



# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School

### Newsletter No 17.

Friday, 16 January 2026

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the constant rain we have had a lovely week in school! There has been a lot of singing as the choir prepare for their day at the O2 Arena to participate in the Young Voices Concert, there has been lots of cooking this week and some wonderful art work taking shape in Year 6!



Jodi Hurrell

#### 11+ Meeting

A reminder that there will be a meeting on Tuesday 27th January at 2:45 for parents of children in Years 4 and 5 who are considering entering their children for the Kent Test. This will be to provide information on how the test works and considerations you may wish to make before entering your child. If you are not considering the 11+ as an option, you do not need to attend.



#### Inset Day

A reminder that the Monday after half-term is an Inset day, so children return to school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Dogs

Please can we remind you that you should not be bringing dogs onto the school grounds with you.



#### Family Breakfast



A reminder that we will be holding our Spring Family Breakfast on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, from 8 – 8:30am in the school hall. Pre school children are welcome to attend with you, but unfortunately, we do not have room for older siblings. A sign up sheet will be going up outside the office shortly.

#### A Message from Susan Rogers

I am very pleased to let you know that Cranbrook Library will be reopening on Thursday 22nd January at 10am.

We've been busy behind the scenes getting ready for something special. The recent closure was to prepare for a new look Cranbrook Library, a more connected space for the community.

Kent Family Hubs will also be joining us here in the near future - bringing even more support for children, young people and families, all under one roof!

Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for more information.

#### Can you Help?

We would like to set up a den building area on the playground and need some equipment to help make this happen. Do you have an old clothes airer that you would be able to let us have? We'd also appreciate any light weight fleecy blankets that are still in good condition and clothes pegs. Thank you in advance for any help and donations.

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#### Poster Winners



Well done to everyone in years 4 and 5 who took part in the poster competition celebrating the upcoming visit of author Tom Palmer.

Tom has written over 60 children's books and will be visiting the school in a few weeks time.

Congratulations to the 6 winners (3 from each class) who were each given one of Tom's books as a prize.

All of the entries are on display in the Library.



#### Coping with a Wet Week

It may have been a wet week but we have found plenty to do indoors. Rather than use the Forest School Pizza oven, Blue Class came inside and cooked their pizzas "Calzone" style. They also made some great play equipment models.



Twister, Jenga and Chess have also been popular at break times.



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

#### Rainbow

Isaac, Freya and Reid

#### Yr 1

Laurie, Albert and Willow

#### Yr 2

Charlotte, Ana and Alexi

#### Yr 3

Antalya, Koa and Oscar

#### Yr 4

Olive, Dolly and Elsie PJ

#### Yr 5

Ethan, Teddy and Summer

#### Yr 6

Darcie C, Poppy and Elliott

### Diary Dates

#### 27<sup>TH</sup> JAN

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

#### 28<sup>TH</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup> JAN

- Year 6 Residential Trip

#### 29<sup>TH</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup> JAN

- River's Rodents and Reptiles Workshops

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB

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

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Family Breakfast

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Yoga Workshops - whole school

## Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be :

**Tuesday: Year 2**

**Wednesday: Rainbow**

**Thursday: Year 3**

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

A full Forest School Timetable for Term 3 is available on the school website and next page -

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

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#### Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	94.0	94.0	+2.2
Year 1	95.7	97.2	+1.4
Year 2	95.9	95.3	+1.4
Year 3	92.0	88.3	-3.0
Year 4	95.1	95.7	+1.4
Year 5	94.4	94.7	+0.4
Year 6	97.6	97.5	+0.6

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 **Violet Class**.

#### A Prayer to End the Week

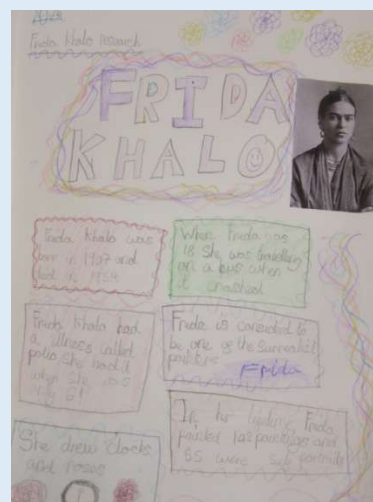


Dear God,  
 Give us the strength to not worry about things we cannot control.  
 Guide us in developing a sense of appreciation.  
 We look up to you for motivation.  
 Keep our mind at peace and help us prevent it from wandering off.  
 Remind us to chant your name.  
 Shelter us in your glory.  
 In Jesus we trust.  
 Amen.



#### Catch up with Blue Class

Year 5 have begun their Frida Kahlo unit in Art by conducting research and creating fact pages about her in their sketch books. They are looking forward to creating their own art, inspired by her self-portraiture.



Look out for their Portraits in the coming weeks.

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Kent Libraries

**We're re-opening on Thursday 22 January at 10am**

We've been busy behind the scenes getting ready for something special. The recent closure was to prepare for a new look Cranbrook Library, a more connected space for the community.

#### What you can do:

- Borrow books and enjoy reading
- Use free computers and Wi-Fi
- Take part in library events and activities
- Find information and advice about local services
- Plus much more.



#### What's next?



**Kent Family Hubs** will also be joining us here in the near future - bringing even more support for children, young people and families, all under one roof! We'll share the date as soon as it is confirmed.

For more information visit  
[kent.gov.uk/libraries](http://kent.gov.uk/libraries)



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## LOOKING FOR FREE PARENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT?



This service is for adults (18+) only.

**12 FREE SESSIONS AVAILABLE**



**WHERE**  
Regus, Pluto House  
Tunbridge Wells

**WHEN**  
Thursdays, between 10am-4pm



**WITH**  
A Counsellor in Training who has been approved by their education provider and holds an Enhanced DBS Check

**THIS SERVICE IS NOT FOR ANYONE WHO HAS ANY OF THE BELOW EXPERIENCES OR WISHES FOR COUNSELLING.**

- Whose needs would be better met by a specialist service i.e. eating disorders
- Who are experiencing thoughts of self-harm or thoughts of suicide
- Who are receiving psychological therapy from another service or therapist at the same time as being seen in our service
- Who are experiencing current and active addictions, eating disorders or PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)
- Who have a history or current symptoms of psychosis, hallucinations, and delusion
- Have a diagnosis of bipolar affective disorder / borderline or antisocial personality disorder
- Who are seeking couples counselling
- Who are currently training in counselling and/or psychotherapy
- Have experienced historic or current abuse

### SIGN UP FOR FREE PARENT COUNSELLING:

<https://spurgeons.org/how-we-help/family-life/counselling/free-counselling-sessions-for-adults/>



### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once your request has been received, we will be in contact to arrange an assessment call.

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## FEBRUARY HALF TERM KIDS CAMP

For 5-11 years Old

Open daily  
8.30am - 4pm

#### Address

Ark Alexandra William  
Parker Campus, Parkstone  
Road, Hastings, TN34 2NT

**£30**  
A day

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16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February

Join us this half term for action-packed days full of sports, games, challenges and wacky races!

Every day brings new activities to keep children active, engaged and smiling — all while learning teamwork, confidence and life skills.

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