

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 12.

Friday, 28 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have definitely felt the cold this week! There is a great deal of excitement in school at the moment building up to Christmas!

Please ensure you read the newsletter each week to note down any dates for all the activities that are coming up.



Jodi Hurrell

Certificate Assembly

There will be no certificate assembly next Friday (5th December) as the children will be in the hall watching the Pantomime in the afternoon.

Thank You's

Thank you to Mrs Poland, Mrs Harper and the Choir who will be out and about singing in the villages over the next few weeks. A lot of work has gone into learning and rehearsing the songs.

Thank you for all the donations of gifts that have been brought in today for the PTA Elfridges event next week.



Year 1 Forest School

Please note that there will be no Forest School for Year 1 next Thursday (4th December) as the children will be involved in the dress rehearsal for their Nativity.

Christmas Lunch



Our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 17th December and children may wear a Christmas jumper on this day. If your child would like a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December, please sign them on the sheet outside the office by Friday 5th December, 3.15pm. You will need to sign them up even if they are in Rainbow, Yr 1 or Yr 2.

If you pay for your child's school lunch, you will need to pay for this on Caterlink in the normal way. Thank you. (Please note: There will be no jacket potato option on this day).

Assessments

A reminder that children will be doing their end of Autumn assessments next week. We will share your child's results with you at the start of Term 3.



Christmas Concerts

A reminder of our Christmas Concert dates:
(For the parents of children who play in different bands in school)

- Monday 15 December: Brass band at 2:30pm
- Wednesday 17 December: Katie Slowgrove at 2:30pm
- Thursday 18 December: Rocksteady at 2:30pm.

All of these will be in the school hall.



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Nativities



A reminder that you need to sign up for tickets outside the office to come to the performances.

KS1

Will be on Tuesday 9th December at 9:30am and Thursday 11th December at 1:30pm. You may sign up for two seats for each performance.

Rainbow

Will be on Wednesday 10th December at 9:30am. You may sign up for up to 4 seats.

Once everyone has signed up, we will let you know if there are any spare spaces.



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

YR: - Arthur, Teddy & Isaac

Y1: - Archie S & William

Y2: - Teddy & Roni

Y3: - Jenson F & Guntasveer

Y4: - Elsie PJ & Daisy

Y5: - Ian & Ethan

Y6: - Darcie C & April



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	95.7	81.6	-10.3
Year 1	97.2	95.4	-1.1
Year 2	97.5	99.0	+2.1
Year 3	93.1	89.4	-4.5
Year 4	95.5	97.9	+3.2
Year 5	94.9	96.5	-1.1
Year 6	97.8	96.9	+2.8

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 next week will be:

Tuesday: Violet Class (Yr6)

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday : No Forest School Today due to Nativity Dress Rehearsals.

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

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.

15TH DEC

- Concert for parents of brass pupils at 2:30pm

17TH DEC

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

18TH DEC

- 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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Forest School with Blue Class

Thank you to St Ronan's School who took half of Year 5 for a morning in their Forest School this week. The other half of the class will be going over for the same trip next term. Amongst the many activities, pupils learnt how to tie Reef and Bow Line knots; how to start a camp fire without matches; and then had hot chocolate, twisted bread on sticks and S'Mores which they cooked on the fire.

Thank you to Simon Curd, our Chair of Governors and Mrs Paton for organising and leading this.



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

Rainbow

Eliza, Natalia and Lucas

Yr 1

Jadyn, Cleo & Gus

Yr 2

Matthew, Tammy & Evie

Yr 3

Jakob, Toby & Antalya

Yr 4

Freya, Kieran & Harriet

Yr 5

Malachi, Lucy & Tony

Yr 6

Benji, Oliver, Elliott & Zara-May

A Prayer to End the Week



Father,

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

The Big Fundraising Target

Last week we announced that we are going to set ourselves the incredible target of raising enough money this year to buy a class set of suitable laptops. The current laptops have served the school well for many years, but they're now becoming slow and outdated.

A new class set of laptops will make a huge difference across the school, giving every child more opportunities to develop their digital skills and take part in interactive learning. It means whole-class lessons can happen at the same time, teachers can plan more engaging activities, and children can build confidence using technology that supports modern learning. This investment will benefit every year group throughout the school.

Our aim is to put 75% of each fundraiser or event into "the laptop pot" and hopefully by the end of the academic year we will have reached our target.

From the events held so far this year (Quiz Night, Autumn Disco and Bonfire Bake Sale) we have added £1638.70 meaning already we have achieved an amazing 22%!

Thank you!

£3

ELFRIDGES



Last chance to buy tickets is Friday 5th December via the PTA events website. No cash tickets will be available for this event after this date.

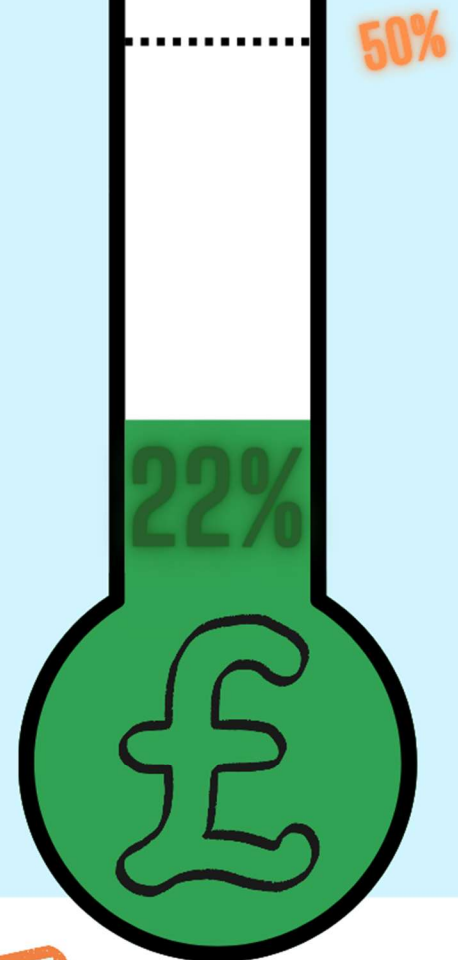
With the help of our PTA elves, each child will be able to choose 2 presents from our festive shop and wrap them up for a family member or friend.

This will be done during school hours so no need for parents to attend.

Only one ticket required per child which gains them entrance to the shop.



£7500!!



Any questions or want to know more about anything discussed in this weeks update?

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Festive family fun at Hands of Hope



SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

10AM - 12PM

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

HANDS OF HOPE
MOOR HILL, HAWKHURST

WWW.HOHCHARITY.CO.UK



ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE
CHANGING TIMES

Royal Victoria Place is Changing Have Your Say!

The designs to transform Royal Victoria Place into a more vibrant, mixed-use destination include:

-  A boutique cinema and new leisure spaces at Ely Court
-  A repurposed Palm Court with enhanced retail and community leisure space
-  New homes on Market Square



Your Feedback Matters

These proposals will guide a planning application targeted for Easter 2026, and now is your chance to help shape them.

Join the Public Engagement

Come and see the evolving designs in person. Meet the project team, explore the proposals, share your thoughts and help shape the future of Royal Victoria Place.

Public Events will be hosted in Unit 43 which sits on the Upper Mall. Nearest entrance Five Ways.
Between The Perfume Shop and A Few Good Men Barbers

Friday 28 November
2 - 5pm

Saturday 29 November
10am - 2pm

Saturday 6 December
10am - 2pm

Can't attend?

Visit rvpfuture.com between Thursday 27 November and Friday 12 December to view the engagement materials and share your feedback through our online form.

We want to make engagement as easy as possible. If you find it difficult to share feedback online or in person, please contact us below. We can ensure that physical copies of the engagement materials and feedback form are provided to you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: info@rvpfuture.com | 07808 871 035 | "Freeport REDWOOD" | rvpfuture.com

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Your local music
community



Kent Music Centres are welcoming hubs where children, young people and adults come together to make music and grow their skills.

From choirs and orchestras to rock bands and creative music groups, there's something for every interest and every stage.

Lessons and groups are all led by friendly, experienced tutors who support and encourage your musical progress.

Whether you're picking up an instrument for the first time or looking for your next musical challenge, there's a place for you here.

Find your local Music Centres in Ashford, Folkestone, Gravesham, Maidstone, Medway Towns, Sevenoaks, Thanet, and Tonbridge.

We look forward to making music with you!

www.kent-music.com/music-centres

Centre membership is affordable and accessible.

Join a group at your local Music Centre and you'll get access to any group, at any Centre, at no extra cost.

New group members enjoy their first half term free!*

Financial assistance is available for lessons, Centre membership, instrument hire and more.

*T&Cs apply



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