



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

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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.



Jodi Hurrell

Pupil Premium

If your 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 use 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.



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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.



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

Y3: Chloe and Jack

Y4: Emily and Qailah

Y5: Penny and Albie

Y6: 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



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	97.2	91.9	-5.2
Year 1	97.4	96.5	-1.4
Year 2	97.3	96.9	+0.3
Year 3	93.5	93.9	0
Year 4	95.2	94.6	-3.2
Year 5	94.7	97.6	+6.9
Year 6	97.9	94.1	-5.3

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 *Blue* Class.

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

Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be:

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>

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

Rainbow

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.



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PTA UPDATE

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

Deadline for ordering tea towels is
SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Design 1 – Reception, Y1 & Y2

Design 2 – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

£6 each

The perfect Christmas gift or keepsake!



Recent Totals

Autumn Disco

£529.36



Bonfire Bake Sale

£213.62

THANK YOU!



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 year's 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.



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.



Any questions or want to know more?

hawkhurstpta@gmail.com

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KATE'S



NOW ENROLLING
LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE!

Swimming

Why Choose Us?

QUALIFIED, FRIENDLY
INSTRUCTOR
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



www.katesswimming.co.uk

The Cranbrook Bakery presents Santa's Grotto

Limited places
available
Pop into our
Cranbrook
shop to book
your place

Saturday 6th December
4-7pm
£12 per child (gift
included)



Write a letter to Santa
Christmas colouring competition
Refreshments and cakes available to purchase

Raising money for
the Cystic
Fibrosis Trust

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NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Parent Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

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 15TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM.

Doors open at 6.30pm

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Skinner's Christmas Fair

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER
11AM TO 2PM

Games & Challenges | BBQ & Mulled Wine | Crafts & Stalls

Free Entry!

Hampers | Raffle | Cafe
Tombolas | Live Band | Gifts
Wesson Bucks | Uniform Sale

THE SKINNERS' SCHOOL TN4 9PG
www.pta-events.co.uk/skinnersschool

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/Saferinternet_parentinginadigitalworld_2019



No child should wake up to nothing under the tree.



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.*

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.

Scan here to see our Amazon Wishlist.

Please drop gifts at one of the following: Maddisons Residential; St George's Childcare; The Amelia; Barsleys; Trinity Theatre; Royal Victoria Place; Big Yellow and Notcutts.

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

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