

# Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



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Friday, 08 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely long weekend with the bank holiday and made the most of the sunshine. It has been a busy week in school and Year 4 were lucky enough to go and spend a day at Detling Show ground!



Jodie Hurrell

Sandpit

It has been very exciting to have the sandpit open again, which is very popular at lunch time. A reminder that if your child uses it, they ideally need a sun hat or cap with them. If you have any good quality sand toys that you no longer use, we would be very grateful for them – the children love the plastic sieves!



Holidays

Please can I draw your attention to the term dates for next year which are on our website. There have been a number of term time holidays this year and following KCC guidance, we are not able to authorise these and you may be fined. The school does not receive any money from these fines, and it is solely down to KCC whether they issue a fine or not.



<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/parents/term-dates>

Building Works

You may or may not be aware, but we have had ongoing problems for the last few years with a leaking roof, and every time in rains we have water pouring in through different areas. KCC have agreed to replace the roof running along the main corridor and the plan is that this work will be carried out over the summer holiday. Whilst it may not be completely finished over the 6 weeks, the plan is that the main work will be completed but there may be cosmetic touches to add after we have reopened in September.



Lateness

We have noticed that there are a lot of children coming in late at the moment. This can be anxiety provoking for children when they have to walk into a classroom which is already settled and working. We understand that there may be the odd occasion when you get stuck in traffic, but please could we try and ensure children arrive in school between 8:35am and 8:45am so that they can go in with the rest of the class and have a calm start to their morning. Your support with this is appreciated.



Year 4 Trip

Y4 arrived in school very early on Wednesday this week, to leave at 7:30am for their trip to Detling. You can read all about their trip later in the newsletter.

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## Non-Uniform Day



On Friday 22nd May (the last day of term) we will be having a non-uniform day! Children may come to school in home clothes in exchange for a contribution to the PTA Bingo Evening prizes. We welcome a wide variety of items suitable for all ages, similar to the fantastic donations received for the Elfridges event. Ideas include:

- ✓ Chocolates/sweets
- ✓ Gift sets (beauty, grooming or pamper kits)
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Toys and games
- ✓ Candles
- ✓ Vouchers or gift cards
- ✓ Or anything else you may like to receive as a bingo prize!



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

YR: Lucas M and Sienna

Y1: Albert G and Archie

Y2: Emily B and Samuel

Y3: Joshua S and Sylvia

Y4: Greya and Peyton

Y5: Fletcher and Teddy W

Y6: Nathaniel and Noah

Community

Hope

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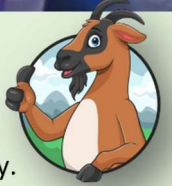
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## Catch up with Green Class



Green class had an amazing time this week at the 'Living Land' event which took place at the Detling Showground in Maidstone. The children spent the day learning about farming, agriculture and machinery. They interacted with lots of different farm animals and even watched a dancing sheep show. Some children were lucky enough to help shear a sheep! The children then moved to look at stalls from different organisations to understand how they help and support different communities. We also spent time trying local produce such as strawberries, apple juice, cucumbers, honey and flatbreads which were either grown or made in Kent. The children were very tired after their long activity filled day, but shared how 'it was so much fun' and 'the best trip I have ever been on'.



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

Rainbow

Eliza, Thomas and Freya

Yr 1

Hudson, Darcey and Elsie

Yr 2

Evie, Alexi and Elijah

Yr 3

Guntasveer and Toby

Yr 4

Donnie-Joe, Sienna and Emily

Yr 5

Elsie, Summer-Rose and Andrew

Yr 6

Qismah, Faye and Poppy

## Attendance



	Attendance %	Attendance %	% Change
	Year to Date	This Week	On Last Week
Year R	94.1	86.0	-8.3
Year 1	95.5	93.8	-1.55
Year 2	96.0	97.3	1.89
Year 3	90.7	86.0	-5.95
Year 4	94.6	94.4	0.02
Year 5	94.3	93.6	-0.78
Year 6	96.7	93.8	-3

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 Orange Class.

## Forest School



Forest School sessions for after the Easter Break will be :

**Tuesday: Blue Class (Year 5)**

**Wednesday: Rainbow**

**Thursday: Red Class (Year 1)**

Please send children in FS clothes and sun cream.

They should have a hat or cap too in case it is sunny.

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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## Diary Dates

### 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

- SATS Week for Year 6

### 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

Census Day School Treat Lunch Menu

### 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

- Last Day of Term 5
- Non-Uniform Day

### 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

- First Day of term 6

### 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

- Class Photos

### 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

- Grandparent Afternoon 2:00PM
- BINGO Night 7:00pm**

### 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

- End of year Assessment week

### 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

- KS1 Sports Day 9:30AM
- KS2 Sports Day 1:15PM
- PTA Mini Summer Fete

### 9/10<sup>TH</sup> JULY

- End of year Production for YR6 Parents

### 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY

- Last Day of School Year for Pupils

### 20/21<sup>ST</sup> JULY

- School Closed staff Development Days

Have you booked your tickets for the BINGO night yet?



# BINGO Night

[www.pta-events.co.uk/hawkhurstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hawkhurstpta)

**DOORS OPEN 7:00PM**

**DATE: FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL**

**OPEN TO: OVER 18S ONLY**

**Reserve your tickets NOW**

**Scan the QR Code Below**



**Swimming for Year 4 & 5 at Weald Sports Centre**

Mondays : 11th May, 18th May, 25th May, 2nd Jun

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## A Whiter Smile!



Thank you to Highgate Hawkhurst WI for their donation of a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste for every child at school. These were delivered to classes by Miss Eastwood and Darcie (Head Girl) earlier this week.



## A Prayer to end the Week

Loving Father,

Thank you for all who are part of our school. Please grant them your encouragement, wisdom and peace.

Strengthen teachers with heavy workloads. May they be firm, yet patient, expecting excellence but forgiving mistakes.

May they support their students, playing to strengths, helping with struggles and motivating them to do their best.

Please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community.

In Jesus name.

Amen



## A Great Performance

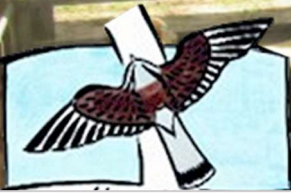


Well done to members of the Cranbrook Town Foundation Band who performed in St. Dunstan's Church on Monday as part of the Weald Music Festival. The group comprises of pupils learning brass instruments with Dr. Charlotte O'Neill and Mondays short concert included pupils from local primary schools of which 9 were from Hawkhurst (including 2 ex-pupils). Their next performance will again be at St. Dunstan's church in an afternoon concert with the main town band on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Do go along and support them if you can.



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## SUMMER Holiday MUSIC WORKSHOPS

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-18

LED BY Mrs Elizabeth Harris MMus

DATE	TIME	WORKSHOP	COST
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> JULY	10:00 – 12:00	Theory of Music Beginner to Grade 5 (max 15 students)	£20.00
TUESDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	10:00 – 10:45 (Beginner) 11:00 – 12:00 (5 notes and above)	Recorders (max 15 students in each session)	£7.50 £10.00
TUESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	10:00 – 12:00	Singing for ages 8 – 11 Songs from musicals / pop (max 20 students)	£15.00
TUESDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	10:00 – 12:00	Flute Ensemble grade 3 and above (max 15 students)	£20.00

- LOCATION** – Hawkhurst Baptist Church, Western Road, Hawkhurst, Kent. TN18 4BT (Limited Parking).
- All workshops are led by Mrs Elizabeth Harris MMus. Trained in Safeguarding and on the DBS update service.
- Please email [Harrisflutedreams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Harrisflutedreams@yahoo.co.uk) for further details and to book a place on any of the courses.
- Own instruments, theory books, and pencil are required (other materials will be provided).
- Music Stands – Please send your child with a music stand for recorder and flute ensembles if they own one.
- Participants are invited to bring a snack.



SPACES ARE LIMITED AND PAYABLE IN ADVANCE WITH A NO REFUND POLICY

### 2026 TOURNAMENT ALL LEVELS WELCOME

**BENENDEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

**Juniors**

- JUNIOR SINGLES Tuesday 21 July
- JUNIOR DOUBLES BOYS AND GIRLS Wednesday 22 July
- JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES Thursday 23 July

**Adults**

- MENS AND LADIES DOUBLES Saturday 25 July
- ADULT MIXED DOUBLES Sunday 26 July

**NEW EVENT**  
2<sup>ND</sup> GENERATION TOURNAMENT Friday 24 July

Come and play at this year's Benenden Tennis Tournament  
100% of our proceeds go to charity

To enter online: [www.benendentennistournament.com](http://www.benendentennistournament.com)  
Adult Tournament Email - [benendentennistournament@gmail.com](mailto:benendentennistournament@gmail.com)  
Junior Tournament Email - [juniortennistournament@gmail.com](mailto:juniortennistournament@gmail.com)

**A SELECTION OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT**

- The Caldecott Foundation
- catching lives
- foodbank
- MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
- VITAL CREATIVE

**SOME OF OUR SPONSORS**

- BENENDEN
- BH BURFELDS HOUSES
- FRIDAYS
- HGH
- HOTSHOTZ
- JUBILEE HIRE
- STRAWBERRY SPONSORS: Greenleaf Produce
- ADULT PRIZE SPONSOR: MUDWALL

## HAWKHURST 5K & 10K RUN

Sunday 21st June 2026

Start Time: 9:30 AM  
Free Children's Race at 9:00 AM

Scenic Rural Course  
5K & 10K Routes  
Medals & Prizes  
Father's Day Special

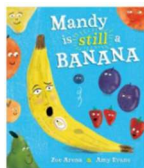
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME - FUN & FRIENDLY EVENT

**REGISTER NOW!**

[www.nice-work.org.uk](http://www.nice-work.org.uk)

Raising money for local charities in partnership with Highgate Hawkhurst WI

Community  
Hope  
Compassion



## Meet author Zoe Arena

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

Friday 29 May 10am

Perfect for Half-term

Free activity – booking advised

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer

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