



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 08.

Friday, 31 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you all had a lovely half term with your children.



Jodie Hurrell

PTA Disco

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising and running the Autumn Disco last night! Thank you to all of the children who came to support this event. We will let you know how much money has been raised once we have the final count.



Smart Phone Free Childhood

A reminder that there will be a meeting in school on Wednesday 5th November at 2:30pm for any parents who have looked at the Smart Phone Free Childhood website and are interested in coming in to talk about this. Please could you email me on headteacher@hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk or send us an Arbor message if you are intending to come along.

If you would like to have another look at the website, this is the link:

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



Family Breakfast

A reminder that it is our family breakfast next Wednesday from 8:00 – 8:30. Please sign up by 9am on Monday if you would like to join us for this. For parents who have not been before, it is a very popular event and the hall does get very full. Tables will be set out in the hall with food and juice and you can collect tea and coffee from the hatch. There are no designated tables, so feel free to come in and sit wherever you would like to.

Applications for Entry into EYFS

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, online applications open on Friday 7th November. Here is the link to apply online:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Workshop for Parents

Our NHS Wellbeing Team will be running a workshop for parents on Challenging Behaviour. This will be on Thursday 20th November at 1:30 and we will put a sign-up sheet outside the office if you are interested in attending this.

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Congratulations



Well done to the following children who have won prizes in the Cranbrook Literature Festival!

- ★ Amy in Red Class won 1st prize in the Bookmark competition
- ★ Molly in Red Class won 2nd prize in the book mark competition!
- ★ Summer in Blue Class won 2nd prize in the Bookmark competition!
- ★ Alyssia in Violet Class won 1st prize in the short story competition!



Hot Chocolate with Mr Hall



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

YR: Billy and Kitty

Y1: Reuben and Cleo

Y2: Matthew and Tammy

Y3: Felicity and Harriet

Y4: Elsie A and Sidney

Y5: Dennis and Tony

Y6: Millie and Nathaniel





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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	97.9	98.4	+5.6
Year 1	97.4	97.5	-0.7
Year 2	97.0	92.7	-2.3
Year 3	93.3	91.8	+3.5
Year 4	94.9	97.9	+4.1
Year 5	93.4	81.0	-15.7
Year 6	98.2	98.4	+0.4

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 joint winners were *Rainbow* and *Violet* Classes.

Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be:

Tuesday: Blue Class (Yr5)

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday : Yellow Class (Yr3)

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

A full Forest School Timetable for Term 2 is available on the School website - <https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/forest-school/forest-school-timetable-for-2025-26>

Diary Dates

5TH NOV

- Family Breakfast 8:00 - 8:30 am
- Smartphone Free Childhood Meeting at 2:30pm

20TH NOV

- NHS Challenging Behaviour Workshop at 1:30pm

17TH DEC

- Christmas Lunch
- Concert for parents of Katie Slowgrove music pupils at 2.30pm

18TH DEC

- Rocksteady Concert at 2:30pm

Summer Reading Challenge



Susan and Leslie from the Hawkhurst Library came in to present us with the Summer Reading Challenge Trophy this week. They in turn were presented with some flowers thanking them for their support.



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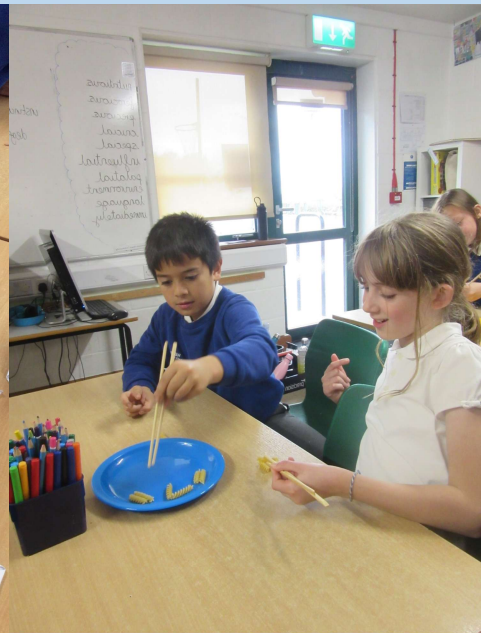
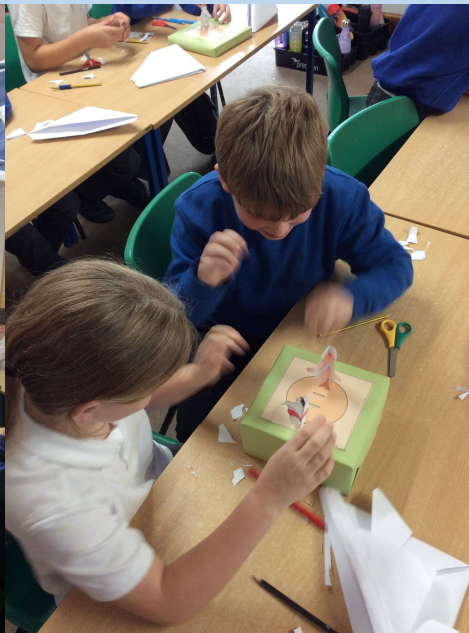
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Catch up with Blue Class

At the end of last term, Blue Class were joined by Chinami for an afternoon all about Japanese life to complete their Geography topic on Asia. They practised using chopsticks, made ton-ton sumo games, wrote 'shodo' symbols with special calligraphy kits, made origami kabuto helmets and learnt about koinobori flags and earthquakes. Check out the Blue Class page on the website for more photos!



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

Rainbow

Flo, Reid and Willow

Yr 1

Darcey, Ivy-Rose and Maisie H

Yr 2

Cleo, Tennessee and Faith

Yr 3

Chloe, Jakob and Jack

Yr 4

Teddy, Zinnia and Noah

Yr 5

Ian, Andrew and Lola-Marie

Yr 6

Owen G, Alyssia, Kennie and Alice

School Web Site Updates

Don't forget to checkout the "From the Classroom" pages on a regular basis. These pages on the website have lots of updates on what each class has been doing as well as the curriculum plans for each term. You can access them from the Children/Class Pages menu options.

Updates this week, include - Red, Orange, Blue and Violet Classes.

A Start of Term Prayer



Dear Lord,

We thank you for our children's teachers!
We pray you would strengthen them with your power this school year.

Give them guidance on instruction, strength to complete all the tasks and energy to joyfully interact with their students.

God give them efficiency as they work.

May they find times of rest and if they do not know you, make yourself known to them this school term.

Amen.



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Christmas craft workshops

Indian block printing: 7 Nov | 10.30am & 2pm | £50, book online

Calligraphy: 12 & 13 Nov | 11am & 2pm each day | £35, book online

Learn a new skill this Christmas with craft workshops at Bateman's.



The Jungle Book Christmas

15 Nov 25-4 Jan 26 | 11am-3pm

(closed 24 & 25 Dec)

This festive season, the jungle comes alive once more with a Jungle Book Christmas that's bigger, bolder, and more enchanting than ever. Join us for a joyful celebration of Rudyard Kipling's classic tale. *Free, NAA.*

Visit nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans

NAA: normal admission applies



Christmas at Bodiam Castle

29 Nov 25-4 Jan 26 | 10am-3.30pm

(closed 24 & 25 Dec)

Enjoy the festive season with Christmas trees in tower rooms, a sleigh in the castle courtyard, and treats in the Wharf tea-room. Plus, take part in wreath making workshops, follow a family trail, and more!



Moomins trail

17 Jan-8 Mar | 11am-3pm

Take a magical winter wander inspired by Moominvalley. Spot Moomin characters, play games, and explore the castle. The event is presented by the award-winning creator of interactive theatrical events, Bakehouse Factory. *£2, NAA.*

Visit nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiam-castle

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