

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 23.

Friday, 06 March 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week in school and the new term already seems to be going very quickly. Please ensure you keep up to date with newsletters and Arbor messages to ensure you don't miss any important information.



Jodie Hurrell

We have had huge excitement in the school this week with World Book Day on Thursday. Everyone (staff included) loved dressing up as their favourite book character and we had some fantastic and very "novel" costumes. You can see a full report on the next page and lots more photos on the school website.

School Council:

Non-School Uniform Day



On Friday 20th March we are having a non-school uniform day, please bring in any type of chocolate. This is for the School Council's chocolate tombola at the end of term to raise money for the school and KS1 / 2 playground. Thank you.

Written by Faye and Ollie (Y6 School Council)

Some reminders from the Office

Headlice



A reminder that we would appreciate you checking your child's hair regularly as we have had a few cases of headlice. Please ensure any cases are treated before your child returns to school.

Parking



Please can we remind all parents to park considerately in the roads surrounding the school at drop off and pick up times. Please be mindful of blocking residents driveways as they may not have children at this school.

Parents **must not** drive into the school car park to drop their children off.

School Start



Reminder that school starts at 8:45am and the gate opens at 8:35am Please ensure your child arrives at school on time to avoid any disruption to their learning.

PE - Days



A reminder of the class PE days - please can children come into school dressed in their PE kits

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

Thank you, School Office.

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Here are just a few of the brilliant costumes from the day. You can see more pictures on the school website -

Yesterday the whole school celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff came into school dressed either as a character from a book or in comfortable clothes which they enjoy reading in. David from Waterstones, came into school dressed as Sherlock Holmes and ran a book shop in the hall with Ruth Saunders, one of our volunteers, so that every child could swap their book token for a book. Earlier in the week, all the children had spent time looking at the books so they knew which one they were going to choose.

Zoe Arena, a local author, came in and spent the morning with KS1, where she read them her latest book; 'Mandy is still a banana'. She spent the rest of the morning with the children talking to them, answering questions and doing some creative activities. Next week, Thomas Taylor, another author, will be visiting KS2 and running a workshop with our Y5 class.

We finished our day in the hall where prizes were awarded to children in each class for the best contributions to WBD, we looked at everyone's costumes before singing our World Book Day song; 'Reading is Amazing' by MC Grammar.



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

Rainbow

Flo, Willow and Phoebe

Yr 1

Reuben, Archie R and Archie S

Yr 2

Marco, Samuel and Tommy

Yr 3

Koa and Sadie

Yr 4

Amelia, Zinnia and Deacon

Yr 5

Tony, Jensen and Lola-Marie

Yr 6

Daniel, Darcie G and Zara-May

Catch up with Blue Class

In Forest School last week, Blue Class sculpted toadstools out of clay. Luckily they were all dry enough to paint within a day, ready to take home!



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.9	96.8	-1.7
Year 1	95.7	97.6	-0.7
Year 2	96.4	96.2	+1.8
Year 3	92.0	84.7	-1.0
Year 4	94.6	93.2	+2.1
Year 5	94.4	95.8	-0.6
Year 6	97.2	94.7	-2.2

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 **Red** Class.

Reporting an absence



Please use the Arbor app to report your child absent from school. Follow these instructions:

Login to your Arbor app

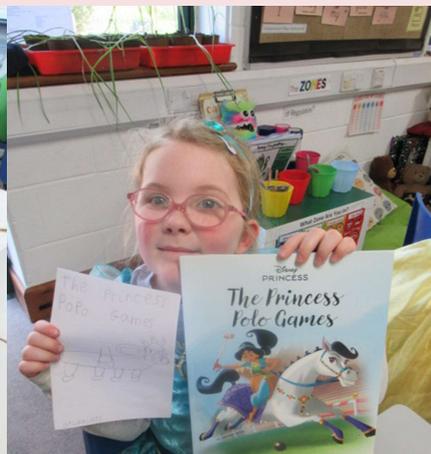
- ❖ Click on the large attendance section
- ❖ On the right-hand side click on the green button - Log Absence
- ❖ Please provide a detailed reason in the box

Please use this method rather than just sending a message.



Catch up with Red Class

We have been really busy making our own version of our favourite books and planting come containers with flowers and bulbs as part of our science lessons.



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Diary Dates

11TH MAR

- KS2 Author Visit - Thomas Taylor

20TH MAR

- Non-Uniform Day

25TH MAR

- Easter Menu Day

26TH MAR

- Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm
- Yr 5 Rewind to Easter

2ND APR

- Easter Service at St. Laurence Church
- Last Day of Term 4

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.



Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be :

Tuesday: Orange Class (Year 2)

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>

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The Power in Me!



On Tuesday the lunchtime choir joined ten local schools for the Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools' Singing Festival. They sang six songs as a massed choir, including; Benedictus, Circle of Life, Siyahamba and for the final song; Wake me up by Avicii, the audience joined in too.

Each school performed their own choice of song and our choir chose 'Power in Me' which they sang brilliantly! It was such a great experience and the children were amazing! The choir have worked really hard this year to learn the words for all the songs and performances, they are taking a well-deserved rest and we will start a new choir in Term 6 ready for Young Voices 2027.

2026-27 Term Dates

Are now available on the school website -
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CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING TEAM

Our children health & wellbeing team is made up of health and wellbeing navigators and mental health practitioners. They support children/young people, and their families, with long term health conditions, neurodevelopmental conditions and mental health problems in many different ways!

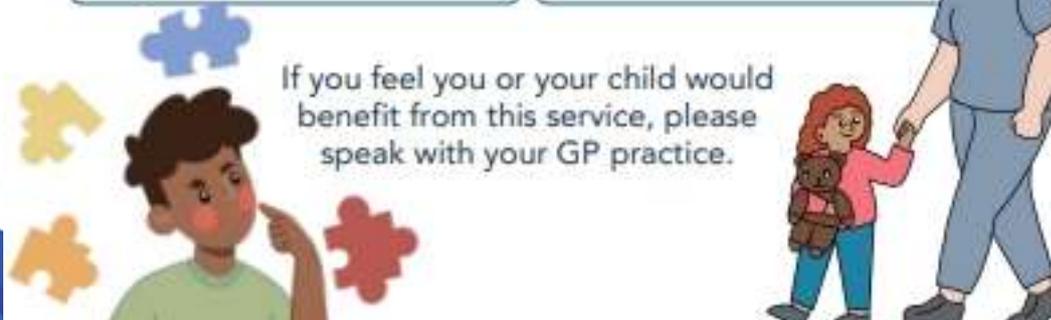
HEALTH & WELLBEING NAVIGATORS CAN:

- Provide support to children/young people and their families
- Coordinate care across services
- Support the child/young person and their family while waiting for referrals
- Make onward referrals to specialist services
- Provide information and guidance

MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS CAN:

- Support with accessing appropriate services and support within the community
- Provide short term therapeutic intervention for mild/moderate mental health concerns
- Support with working towards important goals
- Coordinate care across services

If you feel you or your child would benefit from this service, please speak with your GP practice.



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