

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 26.

Friday, 27 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school with lots of different activities including Y6 Bikeability, assessments, a golf simulator and a Rocksteady concert!



Jodie Hurrell

It has been lovely to get outside more in the sunshine and we hope this is the start of the better weather.

Uniform



We have noticed that a number of children are not wearing proper school uniform. Please can you check that your child is dressed correctly for school and that any trainers being worn instead of shoes, are plain black. Children should also not be wearing jewellery in school apart from small studs if they have pierced ears. If you are finding it difficult to provide a school uniform for your child, please come and speak to us and we can help with this.

Easter Service



A reminder that we break up for Easter next Thursday and will be holding our Easter Service at St Laurence's Church on the Thursday morning. Children should be at the church for 8:45am where they may go and sit with their class. All families are welcome to join us for this and we would appreciate help to walk the children back to school.

Break Time Snacks



Please can you remind your child that they should not be taking crisps and other items out of their lunch boxes to eat at break time. Snacks for break should be healthy fruit or cereal bars. If you are unable to provide a healthy snack, we always have a supply of fruit in school.

Rocksteady Concert



Well-done to the pupils who took part in the Rocksteady concert yesterday. They gave a smashing performance.



If your child would be interested in signing up to take part in future Rocksteady activities, full details can be found on the last page of this week's newsletter.

Parent Consultations



A reminder that we have parent consultations on the 29th and 30th of April. Sign up slots are now available via Arbor. As this is the first time we have used this system for booking parent consultation slots please bear with us if there are any teething issues.

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Chocolate Tombola

On Tuesday next week the school council will be running a chocolate tombola after school. We would love you to come and support this. All money raised will go towards buying additional playground equipment. We will let you know exactly where this will be held in school once we know what the weather is doing.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice in school this week. Please ensure you check your child's hair over the weekend and treat them if necessary.



Rainbow Class

After Easter, please could Rainbow class have their PE kits in school and come to school in normal uniform every day. They will then get changed for PE in the classroom. Children getting themselves dressed is an important part of the EYFS curriculum and we feel it is an area they are missing out in when they come to school in their PE kits. They will bring their kits home at the end of the week to be washed and can then be brought back the following Monday. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Swimming

Years 4 & 5 will be starting swimming lessons on Monday 20th April for 6 weeks. Please ensure that you have provided consent and made a voluntary contribution via Arbor prior to this.



Eco News

We have elected Eco Champions to lead sustainability initiatives and promote eco-friendly practices. Guided by Mrs. Elmes these students will take responsibility for raising awareness about climate change and encouraging their peers to adopt greener habits. They will be organising events, recycling programmes, and energy-saving campaigns to make a positive impact on the school and local community. Through their efforts, the Eco Champions hope to inspire others to take action and contribute to a healthier planet.

The first edition of Eco News is now available on the school website, (in the Newsletter section) and gives details about the initiatives we are undertaking to try and reduce our impact on the environment together with information to help you become more environmentally friendly.

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/Eco-News-March-2026.pdf>



Catch up with Rainbow Class

Rainbows have been very excited this week with the discovery of a birds nest in our play area. We have been monitoring the nest each day and there are now 5 eggs!



On Thursday we finally saw the mummy which was a beautiful robin. We will continue to monitor the eggs and we are very excited for them to hatch.

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Attendance

	Attendance %	Attendance %	% Change
	Year to Date	This Week	On Last Week
Year R	97.2	93.9	1.2
Year 1	95.9	95.6	1.85
Year 2	93.8	96.2	2.44
Year 3	87.7	91.2	4.12
Year 4	95.2	94.6	0.4
Year 5	94.2	94.4	-0.78
Year 6	95.6	97.0	3.23

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.

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 **Terms 5 and 6** is now available on the school website -

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

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

Rainbow

Flo, Sienna and Reid

Yr 1

Willow, Orla and William

Yr 2

Tennessee, Ezra and Kara

Yr 3

Antalya and Joshua G

Yr 4

Freya, Peyton and Louis

Yr 5

Maverick, Albie and Clem

Yr 6

Isaac, Awa and Nina

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Catch up with Orange Class

This week, we brought the Great Fire of London to life by burning model houses, revealing how a perfect storm of strong winds, a dry summer, wooden buildings, and tightly packed streets turned a small spark into a devastating inferno causing over a third of London to be destroyed.



Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

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

YR: Jack and Kitty

Y1: Maisie A and Laurie

Y2: Gwen and Teddy

Y3: Sylvia and Josh S

Y4: Sienna and Riley

Y5: Samuel and Jenson

Y6: Elliot and Hannah

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Diary Dates

31ST MAR

- School Council Chocolate Tombola

2ND APR

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

20TH APR

- First Day of Term 5
- Swimming for Years 4 & 5

28TH APRIL

- Vision and Hearing Screening for Year R

29TH & 30TH APRIL

- Parent Consultations

6TH MAY

- Year 4 Trip : Living Land

11TH MAY

- SATS Week for Year 6

A Prayer to end the week



Good and gracious God, we give you praise for the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time. The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.

Amen.

A Virtual Success !



This week, all classes participated in a fun and interactive PE session using a golf simulator.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excited to practise their swing in a new and engaging way. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their coordination, concentration and confidence while trying a different sport. The sessions were full of enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see everyone getting involved.



Lost Property



Please check the Lost Property Box outside the office next week if your child has lost anything at school this term. All unclaimed lost property will be put in the recycling container on the last day of term.

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JOIN OUR

EASTER LUNCH AND CRAFTS

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL
12PM-2PM

£4 PER CHILD (£3 PER ADDITIONAL SIBLING) **BOOKING ONLY!**

DUNK'S RYE ROAD HAWKHURST

Crafts, sandwiches and free tea and coffee for parents or carers

For more information contact hgsociety@yahoo.com OR 07444837029

EASTER FAMILY FUN AT HANDS OF HOPE

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH YOGA, FORAGING, BAKING AND NATURE CRAFTS! FOR AGES 5 AND OVER.

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM

HANDS OF HOPE MOOR HILL, HAWKHURST

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S FREE PLACE WWW.HOHCHARITY.CO.UK

BRAND NEW GYMNASTICS CLASSES THE OLD SCHOOL HALL- SANDHURST

GYMNASTICS CLUB IS COMING TO YOU IN APRIL 2026!

TASTER DAY 9th April

9-9.45: Age 4-7 years
9.45-10.30: Age 8-11 years

£4.50 per child

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHARLIE & MILLI ON radcliffesaleslimited@gmail.com

FOUNDED BY THE TEAM BEHIND CMR GYMNASTICS

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NEW VICAR FOR ST LAURENCE CHURCH

What are we looking for in a new vicar?

Come and share your ideas with us.

Tuesday 14 April at 7.30pm

Saturday 18 April at 9.30am

WE NEED YOU !!

Meeting in the church.

St Laurence Church

Saturday 18th April
10am - 12pm

Coffee & Cake

"With Plenty of Chat"

Our Delicious Cakes will be for sale to take away as well as eat on site.

Cranbrook Museum re-opens on 1st April.

Come and try the new Hat Trails for children. It's free to visit, although donations are always welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Have you discovered "Wheels of Time"? For children age 5-11 www.wheelsovertime.uk

Cranbrook Museum is a Wheels of Time heritage site. Open April to October, 2.00 to 4.30 Tuesday to Saturday, Summer Bank Holidays and every Sunday in August. www.cranbrookmuseum.org

Bishop Rose will be leading the Easter Sunday service at 10 am and there will be Easter eggs for the children and card making during the service.

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WILD AT HEART

A FUN GROUP FOR AUTISTIC GIRLS

Are you aged between 9-12?

Would you like to take part in woodland activities with other girls?

Why not try our new Saturday group in Sandhurst



For more information contact Nicola Woods - 07730354610

Next steps:

If you are interested, please contact Nicola Woods for more information - 07730354610 or wildatheartssandhurst1@outlook.com

Note: This group is being set up by a parent, not a teaching professional. Whilst The Wild at Heart group will have public liability insurance in place, parents who attend with their child will be responsible for their own child's safety and wellbeing during the session. Ground rules will be shared with the children, so they understand how to be safe in the woods for each session.

Wild at Heart is aimed at autistic girls (aged 9-12) who would benefit from a space to interact, socialise and have fun with peers.

Aimed at girls who:

- Find social interactions challenging and would benefit from an opportunity to 'practice' socialising with peers
- Enjoy being outside and would benefit from a calm space
- Can find social situations overwhelming and would benefit from developing self confidence

What will the group do?

The group will aim to be child-led as much as possible, so the girls will have some choice of what activities they would like to do, in addition to seasonal activities such as wreath making. There will also be some team building activities and space for the girls to connect.

Practicalities:

The group is for autistic girls, with or without, a formal autism diagnosis.

The group can't unfortunately accommodate girls who have challenging behaviour.

One parent is kindly asked to remain for the entirety of the session.

Sessions will provisionally be on a Saturday afternoon twice a month in Sandhurst, at a woodland location close to The Primary School. Exact dates and times to be discussed and agreed.

Parents will be asked to complete an application form on behalf of their child before joining the group.

There is no cost to attend the group, although contributions might be welcomed to help pay for resources needed at the sessions.

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ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

TAKES PLACE AT SCHOOL

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!

IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!

- ▶ Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- ▶ Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- ▶ Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- ▶ Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
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<p>Taught by professional musicians</p> <p>Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.</p>	<p>Much more than music</p> <p>Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.</p>
<p>Progress at their own pace</p> <p>Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!</p>	<p>End every term on a high note</p> <p>Watch your child shine as they perform in their end of term concerts.</p>

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"It makes me feel like I'm part of something, and happy!"
Rocksteady pupil

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