

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 17.

Friday, 31 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a quiet start to the week with Year 6 out on their residential trip. We are very proud of all the Year 6 children who attended and challenged themselves with different activities.



Jodie Hare

Family Breakfast

We are looking forward to our family breakfast next Thursday. Please ensure you have signed up in the lobby if you would like to attend.

End of Term 3

A reminder that we break up for end of term on Friday 14th February and children return to school on Tuesday 25th February.

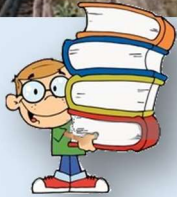
St Laurence Church

St Laurence Church would like to invite you to their Christingle Service on Sunday 2nd February at 10 am. The Christingles will all be ready for everyone to have one. It's in aid of the Children's Society. Please see the attached poster.



Invitation to visit classes

On Friday 14th February, instead of holding certificate assembly, we would like to invite you to come in and see your child's books. Parents are welcome to come in from 2:45pm. We will open the playground gates and you may go into the classes through the back doors. If you have more than one child, it is up to you which class you would like to go to first. Once you have seen your child's books you may take your children home with you. Grandparents are welcome to come in your place if you are not able to make this.



NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team

We would like to introduce to you Zuska Kennard (Senior Wellbeing Practitioner) who will be working with us in school. This is a free government initiative specially trained to help children in school with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. Zuska will be joining us for the family breakfast next Thursday, so please do say hello. She will then be joining us in school on a Monday afternoon and will work with a class at a time, starting with Year 6 on Monday 3rd March to talk about friendships. On 31st March Zuska will be running a workshop for parents at 1:30pm based on Anxiety. We will let you know nearer the time how you can sign up for this. Please see the following links for more information about the work the team do.



<https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/kent-primary-schools>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TVcWJDjU-c>

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Catch up with Red Class

This week Year 1 have continued their topic of Animals including humans in science by examining the teeth of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They learnt about the different teeth and their jobs when eating. Then they looked at real incisors, canines and molars. Once they had spent time doing that they sorted animals into their groups.



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

Rainbow : Molly and Darcey C

Yr 1 - Alexis and Gwen

Yr 2 - Jakob and Koa

Yr 3 - Amelia and James

Yr 4 - Clem and Sebastien

Yr 5 - Elliott and Faye

Yr 6 - Billy and Abigail

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Year 6 have had an amazing time on their residential trip and largely managed to dodge the bad weather. Thank you to Mrs Pearson, Mrs Hamer and Mrs Faulkner who accompanied them and thank you to Simon Curd, our Chair of Governors who joined them on day 2.





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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.2	-0.3
Year 1	93.9	+0.1
Year 2	93.7	-
Year 3	94.0	-0.2
Year 4	93.4	-0.1
Year 5	96.4	-0.1
Year 6	93.5	-0.4

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.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Pearson

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

Rainbow: Ivy-Rose and Albert

Y1: Evelyn and Ana

Y2: Joshua S and Joshua G

Y3: Freya and Emily

Y4: Teddy WC and Asnika

Y5: Isla and Millie

Y6: Lily and Tristan





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Starry Night with Green Class

Year 4 have been learning about Vincent van Gogh who was a Dutch post-impressionist painter. He was born in 1853 and painted "Starry Night" in 1889 just before his death in 1890. These are our own versions of his painting. We used chalk and oil pastels and colouring pencils.





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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.

A reminder that the gates open at 8:35am and all children should be in school by 8:45am.

Diary Dates

6TH FEB

- Family Breakfast

13TH FEB

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

14TH FEB

- Last Day of Term 3

25TH FEB

- First Day of Term 4

6TH MAR

- PTA Meeting at 7.30pm

Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Green Class

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday: Red Class

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

School / BRIGADE Uniform

Phillips Mens Shop in Cranbrook is closing at the end of March. Therefore, you will be unable to buy uniform from them. Our new supplier is called Brigade Clothing. Please click on the link below to order any uniform.

[School - Brigade Clothing, LTD](https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/HA5916PD/)

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PTA



Want more fun events for your children, like a disco, movie night or a summer fete? Help make it happen by becoming a PTA volunteer! Registering your interest won't commit you to anything, but without more volunteers like you, these events simply won't be possible. Email

hawkhurstpta@gmail.com

with your name and number if you're interested in making a difference and creating unforgettable memories for your children.

can be found on our website:
[sch.uk](https://www.hawkhurstpta.com)

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A Prayer to end the week

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we approach you with hope and humility.

Bless our schools, the bastions of education.

Infuse each classroom with your divine wisdom and enduring compassion

Amen.



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/>



Tuesday 18th February 10.30-12.30

Let's enjoy playing and creating together
Hawkhurst Baptist Church, Western Road, TN18 4BT

About:

Activity morning for families run by Hawkhurst Baptist Church

Activities 10.30-12, Songs and Puppets 12-12.30.

Children need to be accompanied by adults - this is time to have fun together!

What to expect:

Lego challenges
Duplo and mega blocks
Junk modelling
Toddler area
Scavenger hunt
Crafts
Cafe Space

Who is it for?

Families with children up to 11, older children welcome with younger siblings.

There are building blocks and craft suitable for smaller children.

Any families looking for half term activity, community and snacks!

Please book via this link so that we know numbers. Please indicate any dietary requirements for snacks.



 *St Laurence Church*

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday Feb 2

at 10 am

**A collection will be taken during the service for
The Church of England Children's Society**



**Christingles will be provided for you to hold.
Everyone welcome, from babies upwards.**