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Friday, 14 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school and there has been lots of exciting learning going on in classrooms.



Pupil Premium

If you're child is not registered as pupil premium (free school meals), but you think you may be eligible, please can we ask you to sign up for this. The school receives additional funding for all children who are pupil premium and you will receive vouchers to use at all the main supermarkets during school holidays. Please us the following link to check if you are eligible and to sign up:

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

Headlice

A reminder that we would appreciate you checking your child's hair regularly as we have had a few cases of headlice. Please ensure any cases are treated before your child returns to school.

Forest School

As we are now in the colder and wetter months, please ensure your child's FS clothes are suitable for being outdoors for the afternoon and for working in the mud and wet.

Christmas Jumper Day

Although National Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children is on Thursday 12th December this year. We would like to tie ours in with our Christmas lunch day so we will have our Jumper day on Wednesday 17th December. Any donations raised through this will be sent to Save the Children. If you have any good quality Christmas jumpers which you would be happy to donate to the school / PTA, please bring these to the office.

Parent Workshop

A reminder that our NHS Mental Health Team will be running a parent workshop on "Challenging Behaviour" on Thursday next week at 2pm. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list outside the office. See the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to the head boy and girl who went to lay a wreath at the War Memorial on Tuesday.





Behaviour

We receive a lot of compliments from visitors about behaviour and calmness in school, and this is something we work hard on to ensure behaviour management is consistent across the school, in the classrooms and out on the playground. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some niggly behaviour across the school, which has caused a great deal of stress and taken staff out of classroom time whilst we deal with it. All children have been reminded of our expectations and what is and is not appropriate on the playground and in the classroom.

We would be really grateful if you could reiterate our message at home, that all children should be ready to learn, be polite and respectful and should treat other children kindly.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



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

YR: Huxley and Reggie

Y1: Gus and Annabel

Y2: Tommy and Ezra

43: Chloe and Jack

Y4: Emily and Qailah

Y5: Penny and Albie

YG: Elliott and Zara-May



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Astrodome

Rainbow, Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely time in the Astrodome in the school hall on Tuesday morning! Thank you to the staff who organised this.





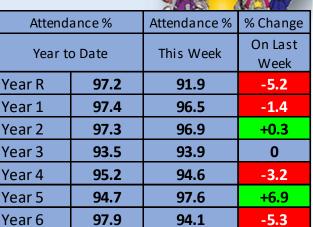
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Attendance

ending Horizons



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 Blue Class.

Forest School



Tuesday: Green Class (Yr4)

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday: Blue Class (Yr5)

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

20TH NOV

• NHS Challenging Behaviour Workshop at 1:30pm

28TH NOV

• PTA Event : Own clothes day in exchange for two 'gifts'

3RD DEC

PTA Event : Film 'night'

9TH DEC

- KS1 Nativity 9:30am
- PTA Event : "Elfridges" event KS1

10TH DEC

- Rainbow Nativity 9:30am
- PTA Event : "Elfridges" event KS2

11TH DEC

KS1 Nativity 1:30pm

SUNDAY 14TH DEC

• 6:30pm Choir singing at Hawkhurst Baptist Church Carol Service.

17TH DEC

- Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Concert for parents of K Slowgrove music pupils 2.30pm

18TH DEC

 Rocksteady Concert for parents of Rocksteady pupils at 2:30pm

19TH DEC

Christmas Service 9am at St Laurence's Church

20TH DEC

Last Day of Term 2



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

Rain<mark>bow</mark> Isaac, Sienna and Ethan

Yr 1 Molly, Bodhi and Dexter

Yr 2 Alexi, Charlotte and Faaizah

Yr 3

Oliver, Antalya and Sadie

Yr 4 Amelia, Deacon and Sienna

Yr 5 Clem, Teddy W and Fletcher

Yr 6 Violet, Johnny and Marko

A Prayer to End the Week



Almighty God,

I pray for the parents and families represented in our school.

Give them wisdom as they support their children's education.

Help them create home environments conducive to learning and growth.

Let our schools be places where truth is taught, excellence is pursued, and character is developed.

May Your light shine brightly through students and staff, drawing others to know You.

We commit our school year to You, trusting in Your faithful care and guidance.

In Jesus' mighty name.

Amen.





PTAUPDATE

With Christmas looming, it might feel like the word 'PTA' is everywhere – advertising events, selling things, and generally trying to empty your wallets!

We thought now would be the perfect time to reintroduce ourselves and explain what we do, why we do it, and how every bit of support helps our school community.

What is the PTA?

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a group of parents, carers, and school staff who work together to support the school through fundraising and community events. Every penny raised helps provide extra resources and experiences that make a difference for our children.

We follow a simple set of rules to keep everything fair, safe, and transparent – making sure your support goes exactly where it's needed.

Self-Portrait Tea Towels



Recent Totals

Autumn Disco

£529.36

Bonfire Bake Sale



Upcoming events



2026 Fundraising Targets

Since starting, the PTA have raised funds to support the school with various projects.

Next week we will announce this years fundraising targets and provide more details about where your money goes.

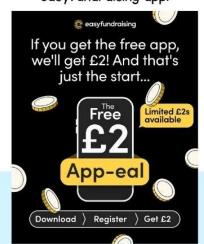
Please remember, there's never any pressure to take part or donate – join in as and when you can! Every bit of support, big or small, is always appreciated.

Any questions or want to know more?

hawkhurstpta@gmail.com

easyfundraising

With Black Friday and Christmas approaching, please remember to sign up and shop using easyfundraising. More details next week including some tips and tricks to get the most from the easyfundraising app.



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Extending Horizons

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Why Choose Us?

QUALIFIED, FRIENDLY
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CERTIFIED BY STA
PROGRAMS FROM BABY TO
ADULTS
SMALL CLASSES
HEATED INDOOR POOLS



Our Programs:

BABY & TODDLER (4 WEEKS TO 4 YEARS) JUNIOR (PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE) 1:1/2:1 LESSONS INTENSIVE COURSES DIVING AND TUMBLE TURN CLINIC FAMILY FUN SWIMS



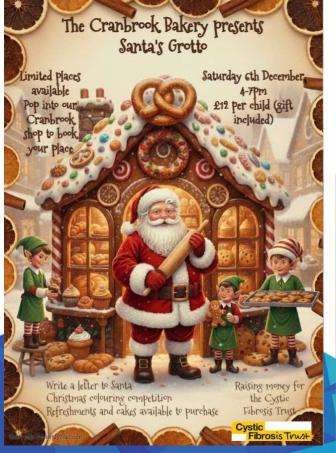








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Parent Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams Medway Emotional Support Teams

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Thursday 20th November 2025 1.30pm—3pm

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.

This workshop will be held at Hawkhurst Primary School. If you have any questions please speak to your school team.

We look forward to meeting you





KING AARDVARK PRESENTS:

The Aardvarks Big Band

IN A SPECIAL CONCERT AT

St. LAURENCE CHURCH, THE MOOR, HAWKHURST

SATURDAY 15THNOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM.

Doors open at 6.30pm





Parenting in a Digital World

Keeping children safe and supported online is a huge concern for teachers and parents alike. The internet can feel overwhelming and intimidating at times, and many are unsure how best to help their children through it.

That's why we've put together a guide on 'Parenting in the Digital World', available to be downloaded and shared. With tips on supporting children at home, sections on cyber-bullying, digital footprints, content consumption, and much more, the guide is a fantastic resource to help put Parents at ease, and to keep children safe.

https://purplemash.com/app/code/docs/Saferin ternet parentinginadigitalworld 2019







Please donate to the Mayor's Toy Appeal

The Mayor's Toy Appeal helps children in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells whose families find Christmas an especially difficult time of year.

We are looking for new toys and gifts for children aged between 3 months and 18 years.*

Scan here to see our Amazon Wishlist. You can send gifts directly to us via our Amazon Wishlist (just scan the QR below) or purchase locally and drop off at one of our collection points listed below!

*New toys only please No guns or candles.



Thank you for your support. For more information please visit twmta.co.uk or contact trevor.crawford@mayorstoyappeal.co.uk















