



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 14.

Friday, 12 December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has been involved this week in some of our Christmas events – watching the Nativity plays, helping with Elfridges. It has been a busy week and next week is set to be even busier with several Christmas Concerts, the choir going out singing, Christmas lunch and the Christmas Service at the church!



Jodi Hurrell

Carol Service

Next Friday is our Christmas Service at St Laurence's Church.



Children should go straight to the Church for 8:45am and the service will start at 9am.

All families are welcome to join us. If you are able to help us walk the children back after the service, please let the office or your class teacher know.

Breakfast Club will be on as normal for children who usually attend on a Friday.

Please ensure they are here in time to walk to the Church with staff at 8:15.

In the case of bad weather, the service will be held in the school hall, but we will be very limited on space.

Class Parties



Class Christmas parties will be on the following days next week. Staff will let you know via an Arbor message anything that the children need to bring.

Year 3: Wednesday, Year R & 1: Thursday

Year 2, 4, 5 & 6 : Friday

Community Fridge



We have had an email from the Friends of Hawkhurst to tell us the good news that the Community Fridge will be back up and running in a few weeks.

They would love any new volunteers to join them even if it is only an hour once a fortnight. If you are able to help, please contact Stephanie Brushfield, Project Lead at hawkhurstcommunityfridge@gmail.com

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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Brass Band Concert



On Sunday our brass band played in the Cranbrook Town Band Concert at Lamberhurst Church. They were absolutely magnificent and I was very proud of them. A special mention to Clem and Marko who received awards for their progress this year. We are so very grateful to CTB and Dr Charlotte O'Neill in particular, for providing this opportunity for our pupils.



Parents of Years 4 & 5 Children



A date for your diary: I will be holding a brief 11+ meeting on Tuesday 27th January at 2:45pm for parents of children in Y4 and Y5 who would like to know more about the Kent Test. If you are interested in this but unable to make the meeting, please let me know and I will ensure you get a letter detailing what I have discussed.

KS1 Nativity



Well done to our fabulous KS1 children for their Nativity performance this week. A huge thank you to Miss Hanson, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs Haynes, Mrs Elmes, Mrs Harper and Mrs Griffen for all of the work that went into this. We have a lot of photos of the children in their costumes on the school website :-

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/gallery/ks1-nativity-2025>



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Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	94.0	93.7	+9.3
Year 1	96.5	91.0	-1.4
Year 2	97.1	91.7	-5.0
Year 3	92.2	91.1	+8.9
Year 4	95.6	94.3	-2.9
Year 5	94.6	95.5	+3.1
Year 6	97.9	94.7	-4.0

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.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

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

Rainbow - Wren and Natalia

Red - Archie R and Hudson

Orange - Ana and Cleo

Yellow - Jakob and Antalya

Green - Kieran and Harriet

Blue - Ella and Summer





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Rainbows

Well done to our Rainbow Class who performed Whoops a Daisy Angel this week. They were absolute stars and we are so proud of them. A huge thank you to Miss Gorham, Miss Harper and Mrs Garrett for all the wonderful work they do in EYFS.

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Outdoor Library

We now have an Outdoor Library on the hall wall.
This is your library to:

GIVE: Give your books - all donations appreciated.

TAKE: Take books and keep them forever

BORROW: Borrow books and put them back when you have finished.

A big thank you to The Hawkhurst Shedders for making our Outdoor Library. Thank you to Mrs Beales for orchestrating this.



Competition Entries

Last week we submitted five entries from Years 4, 5 and 6 for the National Literacy Trust Verse Novel Challenge. Verse Novels are full-length stories, but written as poetry (not necessarily rhyming poetry though!)

The children read a Verse Novel, chose an extract and then recorded it. The recordings have been submitted to a National Competition.



This week they performed their extracts to KS2 and were given their certificates. The standard of the performances was fantastic and hopefully other children will be inspired to read a Verse Novel. You can hear all of our entries by visiting the school website :-

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/national-literacy-trust-verse-novel-challenge>

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Diary Dates

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

19TH DEC

- Last Day of Term 2

5TH JAN

- First Day of Term 3

27TH JAN

- 11+ Meeting for Y4 & 5 Parents : 2:45pm

28TH-30TH JAN

- Year 6 Residential Trip

2ND FEB

- Parent Workshop - "Resilience" at 1:45pm

6TH FEB

- Yoga Workshops - whole school

CERTIFICATE of EXCELLENCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO DATE

IN RECOGNITION OF

CLASS TEACHER

HEAD TEACHER



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

Rainbow
Whole Class

Yr 1
Annabel and Marshall

Yr 2
Mia Link and Marco

Yr 3
Josh S, Felicity and Chloe

Yr 4
Rosie, Mason and Riley

Yr 5
Dennis, Freya and Penny

Yr 6
Darcie G, Awa and Toby

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PTA News

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA for organising and hosting Elfridges this week. The children had a wonderful time and it ran like clockwork. We will let you know how much this has raised once we have the final count.



Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be :

Wednesday: Rainbow Class

Thursday morning: Years 5 and 6

Could we please ask you to ensure children have Forest School clothing appropriate for the weather.

A full Forest School Timetable for Term 3 will be sent out and also be available on the school website at the end of this term.

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/forest-school/forest-school-timetable-for-2025-26>

A Prayer to End the Week



Father,

May love come alive within our hearts

As Christmas time draws near.

May hope fill each room we decorate

And bring joy to those we hold dear.

May peace be before us at every meal

And faith ring through every song.

For Christ is alive, the light of the world

May he bless us all season long.

Amen.



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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ANXIETY

Discover ways to help your child manage their anxiety.

Where: Share experiences of anxiety and increase your understanding of anxiety with other parents and carers in a supportive group.
Tunbridge Wells Family Hub
39A Grove Hill Road
Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD

Date:
Monday 19th January

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

To book a place please contact:
tunbridgewellsfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk



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MANAGING SLEEP

Explore healthy sleep habits and strategies together.

Where: Join us in a supportive space to discuss bedtime routines, practical sleep strategies and more, to improve your family's wellbeing.
Greenfields Family Hub,
Rutland Way, Maidstone,
ME15 8DR

Date:
Tuesday 20th January

Time: 9:30-11:30

To book a place please contact:
Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk



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Cranbrook Choral



Cranbrook Town Band

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**SATURDAY
13 DECEMBER
6PM**

St Dunstan's Cranbrook

Tickets: £10, Under 16 free
Online: www.cranbrookchoral.org.uk
or on the door on the night



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