

# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School



### Newsletter No 20.

Friday, 06 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter is brought to you by the office team as Mrs Hacker is at home recovering from her shoulder surgery, which we are told went very well.



We are sure it won't be too long before Mrs Hacker is back in charge, but in the meantime please contact the office for general enquiries or Mrs Poland for anything more urgent/important.

A reminder for Y4,5 & 6 Parents

PSHE Term 4 : Puberty

Don't forget to attend one of two parent information meetings if you are able. You will find out more about what your child will learn, view the materials and resources being used in lessons for each year group and discover how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home.

- Monday 9th February at 2.30pm
- Wednesday 11th February at 3.30pm

Both meetings will cover the same content, so you only need to attend one.

Rotary Club Prize Winners.



Well-done to Oscar (Yr3), Chloe (Yr3) and Darcie (Yr6) for winning the Rotary Club's Christmas Story Competition and to Maisie (Yr1) for being awarded a "runner-up" certificate.

The competition has run for over 20 years and has expanded from 5 schools local to Cranbrook and Tenterden. It now takes entries from 25 schools in the area including Ashford, Winchelsea and Goudhurst. Each school enters their best 3 stories from each year group which are then judged by the Rotary Club.

This week, David Ward from the Rotary Club came in to present the winners with their certificates and vouchers.



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### Family Breakfast



Thank you to all our families who were able to join us for Family Breakfast on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many of you there. Look out for our next one if you didn't manage to join us this week.



You can find all the pictures on our website at -  
<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/gallery/family-breakfast-2026>

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

Rainbow

Billy, Thea and Ethan

Yr 1

Jadyn, Maisie H and Pippa

Yr 2

Elijah, Gwen and Teddy

Yr 3

Theo and Chloe

Yr 4

Bella, Qailah and Donnie-Joe

Yr 5

Dennis, Clem and Elsie

Yr 6

Hannah, Oliver and Isla

## Diary Dates

### 9<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Years 4 & 5 Parent PHSE talk 2:30pm

### 11<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- PTA St. Valentines Disco
- Years 4 & 5 Parent PHSE talk 3:30pm

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

- Non-Uniform Day : Dress for Wellbeing
- End of Term 3

### 23<sup>RD</sup> FEB

- Inset day : school closed

### 24<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Start of Term 4

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

- Young Voices Choir at the O2

### 2<sup>ND</sup> MAR

- Year 2 Trip to Bedgebury

### 5<sup>TH</sup> MAR

- World Book Day
- PTA Annual General Meeting

### 25<sup>TH</sup> MAR

- Easter Menu Day

### 26<sup>TH</sup> MAR

- Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm

## 2026-27 Term Dates

Are now available on the school website -  
<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/parents/term-dates>

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### PTA Valentine's Disco



Don't forget the PTA are organising a Valentines Disco for next Wednesday (11th Feb). Tickets are £5 each and can be bought online through the following link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hawkhurstpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110799>

Please note Ticket Sales close on Monday 9th



#### EYFS and KS1 Valentine's Disco

🕒 15:20 - 16:20



#### KS2 Valentine's Disco

🕒 16:30 - 17:45

### Dress for Wellbeing Day



Next week is children's mental health week and the theme this year is; This is My Place. We will be looking at what belonging means and thinking about all the different places we belong. On Friday we are having a 'Come as yourself' day. Children could come into school in cosy clothes, favourite colours, cultural dress or something totally unique!

### PTA Annual General Meeting

Notice of Meeting

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are warmly invited to attend the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**Date: Thursday 5th March Time: 7.30pm**

**Location: Hawkhurst Primary School**

The AGM is an important opportunity to review the work of the PTA over the past year, elect committee members for the year ahead, and discuss plans to support the school community. All parents, carers, and staff are welcome to attend, and we encourage as many of you as possible to join us. Your involvement—whether attending, volunteering, or simply sharing ideas—helps strengthen our school community and directly benefits our children.

#### Agenda:

- Welcome and apologies if relevant
- Chair's report
- Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts
- Election of committee members
- Plans and priorities for the coming year
- Any other business

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a committee role or propose an item for the agenda, please contact us in advance or speak to a member of the team on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Kind regards, PTA Committee [hawkhurstpta@gmail.com](mailto:hawkhurstpta@gmail.com)

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### Tom Palmer at St Ronan's



We would like to say a huge thank you to St Ronan's for inviting Y4 and Y5 to join them for a visit from author Tom Palmer on Wednesday. We heard about his writing process and had the chance to ask lots of great questions.



### Stick Insects



Esme (Y5) brought in her 4 Indian Stick Insects this week to rehome with Hawkhurst Pre School. Having only hatched them about 1 year ago, we were impressed to see how big they have grown already. We hope they enjoy their new home!



### Candlemas



Thank-you to Reverend Judy who led our Candlemas service which is also known as the Feast of the Light. All the children held an LED tealight as part of this service and sang 'This little Light of Mine'.



### Mrs Paton

A reminder that Mrs Paton, our Family Liaison Officer is available in school on a Monday to Thursday if you would like to speak to her about any worries or concerns your child may have, or that you may have about your child.



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### Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.4	94.0	+5.2
Year 1	95.4	94.5	-0.3
Year 2	96.5	97.2	+0.7
Year 3	92.9	91.8	+0.6
Year 4	94.8	95.0	+1.4
Year 5	94.4	95.0	0
Year 6	97.5	95.6	-1.0

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: Violet Class (Year 6)**

**Wednesday: Rainbow**

**Thursday: Yellow Class (Year 3)**

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>

### A Prayer to end the week



Loving Father,

Thank you for all who are part of our school. Please grant them your encouragement, wisdom and peace.

Strengthen teachers with heavy workloads. May they be firm, yet patient, expecting excellence but forgiving mistakes.

May they support their students, playing to strengths, helping with struggles and motivating them to do their best.

Comfort and restore those living under shadows of unhappiness, abuse, pain or fear. May many find faith discovering their identity in You and knowing Your amazing grace in their lives.

Please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community.

In Jesus name.

Amen.



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### Easter Menu

WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

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**ROAST CHICKEN**  
Stuffing, Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

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**VEGETABLE WELLINGTON**  
Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

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**CHOCOLATE BROWNIE**  
With Whipped Cream

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Also Available: Jacket Potato & Fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit & Yoghurt

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#### The challenge

Who can grow the most potatoes by weight in a bucket?

#### How to enter

Get your bucket and seed potato from Dunk's for an entry fee of £5

#### The prizes

First prize: £75 nursery voucher  
Second prize: £25 nursery voucher  
Third prize: a sack of potatoes

## THE GREAT DUNK'S POTATO COMPETITION

#### Key dates

**2026**

9 - 20 February: collect your bucket & seed potato from Dunk's Hall (entrance under the clock tower, opposite Waitrose on the Rye Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4HF)

#### COLLECTION TIMES :

Morning 9-12am:  
9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20 February  
Morning 10-12am: 15 February  
Afternoon 4-6.30pm: 10, 17 February  
Afternoon 3-5pm: 14 February  
Evening 6-7.30pm: 12 February

22 August:  
judging & weighing of bucket

### 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.

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