

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 11.

Friday, 21 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been very chilly this week! Whilst we keep the classrooms and school heated, when we know there are germs around, we do like to circulate fresh air too. If your child needs an extra layer, they may wear a long-sleeved white top underneath their polo shirt.



Jodie Hurrell

Autumn Assessments



The week beginning 1st December will be our assessment week in school, and children will be doing their English and Maths assessment papers. We are aware that some of our children get quite anxious about this, and we do everything in school that we can to make it a smooth process. The assessments are important as they enable us to see the progress your child is making and to put interventions in place should they have any gaps. You will be sent the results of these tests once they have all been collated and marked. Please note, this does not include Rainbow class.

PTA Non-Uniform Day

A reminder that it is a non-uniform day next Friday in exchange for two small gifts for the PTA "Elfridges" afternoon.



Christmas



We are delighted that Peter Buswells have invited us to make their Christmas decorations again this year. These should be on display in their windows around the 5th December, please do have a stroll past and have a look.

Outdoor Clothes



With the temperature dropping this week, we have had some cold children at break and lunch times. Please ensure your child has a proper coat in school and a hat if possible. Where children are wearing gloves, perhaps consider threading them through the coat sleeves on a length of elastic so that they don't lose them. We have found numerous isolated wet gloves on the playground this week where they have been taken off and lost.



Christmas Concerts

For the parents of children who play in different bands in school, we will be holding the following concerts:

- Monday 15 December: Brass band at 2:30pm
- Wednesday 17 December: Katie Slowgrove at 2:30pm
- Thursday 18 December: Rocksteady at 2:30pm.

All of these will be in the school hall.



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Nativities

Lists will go up next week to sign up for the KS1 and Rainbow Nativities.



KS1

Will be on Tuesday 9th December at 9:30am and Thursday 11th December at 1:30pm. You may sign up for two seats for each performance.

Rainbow

Will be on Wednesday 10th December at 9:30am. You may sign up for up to 4 seats.

Once everyone has signed up, we will let you know if there are any spare spaces.



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

YR: Ethan and Rose

Y1: Haidee and Laurie

Y2: Faith and Tomos

Y3: Toby and Sylvia

Y4: Naomi and Rosie

Y5: Jensen and Seb

Y6: Oryn and Hannah





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New Books

Today we received a range of books from Scholastic which we were able to purchase with credits from sales at our annual Book Fair.

If you are buying books for Christmas, please consider using the Scholastic website.

When you select 'Hawkhurst CE Primary School' at checkout, we receive 20p for every £1 you spend which we can then use to buy more books for our libraries!



Catch up with Orange Class

This term in year 2, we are exploring the artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe, with a focus on her iconic flower paintings. O'Keeffe is known for her striking, close-up depictions of flowers, often zooming in so that the blooms appear larger than life. We were inspired by her famous painting, "Poppies," and used similar bold, vivid colours to create our own flower artworks.



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	95.7	81.6	-10.3
Year 1	97.2	95.4	-1.1
Year 2	97.5	99.0	+2.1
Year 3	93.1	89.4	-4.5
Year 4	95.5	97.9	+3.2
Year 5	94.9	96.5	-1.1
Year 6	97.8	96.9	+2.8

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 **Orange** Class.

Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be:

Tuesday: Orange Class (Yr2)

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday : Yellow Class (Yr3)

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

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-for-2025-26>

Diary Dates

28TH NOV

- PTA Event : Own clothes day in exchange for two 'gifts'

3RD DEC

- PTA Event : Film 'night'

9TH DEC

- KS1 Nativity 9:30am
- PTA Event : "Elfridges" event - KS1

10TH DEC

- Rainbow Nativity 9:30am
- PTA Event : "Elfridges" event - KS2

11TH DEC

- KS1 Nativity 1:30pm

SUNDAY 14TH DEC

- 6:30pm Choir singing at Hawkhurst Baptist Church Carol Service.

15TH DEC

- Concert for parents of brass pupils at 2:30pm

17TH DEC

- Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Concert for parents of K Slowgrove music pupils 2.30pm

18TH DEC

- Concert for parents of Rocksteady pupils at 2:30pm

19TH DEC

- Christmas Service 9am at St Laurence's Church

20TH DEC

- Last Day of Term 2

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Catch up with Blue Class

Blue Class have made their own Shang Dynasty-inspired sculptures out of clay. In History this term, they have been learning about jade and bronze artefacts found in Lady Fu Hao's tomb and have done a great job at replicating with a different material! There are more pictures on the Blue Class Page of the school website.





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

Rainbow

Arthur, Wren and Huxley

Yr 1

Archie C, Maisie A and Reuben

Yr 2

Elijah, Samuel and Florence

Yr 3

Oscar, Harriet and Josh G

Yr 4

Sidney, Qailah and Deseret

Yr 5

Harry, Isabella and Albert

Yr 6

Clay, Millie, Faye and Owen

A Prayer to End the Week



Father,

Thank You for seeing us through another working week and bringing us to the weekend.

We pray that this weekend will be filled with rest, refreshment, and will prepare us for the week to come.

Our lives can seem so overwhelming and confusing, but we know that You are there by our side always.

Lord, help us recognize Your Spirit.

Bring us deeper into a knowledge of You, so that even in times of adversity, we can rest in the knowledge that You are with us always.

Amen.



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PTA UPDATE

Your PTA Team

The PTA is made up of a number of parents, carers and staff. We have a core team that make up the committee and they keep everything organised and in line throughout the year.



Chairperson - Sophie Stevens
Treasurer - Hannah Asbury
Secretary - Cerys Grant

Ultimately, it's the support of all our amazing PTA members that truly brings our events and fundraising to life. Every volunteer, idea, and helping hand makes a real difference – we couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to get involved with helping us plan, organise, advertise or fundraise we would love to hear from you.



As mentioned last week, the school uses easyfundraising to collect donations from over 8000 companies when you shop online. By downloading the app and shopping, the retailers will donate a percentage of your purchase back to the school. Since starting easyfundraising, just through shopping via the app you have raised

£573.85
THANK YOU!



Remember to download the app and select Hawkhurst C of E Primary School as your 'cause'. You can set up the "add-on" so that it reminds you to shop when you visit a website.

Please remember when shopping with Amazon you need to go via the app for your donation to be tracked.



Any questions or want to know more about anything discussed in this weeks update?

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Self-Portrait Tea Towels



Thank you to everyone who ordered tea towels, we look forward to delivering them to you before the end of term!

25/26 Fundraising Target

We're excited to announce our '25/'26 Fundraising Target, which will focus on raising enough money to purchase a full class set of suitable laptops or tablets for the school – a resource that will benefit all children. The current ones in use are very tired and the children are limited with what they can use them for.

This is a really great challenge for the year and we will be able to track the progress after each big event to see how quickly we can achieve the set.



We will also contribute to smaller projects throughout the year which we look forward to telling you about soon!



Upcoming Events

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Non-School Uniform

Children can come in their own clothes in exchange for two gift donations for our magical Elfridges shop!



WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Film Night ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

£2.50 per child. Tickets available from the PTA Events website until 28th November! Includes drink & snack!

9TH & 10TH DECEMBER

ELFRIDGES



£3 per child. Tickets available from the PTA Events website!

Each ticket allows your child to choose and wrap two gifts.

Please note, only one ticket per child.

Merry Christmas

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Extending Horizons

No child should wake up to nothing under the tree.



Please donate to the Mayor's Toy Appeal

The Mayor's Toy Appeal helps children in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells whose families find Christmas an especially difficult time of year.

We are looking for new toys and gifts for children aged between 3 months and 18 years.*

You can send gifts directly to us via our Amazon Wishlist (just scan the QR below) or purchase locally and drop off at one of our collection points listed below!

*New toys only please
No guns or candles.



Scan here to see our Amazon Wishlist.

Please drop gifts at one of the following: Maddisons Residential; St George's Childcare; The Amelia; Barsleys; Trinity Theatre; Royal Victoria Place; Big Yellow and Notcutts.

Thank you for your support. For more information please visit twmta.co.uk or contact trevor.crawford@mayorstoyappeal.co.uk

The Amelia

Barsleys

ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE

Tunbridge Wells Council

Big Yellow

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On behalf of Kent Police, I would like to invite you to a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Community Event on Monday 1 December 2025 from 10am to 12pm or Tuesday 2 December from 6pm to 8pm.

This event will be hosted online via Microsoft Teams and will be an opportunity to find out more about what Kent Police and partners have done to make your community safer for women and girls. You will also be able to ask questions of the local teams delivering in your area.

This event has been shaped from the feedback at previous events and will focus on progress against the VAWG strategy; 2025 performance data and what initiatives have been undertaken across the force to tackle VAWG this year.

N.B Both events will have the same content, we host them at different times to enable more people to attend. The event has live transcription and people can ask questions online or submit them in advance when booking.

Please use the links below to register for the event

[Monday 1 December, 10am - 12pm](#)

[Tuesday 2 December, 6pm – 8pm](#)

I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards



Emma Banks

Detective Chief Superintendent and Strategic Lead for VAWG

Public Protection Command

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