

# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School



### Newsletter No 18.

Friday, 23 January 2026

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school and we have lots of exciting things happening in school over the rest of this term.

Please ensure you read the newsletters and messages to ensure you don't miss anything!



Jodi Hurrell

#### 11+ Meeting

There will be a meeting regarding the 11+ next Tuesday (27th) at 2:45pm in the Year 5 classroom (please come through the main office doors). If you are not considering your child taking the 11+ you do not need to attend this. If you are a Y4 parent who is considering the 11+ but would rather wait until next year, that is fine, there is no rush for you to make any decisions.



#### Family Breakfast



A reminder to sign up on the sheet outside the office if you would like to attend the Family Breakfast on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (8-8:30am)

#### Reptile Visit



A reminder that next week we have the reptile visit in school. If you have not already paid for this, please could you do so via Arbor. Thank you in advance.

#### Parent Workshop

Our NHS Mental Health Team will be running a workshop for parents on "Resilience" on Monday 2nd February at 1:45pm. Please sign up on the sheet outside the office if you would like to attend.

#### Visitors

On Monday this week we had seven other primary schools join us for a writing moderation. We received such positive feedback on what a lovely school we have, which has made us very proud. Our visitors were particularly impressed with the Nurture room and the giant sandpit!

#### Year 6 Residential



Next Wednesday, Year 6 will be heading off for their three-day residential trip to Bowles. We wish them a lovely few days and look forward to seeing the photos and hearing all their stories. A huge thank you to the staff who are going to be accompanying them.

#### World Book Day



Advance notice that World Book Day is on 5th March and we will be inviting children to dress up again, either as a character from a book, an author, or they may just come in cosy story time type of clothes.

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## Bad Weather

With more bad weather and possibly snow forecast in the coming weeks, please ensure you are signed up to Arbor to receive messages should we need to close or start school slightly later. We will always do everything we can to stay open and keep to our normal routine, but we need to be able to get everyone in safely.



## Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker



Year 2 were nominated for HOT CHOCOLATE this week by Mrs Simmonds who said their behaviour and compassion this week whilst she taught for three days with no voice, was incredible. Well done Year 2, we are super proud of you!





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

*Rainbow*

*Theo, Rose and Logan*

*Yr 1*

*Darcey, Dexter and Orla*

*Yr 2*

*Ezra, Mia Line and Faaizah*

*Yr 3*

*Jenson, Joshua G and Felicity*

*Yr 4*

*Freya, James and Louis*

*Yr 5*

*Esme, Seb and Teddy WC*

*Yr 6*

*April, Oryn and Kai*

### 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

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- PTA St. Valentines Disco

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> FEB

- Young Voices Choir at the O2

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> MAR

- Year 2 Trip to Bedgebury

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> MAR

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Year 6 have been learning about Henry Fraser, who started his career as an artist after becoming paralysed at 17 following an accident. He taught himself to paint using his mouth and much of his work has been used on phone cases, bags and calendars. We painted the background using our mouths to hold the paintbrush and then did the same with the houses in the foreground. It was difficult to keep remembering not to use our hands!

Year 5 have been creating the final pieces of their Frida Kahlo inspired project this afternoon. They were able to choose from paint, oil pastels and pencils for their piece. We hope you agree they have made some fantastic art! Check out our class page for more photos.



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### Attendance



Attendance %		Attendance %	% Change
Year to Date		This Week	On Last Week
Year R	93.7	89.2	-4.8
Year 1	95.5	92.1	-5.2
Year 2	95.4	87.7	-7.7
Year 3	93.0	92.9	+4.6
Year 4	94.9	91.8	-4.0
Year 5	94.3	91.7	-3.0
Year 6	97.7	99.4	+1.9

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.

## Forest School



Forest School sessions for next week will be :

**Tuesday: Year 4**

**Wednesday: Rainbow**

**Thursday: Year 1**

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>

### A Prayer to End the Week



## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



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### Parent Workshop

Aimed at parents of children in primary school



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams  
Medway Emotional Support Teams

### Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience

Monday 2nd February 13:45-15:00

Does your child struggle to **bounce back from every day life stressors**, or do they struggle to **deal with change**? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to **build resilience in your child**?

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding resilience**. It will help you consider **factors which influence how resilience is built in children** and how you can **support them in their development of resilience**. We discuss techniques that you can use at home, and you will also receive a **helpful workbook** to accompany the workshop.

This workshop will be held at Hawkhurst Primary. If you have any questions please speak to the school office for further information and to express interest.

We look forward to meeting you



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