



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 16.

Friday, 09 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 3, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year!



Jodie Hurrell



In case you missed the memo last term, we are going to change the way we do hot chocolate going forward. It takes too long to get through the children when we can only realistically do two a week from each class. We are therefore going to do a class hot chocolate, when it has been highlighted or noticed that a particular class has done something worthy of a reward. We did this as an extra for Year 3 in the autumn term, for some spectacular work they had produced, and it was lovely for me to be able to spend some time with a whole class, talking to them about why they had been rewarded.

World Book Day

Very advanced notice that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March! We will send you details nearer the time, but if you have any ideas of lovely reading / book activities, please do share them with us.



Family Breakfast



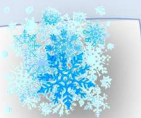
An early reminder that we have our Spring Family Breakfast booked in for Wednesday 4th February at 8 – 8:30am. We will remind you nearer the time, and will let you know when the sign-up sheet is outside the office.

Rodents and Reptiles



As part of our Science Curriculum, we have been given the opportunity for River's Rodents and Reptiles to come to School and do workshops for all classes. Rainbow, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue children will have the opportunity to handle some animals if they would like to, including a lizard, corn snake, tortoise, guinea pig and a rat. The workshops will be run by a gentleman called River who has devised Ofsted approved lessons for the children to understand habitats, diet and the impact of these animals on the environment. Each session will be an hour long and will enhance the children's learning. It will take place on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January and the classes will be allocated sessions on either of these days. The cost of the workshops will be £465.00, so we would appreciate a donation of £2.90 per child. Please go to your child's Arbor account and pay through the School Shop section.

Severe Weather



Please ensure you are set up to receive Arbor messages as this will be our first line of communication to you should we need to close the school due to severe weather. Whilst we always do everything we can to keep the school open, we sometimes need to make a decision based on how many staff can get in. I am hoping that the worst of the weather will be over this week!

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Brass Lessons



A reminder from last term that there are now spaces for children in Y3 upwards, to learn a brass instrument if they would like to. Lessons are during school time and are free, and the children taking part are also able to borrow an instrument free of charge.

Outdoor Library



Thank you to all of you who have taken, borrowed and donated books for our Outdoor Library.

The freezing temperatures have meant that it has had to temporarily come inside, but it still exists as an Indoor/Outdoor Library!

Our Outdoor Library is now in the entrance hall on the blue trolley - please continue to use it.

Thank you.
Mrs Beales



Special Menu for School Census Day

Caterlink are doing a special lunch menu for the Census Day on Thursday 2nd October. The school will receive extra funding from the Government for every child in KS1 who has a school lunch on this day, so maybe your child could give school lunch a try.

ALL DAY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY
15TH JANUARY 2026

BREAKFAST ITEMS

Chipolata Sausage - Meat
or Veggie
Omelette
Mini Hash Browns
Baked Beans
Slice of Homemade Bread

DESSERT BREAKFAST

Chocolate & Banana Oaty
Square
or
Yoghurt
Or
Fresh Fruit



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

Rainbow

Fred, Wren, Reggie

Yr 1

Malakhi, Arthur, Amy

Yr 2

Tennessee, Kara, Bonnie-Mae

Yr 3

Guntasveer, Sadie, Holly

Yr 4

Esme, Teddy, Daisy

Yr 5

Delilah, Albie, Ella

Yr 6

Isobel, Alyssia, Noah

Diary Dates

15TH JAN

- Census Day Menu

27TH JAN

- 11+ Meeting for Y4 & 5 Parents : 2:45pm

28TH-30TH JAN

- Year 6 Residential Trip

29TH-30TH JAN

- River's Rodents and Reptiles Workshops

2ND FEB

- Parent Workshop - "Resilience" at 1:45pm

4TH FEB

- Family Breakfast

6TH FEB

- Yoga Workshops - whole school

Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be :

Tuesday: Year 5

Wednesday: Rainbow

Thursday: Year 6

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

A full Forest School Timetable for Term 3 is available on the school website and next page -

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/forest-school/forest-school-timetable-for-2025-26>



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.9	91.8	-4.0
Year 1	95.6	95.9	+4.5
Year 2	95.9	94.0	+5.2
Year 3	92.2	91.4	-2.4
Year 4	95.1	94.3	+3.2
Year 5	94.4	94.3	+2.1
Year 6	97.6	96.9	-0.8

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 **Violet** Class.

A Prayer to End the Week



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education and a fresh new year. As we begin this new term, we ask for Your protection over every student, teacher, and staff member.

Open our minds to new knowledge, our hearts to new friendships, and our spirits to joy. Give teachers wisdom and patience, and students courage and curiosity.

May this school be a safe place of love, kindness, and growth.

Amen.



Forest School



Timetable for Term 3

Tuesday Afternoon:

Date	Class	Forest School Leader
6 th January	Year 4	Mrs Paton
13 th January	Year 5	Mrs Paton
20 th January	Year 2	Mrs Paton
27 th January	Year 4	Mrs Paton
3 rd February	Year 2	Mrs Paton
10 th February	Year 6	Mrs Paton

Wednesday Afternoon:

Every Wednesday	Rainbow Class	Mrs Paton
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Thursday Afternoon:

Date	Class	Forest School Leader
8 th January	Year 1	Mrs Paton
15 th January	Year 6	Mrs Paton
22 nd January	Year 3	Mrs Paton
29 th January	Year 1	Mrs Elmes
5 th February	Year 5	Mrs Paton
12 th February	Year 3	Mrs Paton

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Supporting Your Child's Anxiety

Discover ways to help your child manage their anxiety.

Where: Tunbridge Wells Family Hub
39A Grove Hill Road
Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD


Date: Monday 19th January

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

To book a place please contact:
tunbridgewellsfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

Share experiences of anxiety and increase your understanding of anxiety with other parents and carers in a supportive group.

 For more information scan the QR code
kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk
FREE, Fun & Informal



Managing Sleep

Explore healthy sleep habits and strategies together.


Where: Greenfields Family Hub,
Rutland Way, Maidstone,
ME15 8DR

Date: Tuesday 20th January

Time: 9:30-11:30

To book a place please contact:
Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk

Join us in a supportive space to discuss bedtime routines, practical sleep strategies and more, to improve your family's wellbeing.

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 **SULLIVAN SPORTS**

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMP

Sign ups are live on our new website!
www.sullivanssportsuk.com

EARLY BIRD SALE

DISCOUNT ON 4 DAY SIGN UPS
BEFORE 11TH JANUARY

£130 for 4 days

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th February
9:30-15:30
@ The Skinners' School Sports Hall, TN4 9PG

See you there!

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