



# Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter No 4.

Friday, 26 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly felt like Autumn this week, especially in the mornings! Please ensure your children are going to be warm enough in school if they are still in summer uniform – we do like to keep classroom windows open to allow fresh air to circulate.



Jodie Hurrell

### NHS Anxiety Workshop

Thank you to the NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team who came in this week to run a workshop on Anxiety for parents. Thank you to those of you who were able to come in for this.

### Coats

We still have children coming to school without coats or fleeces. It can be chilly at break and lunch time, so please ensure they have another layer they can pop on to keep them warm.



### Parent Consultations

The sign-up sheets are outside the office for consultations on the 14th and 15th October. Please ensure you sign up, or contact us to sign up for you, as it is really important for you to come in and discuss your child's progress.

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

### Summer Reading Challenge!



I am delighted to inform you that out of the whole Tunbridge Wells area, we have won the Summer Reading Challenge Trophy for the 3rd year running!!

We cannot tell you how proud we are of this.

Well-done to all of our children who completed this and thank you to all the parents for making the effort to go to the library to enable your children to take part.

### Well-done Yellow Class

Yellow class were all treated to hot chocolate and a biscuit on Monday afternoon in recognition of what an incredible start they have made to Year 3, with their effort, determination and some super impressive Geography work!



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### Book Fair



Thank you to all who purchased books from our Scholastic Book Fair last week. Commission from these sales will help us purchase more books for our school library. In the meantime, we have been able to add a few texts from the book fair to our class libraries!



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

YR: Flo and Freya

Y1: Pippa and Maisie H

Y2: Charlotte and Samuel

Y3: Antalya and Jakob

Y4: Zinnia and Dolly

Y5: Lucy and Malachi

Y6: Oliver and Benji







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#### Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	98.9	100.0	+1.9
Year 1	97.4	98.2	+1.1
Year 2	99.2	98.7	-0.7
Year 3	95.2	97.4	+4.7
Year 4	94.2	90.0	-4.3
Year 5	95.3	92.9	-0.7
Year 6	97.7	94.7	-4.1

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 **Rainbow** Class.

#### Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Green Class (Yr4)

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday : Red Class (Yr1)

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

A full Forest School Timetable for Term 1 is available on the School website -

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

## Harvest



A reminder that we have our Harvest Service in St Laurence's Church next Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> October). Details were in last week's newsletter, but just to remind you, all children should go directly to the church and not to school first.

Children need to be in the church sitting with their class ready for the service to start at 9. If you are able to, please send your child in with a tin or packet of food which they will be able to take up and add to the display.

All parents are welcome to stay for the service which will be 45 minutes to an hour. If you are able to help us walk the children back to school please let the office or your class teacher know.

You may drive your own child back to school in the car if you wish too, but please don't take other children in your car unless their parents have given permission to staff for you to do so.

#### Our Next Coffee Morning



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am we are hosting a coffee morning with the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team.

They are coming in to talk about Neurodiversity and Emotional Regulation.

Please feel free to come along, there will be a sign-up form by the office so we can judge how much coffee we will need!

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

Rainbow

Thea, Fred and Lucas

Yr 1

Laurie, William and Albert

Yr 2

Hannah, Mia Line and Teddy

Yr 3

Josh G, Theo and Vishmita

Yr 4

Riley, Olive and James

Yr 5

Teddy M, Penny and Samuel

Yr 6

Nina, Poppy and Darcie C

## School Improvement Advisor Visit

Please see the lovely message from our School Improvement Advisor who came to spend the day in school with us yesterday:

Dear Staff and Pupils at Hawkhurst.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome on my visit yesterday. Hawkhurst is a lovely school, and the high expectations of staff were evident the moment I stepped through the door. I was so impressed with pupil behaviour and I enjoyed talking to lots of pupils about their learning. Your school environment is beautiful and it is clear that you are all very proud to be part of the school.

## End of Week Prayer



A Prayer to end the School Week

Dear Lord,  
We pray to you above,  
To help us live each day with love.  
To be respectful when we play,  
and speak with honesty in all we say.  
Give us courage and the might,  
To stand up for what's good and right.  
Help us show the true meaning of equality,  
and demonstrate our theme of generosity.

Amen



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### Nativity! The Musical

October 30th - November 1st  
Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook



Tickets: <https://www.cranbrookods.org.uk/tickets>

Book and  
Lyrics by  
Debbie Isitt

NO DA  
Orchestrations  
by George Dyer

Music by  
Debbie Isitt and  
Nicky Ager

Autumn/Winter 2025/26

### What's on at Bateman's

**Ben Plants a Butterfly Garden trail**  
20 Sep - 2 Nov | 10am-4pm  
Follow the story of Ben Plants a Butterfly Garden by Kate Petty and Axel Scheffler around the house and garden. Enjoy fun games and activities along the way. In collaboration with Nosy Crow. £2, NAA.

**Diwali**  
17-20 Oct | 11am-4pm  
Everyone is welcome to come together at Bateman's to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Discover Indian art, beautiful objects, and handmade decorations throughout the house. Free, NAA.

### KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL

We know that as a parent, nothing matters more than your child's safety and wellbeing. As the school term begins, we understand this can bring worries about safety both inside and outside school.

Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit works with partners and communities to keep children safe by reducing and preventing violence. We support parents in having the right conversations and helping them spot if their child may be involved in violence or bullying.

Our back-to-school guide outlines year-round tools to help your child stay safe, take action and make the right choices.

HELP!

Watch: Sophie's story, a parent's experience

#### Tools to help you

Not sure how to support your child or young person? Our range of guides can help:

- Explainer: understanding emojis
- A guide to knife harm: feel more confident in conversations

#### Having the right conversations

Talking with young people or young adults about knives and weapons can be difficult, whether you are a parent, guardian or carer. Our toolkit can help you prepare for a conversation with your child about carrying knives.

[View the toolkit on our website](#)

#### Free sports activities

We work with Sports Connect to provide free local out-of-school activities that support physical and mental health while keeping children and young people out of trouble through creative and interactive sessions.

[Visit the Sports Connect website](#)

### CLOCK IT CHECK IT CHANGE IT

Being an active bystander: Clock It, Check It, Change It

Many young people witness unacceptable behaviour in and outside school, and you can empower them to safely step in and make a change.

Free resources from our Clock It, Check It, Change It campaign support conversations with young people about responding when they see or anticipate violent incidents.

[Access the resources on our website](#)



Our team can provide advice and guidance all year round.

[vru.programme.delivery@kent.police.uk](mailto:vru.programme.delivery@kent.police.uk)  
[kentandmedwayvru.co.uk](http://kentandmedwayvru.co.uk)



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## Cranbrook Literature Festival

Book  
your tickets  
now...



VISIT [WWW.CRANBROOKLITERATUREFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.CRANBROOKLITERATUREFESTIVAL.COM)

## Friday October 10th and Saturday 11th 2025

### WHAT'S ON SATURDAY

10.30am	<b>Children's Event</b>	Supertato with Sue Hendra. Booking essential.	FREE
10.30am to 1.00pm	<b>Lulah Ellender</b>	Creative Writing Workshop at The Vestry Hall Council Chamber.	£20
12.00pm	<b>Professor James Stevens Curl</b>	The launch of 'The Life and Work of Thomas Downes Wilmot Dearn' in Cranbrook Museum. Contact the Museum for more details.	
12.30pm	<b>Seth Insua</b>	Seth will be talking about his debut novel 'Human, Animal', chosen as a BBC Radio 2 Book Club choice for 2025.	£12



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There continues to be an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the public highway, pavements and in public open spaces.

E-Scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It is not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as pavements.

We understand many parents/carers may wish to purchase an e-scooter or perhaps already have, so therefore we urge you to disseminate the following information throughout your school community.

## Enforcement

The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act.

You risk a £300 fine, six penalty points endorsed on your driving licence and the E-Scooter being seized. If you do not currently hold a driving licence at the time of the offence, you may be prosecuted and may have to go to court, whereby the fine can increase and your ability to obtain a driving licence in the future may be affected. If you purchase an E-Scooter, it can only be used on private land with the landowner's consent.

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>).

There are no e-scooter trials within Kent or Medway.



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## E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



### Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

**No, it's Illegal...**

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

### Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

**No, it's Illegal...**

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

### What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

**The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.**

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



**Kent Police**

### Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit [www.kent.police.uk/road-safety](http://www.kent.police.uk/road-safety)