



# Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 10.

Friday, 22 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has brought some very cold weather. Please ensure your children are bringing coats to school with them.



Jodi Hareless

## Emergency Closures

### Due to Adverse Weather

We are hoping to avoid any snow this term (unlike other parts of the country), however, should we suddenly get hit by adverse weather conditions and have to close the school, you will be informed via a studybugs message.

We do everything we can to keep school open, however, we are very much dependant on staff being able to get in safely.

In the case of snow we will make our decisions first thing in the morning and aim to let you know before 7am.

## Headlice

We appear to have had several cases of headlice this week. Unfortunately, the cold weather does not stop them! Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat them if necessary.



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**CERTIFICATE**  
of **EXCELLENCE**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO  DATE

IN RECOGNITION OF

CLASS TEACHER  HEAD TEACHER

Jodi Hareless

**WELL DONE**

Well Done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week :-

Rainbow : Maisie A and Elsie H

Yr 1 - Charlotte and Mia Link

Yr 2 - Toby and Chloe

Yr 3 - Emily and Freya

Yr 4 - Teddy WC and Clem

Yr 5 - Toby and Violet

Yr 6 - Rowan and Tristan

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## POSTBOX

### Christmas Cards

Our Christmas post-box will be put out from Monday 2nd December and children may bring cards in to post which will then be delivered to the different classes. Please make sure there is a full name and ideally the class on the envelope.

### Christmas Jumpers

A reminder that we are still collecting Christmas jumpers in school if you have any that your child has grown out of.

### Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will be on Friday 20th December at 9am. Originally, we were going to have this in school, however, we would not be able to fit everyone in, so we have decided that (weather permitting) we will hold it in St Laurence's Church. Details will be sent to you nearer the time. If we suddenly find it is snowy or icy we will revert to the school hall but will have limited space.

## School Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 18th December we will be having our school Christmas lunch and the kitchen need to know in advance how many they are catering for. Please let the school office know via sco-pay by Monday 9th December if your child would like lunch on this day.



## KS1 Christmas Production

As sent out on Studybugs earlier this week, please note that the KS1 Christmas performances will now be on:

- Thursday 12th December 9:30am
- Monday 16th December 1:30pm



This week, in choir, we have started practising some Christmas carols ready for our performances around the village. Our first will be at 5:30pm at The Royal Oak on Friday 29th November as part of the late-night Christmas shopping event, so please come and support us!

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*Artastic!* - Our New word for the wonderful displays of children's artwork! Here are just a few from across the school.



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Yellow Class have taken inspiration from Ted Hughes' Iron Man to create some monochromatic artwork. We created our pieces using watercolour paints and chalks.



Orange Class have taken inspiration from the wonderful autumn colours and produced some very eye-catching fallen leaves.

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## Rainbow Class :



### Solar System Explorers

Rainbows were transported to space this week when they started to learn about the solar system. The classroom was transformed into a model with all the planets orbiting the sun and they all designed their own planets, using colours to depict the type of planet they wanted.



## Violet Class : Mouth Painting

Violet Class have been looking at the work of the artists, Henry Fraser and Tom Yendell. As they are disabled and cannot use their limbs, they both paint with their mouths. We very quickly found out how hard it is, the amount of practice they must have had and how resilient they must be to create such amazing pieces of art.



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## Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.5	+0.1
Year 1	94.5	+0.4
Year 2	91.7	-0.8
Year 3	95.3	-0.4
Year 4	93.9	-0.1
Year 5	97.8	+0.1
Year 6	94.6	-0.1

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 who will receive an extra playtime next week.

## 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: Dexter and Orla

Y1: Luna and Roni

Y2: Joshua G and Theo

Y3: Kieran and Qailah

Y4: Summer and Ian

Y5: Darcie C and Phoebe

Y6: Abigail and Arthur DS



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## Diary Dates

### 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV

- Diabetes Screening Day

### 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC

- Red Class Victorian Day
- K Hodsall Christmas Book reading to Classes 1:30pm

### 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Yr R & 6 NHS Weight & Height Check
- Christmas Book Grotto

### 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Year 5 to "Rewind" at Baptist Ch. (PM)

### 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Rainbow Nativity 2:00pm

### 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Katie Slowgrove Pupils Concert (TBC)

### 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Rocksteady Concert 2:00pm
- KS1 Nativity 9:30am

### 16<sup>TH</sup> DEC (DATE CHANGED)

- KS1 Nativity 1:30pm

### 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Orange Class trip to Pantomime

### 18<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Lunch

### 20<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Last Day of Term 2
- Christmas Service 9:00-10:00am

## A Prayer to end a cold week



Lord our God,

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and the wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

Amen



## Forest School

Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Year 1

Wednesday: Rainbow

Thursday: Year 5

Please send children to school dressed in their FS clothes whatever the weather.



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## Children's pre-loved market

Sunday 1 December  
9.30-12 noon  
Copt Hall,  
Cophall Avenue  
Hawkhurst

Indoor table top sale for children's pre-loved clothes, toys, equipment. A chance to clear out those cupboards and grab a bargain too.

Friends of Hawkhurst are creating an opportunity for stalls for local families, so we're delighted to say there is no charge for stalls and no charge to enter.

Book your stall by emailing us at  
[hello@friendsofhawkhurst.org.uk](mailto:hello@friendsofhawkhurst.org.uk)  
We will email confirmation of a place.

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Charity No: 1180085

## GIRLS CRICKET SKILLS TRAINING

WITH TONBRIDGE CC

FRIDAYS | 17 JANUARY - 28 MARCH 2025  
6.15PM - 7.30PM  
SCHOOL YEARS 4, 5 & 6 | GIRLS ONLY  
HILDEN GRANGE SCHOOL, TONBRIDGE  
BEGINNERS WELCOME

EMAIL FOR INFORMATION  
[TONCCGIRLS@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:TONCCGIRLS@OUTLOOK.COM)

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St Michael's hospice

## Countdown to Christmas

Pop-up Christmas markets  
9.30am - 2pm

Saturday 30th November  
at Etchingam Village Halls,  
TN19 7BY

Visit [stmichaelsospice.com/event-diary](http://stmichaelsospice.com/event-diary)  
or call 01424 456396 to find out more.

Registered charity number 288462

ST LAURENCE CHURCH

## CAROLS, CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING

For 5-11 year olds, accompanied by an adult

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER**  
10AM - 12.30

Contact Claire Roberts for details: 01580754374

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