3.00pm and 7.30pm

Commemoration Hall, Wadhurst

Get your tickets **NOW**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/wadhurst/commemoration-hall-wadhurst/alice-in-wonderland/e-jkqiye>

website:



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### Understanding your

### Child's Behaviour

### Parent/Carer Course



Parent/Carer,

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are offering a parent course via Microsoft Teams on 'Understanding your Child's Behaviour'.

The aim of the course is to provide parents with strategies and guidance they can use at home to support their child's behaviour. The sessions are also an opportunity to reflect with one another and the facilitators on how best to apply the evidence-based strategies highlighted in the course to help with your child's behaviour.

We believe that parents are the experts when it comes to their child. You have a better understanding of how your own child might respond and what will encourage and motivate them to try different things. Parents are in the best position to support their child in between sessions and well beyond the treatment.

The programme is designed:

- To promote positive relationships, attachment and pro-social behaviour through sensitive responding
- To provide appropriate routines, boundaries and limit setting

One of the key aims is to improve your confidence in your ability to support your child's behaviour. We highlight positive skills and responses of the parent in order to build your confidence and empower you to support your child.

**If you are interested in this course, please ask Mrs. Poland, Senior Mental Health Lead, for a request form. Please complete this by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Ses sion	Date	Time	Location	Course Content
1	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	09.30 – 11.00am	Microsoft Teams	Understanding the current difficulties and Course aims
2	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	09.30 – 11.00am	Microsoft Teams	Goals and Attending
3	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	09.30 – 11.00am	Microsoft Teams	Praise and Rewards
4	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	09.30 – 11.00am	Microsoft Teams	Selective Ignoring & Effective Instructions
5	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	09.30 – 11.00am	Microsoft Teams	Consequences, Time-out and Family rules
6	Wed 2nd April 2025	09.30 – 11.00am	Microsoft Teams	Ending and Trouble-shooting

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Are you currently experiencing **difficulties with your child at home**? Would you like to **learn with other parents and carers** and about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

This online course is comprised of 6 sessions. It aims to help you understand and communicate with your child and **consider factors which influence behaviour**. We also discuss **evidence-based techniques** that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.

**If you are interested in this course, please contact the Mental Health Lead, Mrs. Poland, at school to complete a Request for Support Form. Forms must be submitted to the school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Any parents who submit forms after this deadline may be offered a group at a later date.**

The course will be held on Microsoft Teams. Once we have received your form from your child's school, you will be contacted by one of our practitioners to arrange a brief assessment and make sure the group is the right fit for you and your child's needs.

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Best care by the best people



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