



# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 01.

Friday, 06 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and an especially warm welcome to all of our new families. It was lovely to see so many smiling and happy children waiting at the gate on Tuesday.



Jodi Hacker

### Meet the Teacher



Next week we will be holding short "Meet the Teacher" sessions from 2:45 to 3:10 on the following days:

Monday 9th September: Year 2 and Year 3  
Tuesday 10th September: Year 4 and Year 5  
Wednesday 11th September: Year 1 and Year 6

If you are attending the sessions please come through the main office door. This is just a chance for your child's teacher to introduce themselves to you and to go through some expectations for the year (they are not individual consultation sessions).

If you are unable to make the sessions, or you have children in more than one class and they clash, a letter from the teacher will be sent out at the end of the week with all the information on.

### Certificate Assembly



As some of our classes have got bigger, we are struggling to get enough certificates in each week to ensure each child receives one per seasonal term. We are therefore going to change them slightly, so rather than me reading out a sometimes rather long reason for the certificate, we will be giving certificates each week to children who have demonstrated our school values. This way the larger classes can submit three or four a week. Parents may join us for this assembly at 2:45pm on a Friday starting on Friday 20th September.

### Hot Chocolate



On a Friday afternoon each week, two children from each class will be chosen to have hot chocolate. This is usually with me (Mrs Hacker), however, I sometimes have meetings which cannot be changed, so sometimes the hot chocolate will be with another member of staff. Children will be chosen for hot chocolate based on behaviour. Please bear in mind that for classes where we have 32 children, it will take 16 weeks to get through them all. Nobody will be forgotten or left out.

### Mrs Paton

A reminder that Mrs Paton, our Family Liaison Officer is available to meet with parents on a Monday to Thursday from 8:45am. If you would like to meet with her to discuss any concerns about your child, please ask at the office.



Most appointments can be given on the day.

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Play Place

Children | Young People | Communities

We are delighted to be able to offer wrap around care again this year through Play Place After School Club, which runs from 3:15 – 6pm.

Play Place are starting back a little later than us in September and you will be able to book sessions from Thursday 12th September.



There is still time to get your medal and certificate if you go into the library on Saturday morning. We are only a few children short for winning the trophy again, so any additional certificates we can get this weekend would be amazing!

## School Drop off

Please can children and parents wait at the top of the path until a member of staff is out and sends them in, to avoid a queue down the path towards the gate.



We will be holding a book fair in school the week beginning Monday 16th September. If the weather is nice we will set it up outside the office, if not it will be in the hall. Children may come in with you after school to have a look at the books and make any purchases. We get very good commission to spend on books for school, so your support with this is always much appreciated.



## Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for FSM, please use the link below to check. All KS1 children receive a free lunch, but you should still check and sign yourself up if possible as you will then receive supermarket vouchers during the holidays and the school receives additional money through Pupil Premium. Please follow this link to check if you are eligible:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



## After School Clubs

We will be offering a range of school clubs again this year. Teacher led clubs will start in Term 2 as teachers are still spending time getting to know their classes and children. There will also be some Premier Sports led clubs which will start earlier than school run clubs. Please see the end of the newsletter for Premier Sports clubs and sign up details.

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## Forest School

Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Year 2

Thursday: Year 1

Please send children to school dressed in Forest School clothes whatever the weather.



## Diary Dates

### 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

- Kent Test

### MON 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPT - THURS 19<sup>TH</sup>

- Book Fair

### TUES 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

- Flu vaccines

### 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT

- Harvest Service

## A Prayer to start the year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

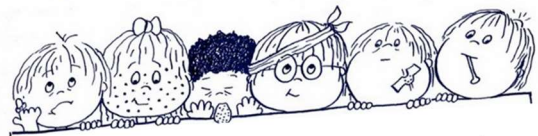
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Amen



## Reporting an absence.



If your child is absent from school, please let us know as early as possible either by phone call or through studybugs.

A reminder that the gates open at 8:35am and all children should be in school by 8:45am.



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Tunbridge Wells Family Hubs

## Timetable

2nd September - 25th October 2024

### Our Family Hubs:

**Sherwood**  
03000 418059  
Friars Way  
Tunbridge Wells  
TN2 3UA  
TWFamilyHub  
@kent.gov.uk

**Tunbridge Wells**  
03000 418059  
28A Grove Hill  
Tunbridge Wells  
TN1 1SD  
TWFamilyHub  
@kent.gov.uk

**Outreach Centre**  
(Cranbrook)  
03000 418059  
Carriers Way  
Cranbrook  
TN17 3JZ  
TWFamilyHub  
@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

### Monday

**Tunbridge Wells**  
Baby Time  
10:30am - 11:30am

**Sherwood**  
Talking Walk-in  
9:30am - 11:30am  
(3rd Monday of each month)

**Sherwood**  
Twins Group  
9:30am - 12:00pm  
(2nd and 4th Monday of each month)

**Tunbridge Wells**  
Talking Through the Teens  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

### Tuesday

**Tunbridge Wells**  
Bumps to Babies  
11:00am - 1:00pm

**Sherwood**  
Little Talkers  
1:30pm - 2:30pm

**Tunbridge Wells**  
Chill and Chat  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

### Wednesday

**Sherwood**  
Healthy Child Clinic and  
infant feeding support  
9:30am - 11:30am

**Tunbridge Wells**  
Family Carers Support Group  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
(1st Wednesday of each month)

**Outreach Centre**  
Stay and Play with Bookstart  
1:15pm - 2:45pm

### Thursday

**Sherwood**  
Baby Time  
10:30am - 11:30am

**Outreach Centre**  
Healthy Child Clinic and  
infant feeding support  
9:30am - 11:30am

**Virtual Course**  
Chatter Time  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Booking  
Required

### Friday

**Sherwood**  
Stay and Play with Bookstart  
9:30am - 11:00am

**Outreach Centre**  
Baby Time  
10:30am - 11:30am

**Outreach Centre**  
SEND Stay and Play  
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

[www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub)

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

## Information



### Baby Time

#### Weekly drop-in Session

Sessions include sensory play, heuristic play and singing, plus a chance for parents and carers to meet and receive advice and support and for babies to socialise with other babies.

Session age: newborn to walking

### Bumps to Babies

#### Weekly drop-in Session

A weekly session for parents under the age of 21. Advice and guidance as well as play activities to support your child's development.

Session age: parents aged 21 and under

### SEND Stay and Play

#### Weekly drop-in Session

We can help you with understanding your child's needs, tips and strategies to help at home, signposting to local SEND Support Services and getting the best from your child's education.

Session age: pre-school children

### Stay and Play with Bookstart

#### Weekly drop-in Session

Families can explore different activities each week based around early learning goals. These may include messy play, role play and arts and crafts. Sessions finish with story time and singing.

Session age: 0-5 years

### Chill and Chat

#### Weekly drop-in Session

Being a teenager is tough, how is it working for you so far? Come along to this drop-in for tea, toast and a chat.

Session age: for children aged 11+

### Child Health Clinic & Infant Feeding Support Group

#### Weekly drop-in Session

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Infant feeding information, advice and support is also available.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

### Twins Group

#### 2nd and 4th Monday of each month

Run by TN Twins - a stay and play session for families with twins and multiple births.

For more information email: [info@tntwins.uk](mailto:info@tntwins.uk)

Session age: 0-5 years

### Family Carers Support Group

#### 1st Wednesday of each month

For carers with 'Special Guardianship Orders' or informal fostering arrangements to come together and receive advice and support. Run jointly by Kinship Carers and KCC Special Guardian & Therapeutic Fostering Support Team. For more information call 03000 418059

### Talking Walk-in

#### 3rd Monday of each month

A play-based drop-in session where you can speak to a speech and language therapist if you are concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills.

Session age: pre-school children

### Little Talkers

#### 6 Week Course starting 17 September

A course for parents/carers to learn new techniques and useful hints and tips for developing your child's speech. During the sessions there will be some focused 'fun' activities for you to do with your child, as well as some group time to improve listening skills and turn taking.

Session age: 2-5 years. BOOKING REQUIRED

### Chatter Time

#### 2 Week Virtual Course, dates to be confirmed

Support your pre-school child's communication and language development. Each week we will focus on a different communication skill to provide you with tips and advice on how speech and language develops.

Session age: for parents of pre-school children BOOKING REQUIRED

### Talking Through the Teens

#### Parenting Drop-In

Raising a teenager is challenging, how are you coping? Come along to our drop-in session to share your experiences and gain support and advice from others.

Session age: for parents of children aged 11+

### Healthy Start Vitamins

Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?

If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door.

### Free for 2

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!

For more information and how to apply:

### Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visitor  
0300 7900 243

Midwife  
01892 638 458

### Courses throughout the year

We work closely with Adult Education who have a great selection of courses available, these are promoted on our social media platforms.

Your Health Visitor/Family Support Worker and other professionals are able to make referrals for you to attend other appropriate courses held within our Family Hubs and on-line, please contact us for more information.

@TunbridgeWellsFamilyHubs

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## Robertsbridge Community College

11-16 Comprehensive  
NOR: 765

Acting Headteacher:  
Mr Clive Rosewell

## Open Evening

You are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 17 October 6.00-8.30pm.

Open Morning Tours will be held 9.10 & 10.10am on 14th - 16th - 21st - 22nd & 23rd October.

Advance booking for the Open Morning tours is essential; please contact Reception on 01580 880360 to book.

Tour spaces are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

[www.robertsbridge.org.uk](http://www.robertsbridge.org.uk)

Robertsbridge Community College  
Knelle Road, Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5EA

01580 880360



## Premier Education

Monday after school Gymnastics  
Year 3 - Year 4 - £5 - 15:15 - 16:30

Friday after school Football  
Year 1 - Year 6 - £5 - 15:15 - 16:30

### Booking Link

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/375/>

Premier Education is the UK's No.1 provider of sport and physical activity to primary schools.



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