

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 19.

Friday, 14 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now officially half way through the school year and we are hoping for some brighter weather when we return after half term.



Joanne Hurrell

PE

After half term we will be asking you to send children to school in their PE kits on the day they have PE. We have trialled this in Years 5 and 6 and it has worked well, meaning PE lessons are longer as we are not spending time changing, PE kits aren't getting lost or forgotten and it is easier for you to then wash them because they haven't been left in school. Please keep a note of your child's PE day:



- Rainbow: Monday
- Red Class: Friday
- Orange Class: Tuesday
- Yellow Class: Monday
- Green Class: Friday
- Blue Class: Wednesday
- Violet Class: Thursday

Parent Teacher Association

Thank you to our PTA for the time that went into the after-school sale yesterday and the cake sale. A total of £257.65 was raised. We really appreciate all the work that goes into organising these events and the support from other parents. If you are interested in putting your name down to help with different activities and events please let us know.

Arbor Update



Thank to everyone for your patience and understanding with our new Arbor system. We appreciate that the messaging system is not as straightforward as Studybugs. In Arbor if we want to send you an attachment, we have to send this to your email address. In-App messages do not have the facility to add attachments, so please always check your emails and well as your App. We are aware that it is frustrating that In-App messages do not have titles and we have raised this as a concern with Arbor.

Road Works

Please be aware that there are going to be major roadworks at the main crossroads from the end of March, which may result in you needing to find an alternative route to school if you drive in.



Miss Gorham

We have said a temporary goodbye to Miss Gorham this week as she goes off to start her maternity leave. We look forward to sharing some good news with you soon!

Thank you to all the Rainbow parents for the lovely gift you gave her.





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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.1	+0.2
Year 1	93.6	-
Year 2	92.2	+0.2
Year 3	92.1	+0.2
Year 4	93.4	+0.1
Year 5	96.7	+0.2
Year 6	93.2	-

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 **Blue** 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 H and Annabel

Y1: Charlotte and Sophia

Y2: Felicity and Theo

Y3: Rosie and Esme

Y4: Albie and Freya G

Y5: Darcie G and Violet

Y6: Hunter and Nell





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AIM High Day

Last Friday we welcomed the poet and illustrator Ed Boxall in to school. Ed came in to lead an A.I.M. High (Achieve, Inspire and Master) Writing Day for some of our Y5 and Y6 pupils as well as pupils from 6 other local schools. The children had a lovely day and produced some impressive writing. We look forward to welcoming Ed back for children from Y3 and Y4 on Wednesday 11th June.



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Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday: Red Class

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

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

25TH FEB

- First Day of Term 4

4TH MAR

- Year R - NHS Hearing Check (PM)

5TH MAR

- Fire and Rescue Service Visit to school

6TH MAR

- World Book Day - Activities in school
- PTA Meeting at 7.30pm

19TH MAR

- Reading Cafe for Yr 1 & 2 (9:15 - more details to follow)

25TH MAR

- Bowl Activity Day for Yr 5

27TH MAR

- Rewind to Easter for Yr 5 at Baptist Church (PM)

3RD APR

- 2:30 Rocksteady Concert (for Rocksteady Pupil Parents)

4TH APR

- Last Day of Term 4

22ND APR

- First Day of Term 5

Term 4

A reminder that we have an Inset day on Monday 24th February, so children return to school on Tuesday 25th February.

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Extending Horizons

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A Prayer to end the week



Father in heaven,

Thank you for my family,
For hugs and kisses and special
times together.

Thank you for my friends,
For laughter and chatting and
sharing.

Thank you for my home,
For rest times, bath times and
bed times.

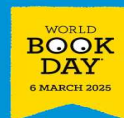
Thank you for food,
For breakfast, lunch and dinner
and snacks and treats.

Thank you for playtimes,
For toys and games and books.

Thank you for fun,
For giggles and for silly happy
times.

Thank you for making all these
lovely things and for helping me
to enjoy them all.

Amen.



READ YOUR WAY THIS WORLD BOOK DAY 6 MARCH 2025

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March and every child will get to come along to our Waterstones Book Shop in school and chose a brand-new book to take home. We would like to offer the following options for dressing up on the day:

- Come dressed as a book character
- Come dressed in a bedtime story outfit (pyjamas)
- Wear an old shirt or t-shirt that you can write your own book recommendations on.

Please have a look at the World Book Day website where there is a page for suggestions on how you can celebrate this at home. There are some links where you can listen to an audio book with your children and a link to MC Grammar's WBD songs. Please follow this link to find the page:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

We will put our own photos of school activities on the school website : <https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/world-book-day-2025>



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Tunbridge Wells

Monday 17th February -
Friday 21st February
2025

Half Term Timetable

Our Activities

Kite Making

Animal Themed Crafts

Bumps to Babes

Stay and Play with
Bookstart

Baby Time



Contact us
TWFamilyHub@kent.gov.uk
03000 418 059

Find us on Facebook or
Instagram at Tunbridge
Wells Family Hubs



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes.

That's why our school works in collaboration with children's mental health charity Place2be.

If you are finding your child's behaviour a challenge and would like some support and advice,

please sign up for a free parenting course by 24th Feb via the link below

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/support-for-families-in-place2be-schools/parenting-smart-online-course/>

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Tunbridge Wells Family Hubs Ages 0-11

Monday 17th February

Baby Time - 10:30 - 11:30am

Tunbridge Wells Family Hub, 39A Grove Hill, TN1 1SD

This session includes sensory play, heuristic play and singing, plus a chance for parents and carers to meet and receive advice and support, and for babies to socialise with other babies.



Tuesday 18th February

Bumps to Babes - 11:00 - 1:00pm

Tunbridge Wells Family Hub, 39A Grove Hill, TN1 1SD

For parents under the age of 21. Advice and guidance as well as play activities to support your child's development.



Wednesday 19th February

Stay and Play with Bookstart - 1:15 - 2:45pm

Outreach Centre (Cranbrook), Carriers Road, TN17 3JZ

Animal themed craft activities for you to enjoy along with Baby Area, Role Play and ending with some Singing.



Wednesday 19th February

Kent Adult Education Kite Making - 1:30 - 3:30pm

Sherwood Family Hub, Friars Way, TN2 3UA

Suitable for ages 5-11 years.

BOOKING REQUIRED Tel: 03000 418 059 / Email: TWFamilyHub@kent.gov.uk



Thursday 20th February

Baby Time - 10:30 - 11:30am

Sherwood Family Hub, Friars Way, TN2 3UA

This session includes sensory play, heuristic play and singing, plus a chance for parents and carers to meet and receive advice and support, and for babies to socialise with other babies.



Friday 21st February

Stay and Play with Bookstart - 9:30 - 11:00am

Sherwood Family Hub, Friars Way, TN2 3UA

Animal themed craft activities for you to enjoy along with Baby Area, Role Play and ending with some Singing.



Friday 21st February

Baby Time - 10:30 - 11:30am

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