

Hawkhurst

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Friday, 09 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have missed the sunshine this week, but hopefully next week is going to be brighter.

Clubs

A reminder that next week is the last week of school led clubs for this academic year.



Jodie Hurrell

Staffing News

Ms Dembowicz, a 1-1 Teaching Assistant in Year 6 will be leaving us at the end of this term to begin training for a new career path. We would like to thank Ms Dembowicz for all her work here at Hawkhurst and wish her all the very best in her next venture

Miss Gavin who is a student volunteer will also be leaving us at the end of term 5 to focus on her course work. We would like to thank her for all the time she has given us and we wish her lots of luck with her continued studies.

Year 3 Reading Cafe

A reminder for Y3 parents that we will be holding a Reading Café on Wednesday 3rd June from 9:15 – 10:15. This will give you the opportunity to come in and look at books with your child and work with them on some follow up activities. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits! Please do come along if you can.

PTA Disco

We are very excited to be hosting a DISCO in school on Wednesday 21st May.

KS1 will start at 3:15 and finish at 4:20.

Children may bring their clothes to school and they will be able to change before the end of the day.

At the end of their disco we will take them back to their classes as they will have bags and lunch boxes, and you should collect them from their usual pick up point outside their classroom.

The KS2 disco will start at 4:30 and finish at 5:45pm.

Please collect KS2 children from the hall. If your child is walking home on their own after the disco, please ensure you have let the office know.

Thank you to our PTA for organising this.

Census Menu

Please could we encourage you to let your child have a school lunch on Thursday 15th May (next week). This will be free for Rainbow, Red and Orange Classes. It is a special census day menu and we get additional funding for every child having a school dinner on that day.



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.8	89.7	-1.7
Year 1	94.3	93.8	+5.1
Year 2	94.5	97.7	+0.7
Year 3	95.0	98.0	+0.1
Year 4	93.9	93.8	-1.3
Year 5	96.7	94.5	-3.9
Year 6	95.0	97.5	+1.5

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 **Yellow** Class who will receive an extra playtime next week.

Hot Chocolate with Miss Anstee

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

Rainbow: Elsie H & William P

Y1: Teddy N And Tennessee

Y2: Jakob and Vishmita

Y3: Qailah and Zinnia

Y4: Samuel and Penny

Y5: Awa and Alyssia

Y6: Jessica and Erica



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Catch up with Yellow Class



Year 3 have been inspired by Henri Matisse this term and experimenting with different techniques such as sketching, painting and cutting. We used his Parakeet and the Mermaid (1952) work to create our own versions. We came up with our own animals to replace the parakeet and mermaid such as the octopus and the dragon, the jellyfish and the squid etc.



VE Day Picnic

It was lovely to see the children dressed in red, white and blue yesterday for VE day. Thank you for the donations towards the picnic in the afternoon.



Forest School

Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Green Class

Wednesday: Rainbow

Thursday: Red Class

Could we please ask you to ensure children have Forest School clothing appropriate for the weather conditions and sensible waterproof footwear.



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Well Done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week :-

Rainbow - Bodhi and Maisie A

Yr 1 - Tennessee and Ezra

Yr 2 - Felicity and Guntasveer

Yr 3 - Teddy and Deacon

Yr 4 - Albert and Anderida

Yr 5 - Violet and Owen

Yr 6 - Michael and Nell



We were visited on Tuesday by Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine who put on a show for every class about the importance of Mental Health.

The children learnt about some of the steps to building resilience and self-esteem, such as getting enough sleep, taking a break from technology and talking to a someone they trust when worried.

The show was very entertaining and each class has been given some sunflower seeds to plant and watch grow!



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Year 6 parents



SAVE THE DATE - There will be a workshop around transition to Secondary school at 1:30pm on Thursday 5th June. More information coming soon.

coffee morning

If you have received an invitation to the Neurodiversity coffee morning, please remember to confirm or decline on Arbor

A Prayer to end the week



May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the Spring.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Diary Dates

19TH-22ND MAY

- Year 6 Bikeability

23RD MAY

- Last day of Term 5

2ND JUN

- First Day of Term 6

3RD JUN

- Class Photos
- Yr 3 Reading Cafe - 9:15-10:15AM

4TH JUN

- Reading Cafe for Y3 - 9:15-10:15AM

5TH JUN

Y6 Transitioning to Secondary School - 1:30PM

13TH JUN

- Grandparents Afternoon 1PM

20TH JUN

- Sports Day (KS1 AM / KS2 PM)

2ND JUL

Year R Vision Screening

3RD JUL

2:00pm Rocksteady Concert



Swimming for Year 4 & 5 at Weald Sports Centre

Thursdays : 5th Jun, 12 Jun, 19th Jun, 26th Jun, 3rd Jul, 10th Jul

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Catch up with Green Class



Year 4 have produced some very good self portraits. Here are just a few from the display.

And with Violet Class



Year 6 have used a variety of techniques to make some very effective collages based on insects.

ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE CHANGING TIMES

A new chapter is beginning for Royal Victoria Place, and your input is important.

Parts of the centre are underused, and we're exploring how they could be reimagined for modern retail, town centre living, community, and leisure spaces.



What is happening?

Royal Victoria Place is under new local ownership, following Tunbridge Wells Borough Council purchasing the centre in October 2023.

There is now a unique opportunity to rethink how this key space serves the town and wider area, and ideas are being gathered to inform future decisions and ensure the centre plays a valuable role for years to come.

Now's your chance to tell us what you want to see here.

The engagement period will run between **2 May to 25 May**, visit rvpfuture.com to find out more about local events around the borough and ways to get involved, or scan the QR code on the next page to take the short survey.

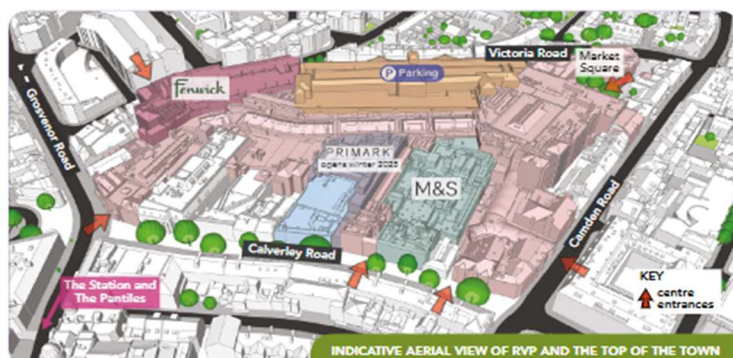
Changing times - an opportunity for more

Parts of the shopping centre are vacant, such as the food court. Or, like Ely Court and Market Square, they are underutilised or no longer suitable for modern retail requirements and modern consumer trends. As a result, we are exploring new activities and alternative uses for these spaces as well as opportunities to relocate existing tenants to busier and more appropriate locations.

These changes aim to unlock redevelopment potential, support the local economy, deliver community benefit and new town centre living, whilst safeguarding the Council's investment.

Progress so far

- 1992 - Royal Victoria Place opens to the public
- Oct 2023 - Tunbridge Wells Borough Council purchases the centre
- Jan 2024 - Social media survey to understand what future brands and uses under 35's would like to see in the future
- Mid 2024 - Responding to feedback, Primark is secured for the centre, alongside other new brands. Investment is directed towards events and marketing to enhance the centre's vitality and vibrancy
- End of 2024 - RivingtonHark appointed to undertake a feasibility study to understand future options for redundant and underused space in the centre. Major refurbishment of Royal Victoria Place car park is approved
- Now (Spring 2025) - Public opinion sought as part of feasibility study



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

This is just the start.
Your input will guide the next steps - and we are committed to keeping local people informed every step of the way.



SATURDAY 10TH MAY
11AM - 3PM

GAMES & CRAFTS | PLANT SALE | MEET OUR ANIMALS
LIVE MUSIC | REFRESHMENTS | AND MORE!
DANDELION TIME, CHARLTON LANE, WEST FARLEIGH, ME15 0NY

MAY FAYRE

£3 ENTRY

You're invited

We'd love to welcome you to this year's Dandelion Time May Fayre!

- Date: Saturday 10th May
- Location: Dandelion Time, Charlton Lane, West Farleigh, ME15 0NY
- Time: 11am - 3pm
- Entry: £3 suggested donation, children go free

The May Fayre is more than just a fundraiser — it's a celebration of the community and the incredible work we do together to support children facing emotional challenges.



What's on

- Meet our animals and explore the beauty of our 22-acre site
- Get hands-on with craft activities central to our therapeutic work
- Enjoy live music, storytelling, and puppet shows
- Play traditional games like Tin Can Alley and Splat the Rat
- Shop at the Bramley Bazaar featuring local artisans, cakes, books, toys and plants
- Relax with tea and cake at our English Country Tea Shop, or indulge in a BBQ sausage, or try a veggie Buddha bowl from Charlie's Angels Kitchens

This is your chance to soak up the unique atmosphere of Dandelion Time and support a cause that changes lives. Every donation and taking part in our fundraising activities helps us make a real difference.

We hope to see you there!

With warm wishes,

The Dandelion Time Team

A couple of things to note...

- There is plenty of parking at the event, please respect our neighbours by not parking on the road
- While we love animals, no dogs are allowed at the event - with the exception of assistance dogs.



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1:1's & SUMMER INTENSIVES



1:1's available at Leeds & Staplecross
May half term:

Leeds dates: 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th May
Staplecross dates: 27th & 28th May

Summer:

Leeds dates: 29th & 30th July
Leeds dates: 5th, 6th, 19th & 21st August
Staplecross dates: 19th, 20th & 25th August

Intensive week available at Linton & Staplecross

Linton & Staplecross: 28th July - 1st August
Leeds: 12th - 14th August

Book via our website
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