



# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School

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Friday, 17 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had lots of visitors in school this week and it is always lovely to hear consistent feedback that there is a really special feel in the school and that it is calm and welcoming. Credit for this goes to all our pupils and staff who help to make Hawkhurst CE Primary school the wonderful environment it is.



Jodie Hurrell

Governors

Thank you very much to our Governors who came into school on Monday morning for a monitoring visit. It was lovely for them to be able to meet with staff, talk to children, look at books and go outside at playtime.

Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that any nominations need to be handed into the school office by Friday 24th November please.

Collecting from School

A reminder that if someone else, or somebody new is picking up your child at the end of the day, you need to let us know, either through a phone call or a message on studybugs.



Thank you for your co-operation with this.

The Dogs Trust



We would like to say a big thank you to Phil and Larry the (toy) Labrador who joined us from Dogs Trust this week. We began with a whole school assembly, followed by workshops for Years 1-6. The children learnt about what the charity does and importantly, about how to be safe around dogs. All classes showed great engagement, from helping with demonstrations to asking brilliant questions. We hope that they are feeling 'dog smart' and would like to encourage you to ask them about what have learnt.

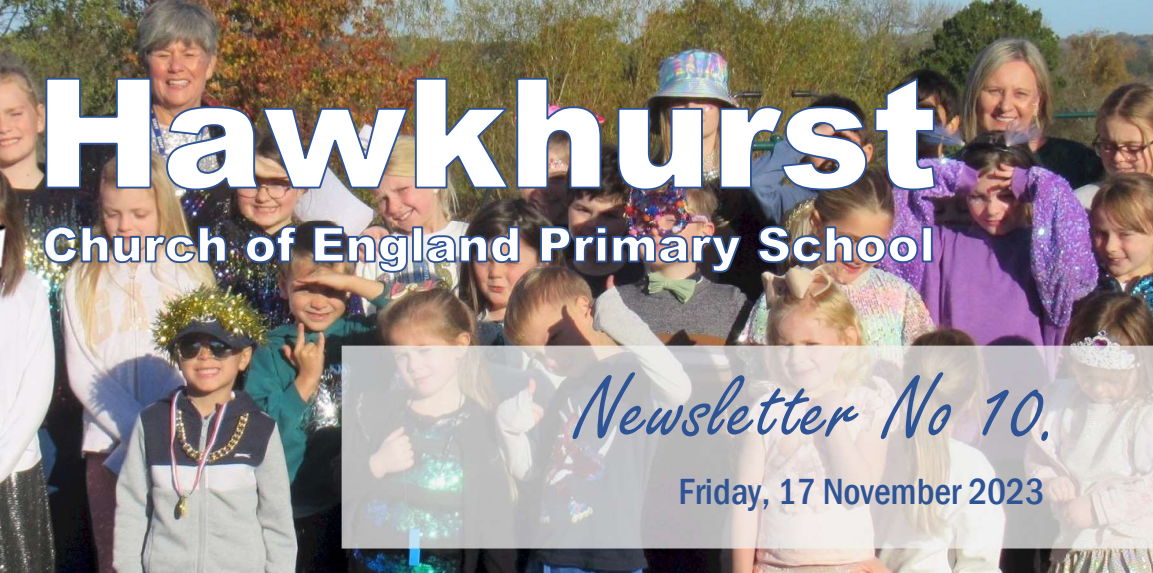


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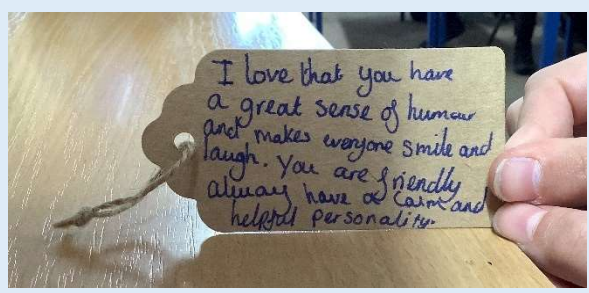
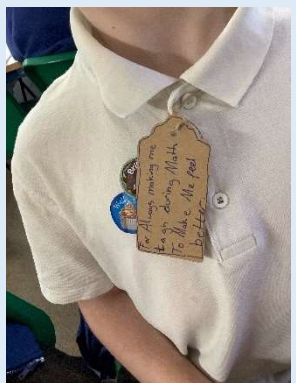


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### Positive Noticing Day

On Wednesday we took part in the second International Positive Noticing Day, an initiative developed by behaviour expert and author, Paul Dix. The whole school community wrote a positive note on a label for either a child or an adult and they were shared throughout the day. We also shared some of the notes during assembly at the end of the day. We noticed some parents joined in too and hid positive notes for their children to find during the day at school, thank you for joining in! Positive noticing is simple and highly-effective, it helps build self-esteem and confidence in our children. Please continue to notice positive behaviours and share them!



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

- Rainbow - Tommy and Teddy
- Yr 1 - Koa and Jenson
- Yr 2 - Sarah and Bella
- Yr 3 - Esme and Malachi
- Yr 4 - Owen and Marko
- Yr 5 - Lily, Joey and Marley
- Yr 6 - Skye and Riley

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## "Bling Up for Children In Need"

Thank you for the efforts the children went to for dressing up today and for all the kind donations. We raised £189.56 for Children in Need. As you can see there were lots of very sparkly outfits on display.



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### Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.8	-0.2
Year 1	93.7	+0.2
Year 2	92.0	-0.1
Year 3	92.6	-0.1
Year 4	95.4	+0.1
Year 5	93.4	
Year 6	95.4	

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 **Green** Class who will receive an extra playtime next week.

## Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

- YR: Mia Line and Florence
- Y1: Felicity and Jacob
- Y2: Dolly and Sidney
- Y3: Samuel and Clem
- Y4: Nathaniel and Daniel
- Y5: Billy and Lexi
- Y6: Dolunay and Finley



Community  
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### Forest School



Term 2, The week starting Mon 20th November, Forest School sessions:

- Tuesday: Year 5
- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1

Please send your children dressed in their Forest School clothes whatever the weather. If we are unable to go into the Forest School area we will do the session indoors.



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### A Prayer to end the week



Lord, we come to you today to ask that you pour your Spirit out on our school and our homes.

May we feel you move within our hearts; may we hear your voice.

We ask that you help us to have ears that hear and hearts that are willing to follow.

Lord God, we ask this in your name, Amen.



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### Diary Dates

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> NOV

- NCMP Screening for Yr R and 6

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> NOV

- Red Class Victorian Dress Up Day

#### 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV

- Rocksteady concert for pupils and parents who have Rocksteady lessons

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Music Assembly for pupils who have lessons with Katie Slowgrove. 2.30pm

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Rainbow Nativity : 2pm
- Yr5 REWIND session at Baptist Church

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Jumper Day

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- KS1 Christmas Play : 2pm

#### 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- School Brass Band Assembly for parents of band members : 2pm



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Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2024

Apply online at  
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at  
midnight on Monday 15 January 2024

For children born between  
**1 September 2019**  
and **31 August 2020**,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in **September 2024**

## What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at midnight on Monday 15 January 2024.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

### Receiving your offer

On offer day (Tuesday 16 April 2024) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Tuesday 30 April 2024. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

## Key dates

<b>Friday 3 November 2023</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Monday 15 January 2024</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Tuesday 16 April 2024</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Tuesday 30 April 2024</b>	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
<b>Tuesday 14 May 2024</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



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