

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 25.

Friday, 20 March 2026

Community
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to be back in school and see all of the children again! A very big thank you to all the staff for the work they have done during my absence.



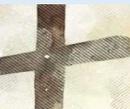
Jodie Lawrence

Spring Assessments



Next week the children in Years 1-6 will be doing their end of term assessments. We will let you have the results of these after the Easter break and they can be discussed with the class teacher at parent consultations.

Easter Service



A reminder about our Easter Service on Thursday 2nd April, which is the last day of term. Children should go straight to the church for 8:45, unless they normally come to breakfast club on a Friday, in which case they will walk down to the church with staff, leaving at 8:15am. All parents and families are welcome to join us for this. If you are able to help walk the children back to school, please let the office or class teacher know.

Wearing Red

We Raised £75.41 for Comic Relief today.



Parent Consultations



A reminder that parent consultations will be held on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April. This is your opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress and how you can support them at home. We will be trialling booking your slots on Arbor and will let you know when this will be live.

Snacks in School



We have a number of children bringing crisps and chocolate into school for break time snacks. Could we remind you please that snacks should be fruit or cereal bars. Any crisps and chocolate should stay in lunch .

Summer Uniform



After Easter children may come to school in summer uniform, which consists of:

- Grey shorts or skirt
- Blue and white summer dress

This is completely optional and of course up to you to judge whether it is warm enough.

We have a number of children wearing coloured trainers to school – please could we remind you that if children are in trainers, they should be plain black.

Spare Clothing



Please can we have any donations of washed "too-small/unwanted" school uniform including, pants, tights and socks as our stock is getting very low. Many thanks.

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Meningitis

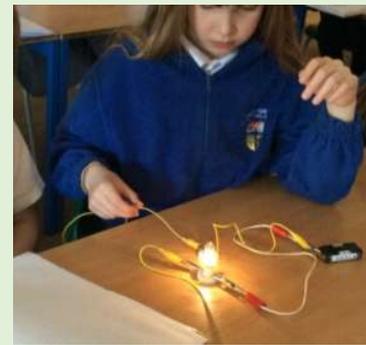
I sent a letter out yesterday from the UK Health Security Agency and Department for Education. This was sent via Arbor and hopefully you have all received this. If you have any concerns at all regarding your child and Meningitis, please follow the advice listed here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>



Science with Green class

Green Class have been buzzing with energy this week as we explored the fascinating world of electricity. The children learned how a simple series circuit works and were thrilled to make a bulb light up using wires, batteries, and bulbs. We investigated how different components affect the flow of electricity, experimenting with extra bulbs, and even adding more batteries to see what would happen. It was a hands on lesson and the children are looking forward to science next week!



PTA

BAKE SALE

Friday 27th
March
after school.

Could all bake donations be bought in on Friday morning please.



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

Rainbow

Rose, Thea and Phoebe

Yr 1

Marshall, Bodi and Haidee

Yr 2

Roni, Tammy and Hannah

Yr 3

Felicity and Joshua S

Yr 4

Rosie, Noah and Elsie PJ

Yr 5

Darcy, Isabella and Andrew

Yr 6

Marko, Clay and Johnny

Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.7	92.7	1.55
Year 1	95.6	93.8	-2.76
Year 2	96.3	93.8	-2.76
Year 3	91.3	87.1	7.06
Year 4	94.6	94.2	-0.61
Year 5	94.4	95.2	2.25
Year 6	97.0	93.7	-3.15

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 *Green* Class.

Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be :

Tuesday: Green Class (Year 4)

Wednesday: Rainbow

Thursday: Orange Class (Year 2)

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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Catch up with Violet Class

On Tuesday, Violet Class were delighted to welcome Dave Barrow (Darcie Caister's grandad), who recently returned from an incredible trip to Antarctica – a region we have been studying in our Geography lessons. The children were eager to ask questions and showed great curiosity as they learned about his experiences. They were particularly fascinated by the unique wildlife, the extreme weather conditions and what daily life is like in such a remote and icy environment.

Dave kindly shared photographs and stories from his journey, which really helped bring our learning to life. It was a fantastic opportunity for the class to deepen their understanding and spark even more enthusiasm for the topic. We are very grateful to him for taking the time to visit and inspire us and would love to invite him back to school again as he has amazingly visited almost every country in the world!



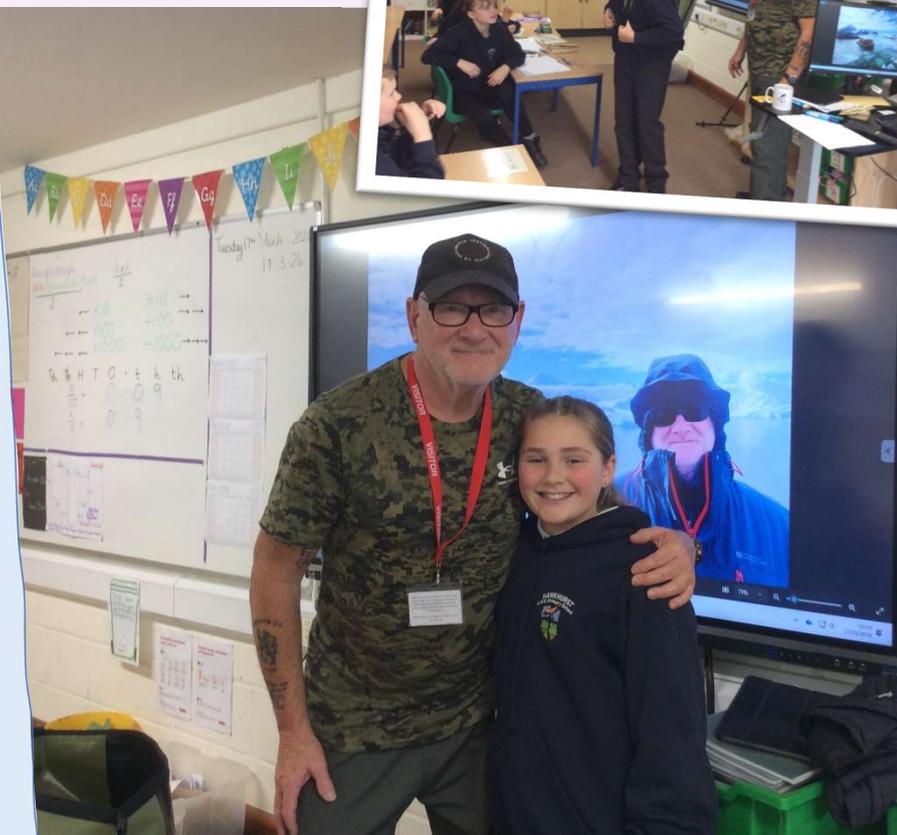
Hot Chocolate

As you are aware we have been trialling whole class hot chocolate sessions this term.

The feedback the children have given us is that they prefer smaller sessions as it feels more like an individual treat / reward.

From next week we will therefore be going back to two children from each class per week receiving hot chocolate.

Children will be rewarded with hot chocolate for good behaviour and for demonstrating our core values and will be nominated by the staff in their class, based on merit rather than any sort of rota.



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Diary Dates

25TH MAR

- Easter Menu Day (See below)

26TH MAR

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

27TH MAR

PTA Bake Sale - After School

2ND APR

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

20TH APR

First Day of Term 5

29TH & 30TH APRIL

- Parent Consultations

A Prayer to end the week



Lord our God, we thank and praise you for the greatness of your love, shown to us in Jesus Christ, who was willing to die for us, to bring us into your family, and to bless us with the life that lasts for ever.

We thank you for the new life we celebrate at Easter; help us to keep growing in the life that never comes to an end.

We pray for our families, our friends, and all those we care about: fill them with hope and happiness.

We pray for those who are ill, or facing difficulties: may they find hope in the cross of Christ, and be strengthened by the knowledge of your love.

Lord, accept our prayers, and be with us now and for ever.

Amen.



Easter Menu

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026

ROAST CHICKEN

Stuffing, Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

VEGETABLE WELLINGTON

Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

With Whipped Cream

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

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OSI Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety

OSI - ONLINE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AROUND CHILDHOOD ANXIETY



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.



Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/videocall appointment with a practitioner.



You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

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FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS/CARERS

"My son's anxiety has noticeably declined, and I feel much more confident...we worked together on a specific goal and I have to say it was life changing. I even used it for my daughter about a fear she had and again, I can say that it worked for her too."

"It has been tremendously worthwhile for us, and I have a happier child now as a result."

HOW TO ACCESS OSI:

If your child attends one of our schools and you feel OSI would be helpful for you and your child, please scan the QR code which will take you to our website and the OSI self-referral form.



Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further with someone or would like to consider alternative support, please speak with the Senior Mental Health Lead in your child's school.

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Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Online Parent Groups

Supporting your child with their emotional wellbeing

For parents of children at primary school

Supporting Your Child with Fears & Worries

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? This course will provide you with an understanding of how fears and worries develop in children, as well as **evidence-based strategies** and guidance to support your child with overcoming their fears and worries. This online group runs for **6 weeks** and are run regularly throughout the year.

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's behaviour? This course will provide you with evidence-based strategies to promote a **positive relationship** with your child, supporting them with their emotion regulation and addressing any concerning behaviours. This online group runs for **7 weeks** and are run regularly throughout the year.

If you would like to attend one of our groups, email

ewtandestenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk



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.