



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 5.

Friday, 03 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week in school and we have definitely felt the colder weather out on the playground! After half term all children should be in winter uniform, although I am happy for children to wear grey shorts if they feel they are warm enough.



Jodie Hurrell

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Consultations

It is not too late to sign up for consultations with your child's class teacher. If you are unable to come into school to sign up yourself, please contact the office and we can book you in. These consultations are an opportunity to find out how your child is doing in class and to discuss any concerns with the class teacher.

PTA Quiz

We are looking forward to the PTA quiz this evening. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this and thank you to everyone who is coming along to support us.

Half Term

A reminder that school finishes for children on Thursday 16th October. All children return on Monday 27th October.



Harvest

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for the Harvest Service this morning and thank you for all the gifts of food that were sent in with the children. These have now been taken to St Laurence's Church where they will be displayed before being taken to the foodbank.



Each class took part in the Service, here are just a couple of photos, there are more on the school website -

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/gallery/harvest-service-2025>



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Summer Reading Challenge!



On Wednesday 29th October we look forward to welcoming Susan Rogers to our Assembly in order for her to present us with the winning trophy for the third year running.

Children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge will also be visiting the Kino next week as a special treat.

WELL DONE HAWKHURST!!!

Rainbow Class



A reminder to Rainbow parents that there will be a special Assembly just for the Rainbow class and their families, on Thursday 16th October at 2:30pm.

This will be in the school hall and we hope you will all be able to attend.



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

YR: Jack and Theo

Y1: Ivy-Rose and Amy

Y2: Faaizah and Elijah

Y3: Sylvia and Koa

Y4: Freya and Bella

Y5: Isabella and Teddy WC

Y6: Toby and Darcie G





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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	98.4	96.7	-3.3
Year 1	97.0	95.4	-2.8
Year 2	98.2	94.3	-4.3
Year 3	94.1	89.6	-7.7
Year 4	94.2	94.3	+4.3
Year 5	95.3	96.0	+3.1
Year 6	98.1	99.7	+5.0

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 **Violet** Class.

Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Blue Class (Yr5)

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday : Orange Class (Yr2)

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>

Diary Dates

6TH OCT

- Kino Trip for Summer Reading Challenge entrants in Yrs 4,5,6

7TH OCT

- PTA coffee morning in school at 8:45am

8TH OCT

- Year 3 trip to Wadhurst Park Estate

10TH OCT

- Kino Trip for Summer Reading Challenge entrants in Yrs R,1,2,3

14TH - 15TH OCT

- Parent Consultation Evenings

16TH OCT

- Rainbow Class Assembly at 2:30pm
- Last Day of Term 1

27TH OCT

- First Day of Term 2
- Flu Vaccinations

28TH OCT

- Individual Pupil Photos

5TH NOV

- Smartphone Free Childhood Meeting at 2:30pm

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Catch up with Violet Class

Last Friday, Year 6 were invited to 'The Russetts' by the building company, Dandara. They took part in an energy efficiency scavenger hunt and were able to have a look around one of the show homes, identifying aspects of the homes that were energy efficient or were making the site more sustainable.

It was a great morning out.

Thank you to Dandara.



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

Rainbow

Eliza, Reggie and Freya

Yr 1

Pippa, Hudson and Archie R

Yr 2

Kara, Roni and Tomos

Yr 3

Oscar, Niko and Felicity

Yr 4

Daisy, Rosy and Donnie-Joe

Yr 5

Jack, Delilah and Seb

Yr 6

Daniel, April, Noah

Smart Phone Free Childhood

You may remember that at the end of the summer term I wrote out to parents regarding the Smart Phone Free Childhood initiative. I would like to invite any parents who are interested in this to come into school for a meeting on Wednesday 5th November at 2:30pm. For those of you who were not parents in school when the letter as sent out, please follow this link to find out more information about the initiative.

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/resources-for-parents>

I would also like to draw your attention to a meeting for local parents at Dulwich Prep on Friday 10th October at 9am. Details are in the poster attached on the next page.

A Harvest Prayer

A Prayer for Farmers and Food:

Dear God,
Thank you for the sunshine and the rain, which help crops to grow in the fields.
Thank you for all the farmers who grow, look after and harvest the food that we eat.
Thank you for all the adults who cook and provide us with food when we are hungry.
We pray for children in the world today who are hungry. Please help us to play our part in making the world a fairer place for all.
Amen



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Phones Off EDUCATION ON

Join us at this year's phone conference. Discover practical steps for parents deciding if, or when, to give their children a phone, and explore alternatives to mainstream smartphones.

FRIDAY 10
OCTOBER 2025
9-11AM

DULWICH
CRANBROOK

Hear from our keynote speaker, Lara Chapple of SafeToNet, an organisation that has fought to protect children online by influencing legislation and building pioneering technology. The session will be followed by a discussion.



**SOPHIE
BRADSHAW**
Head of Dulwich
Cranbrook



LARA CHAPPLE
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Reporting an absence.



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

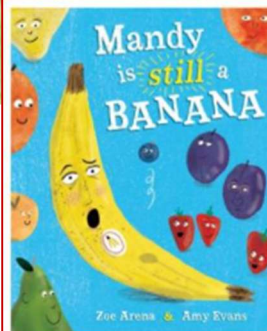
Login to your Arbor app

- ❖ 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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Kent Libraries

Meet author Zoe Arena

Zoe will be visiting Hawkhurst library to read her new book *Mandy is Still a Banana*

Friday 24 October 10.30am

Perfect for Half-term

Free activity – booking advised

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer



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#HelloYellow

10 October

Wear yellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health

On Friday 10th October we would like all children to come in to school wearing something yellow to help us celebrate World Mental Health Day. This could be a yellow t-shirt, socks, hair band, belt etc and is in addition to their normal school uniform. Each class will be doing activities around mental health throughout the week so please do ask them about what they have been doing. We will also have a special assembly on Tuesday where we will be thinking about our own mental health and how we can look after it.

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