

# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School



*Newsletter No 27.*

Friday, 03 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school which started with our special visitor from the Diocese and ended with our usual celebration certificates.



*Jodie Harewood*

Bishop Rose Visit

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Rose into our school on Monday. She enjoyed lunch with a group of KS2 pupils and was then interviewed by Millie and Holly who are writing an article for our Tiny Times publication. Thank you to our catering staff for providing the lunch. Bishop Rose visited all of our classes and the children were able to ask lots of questions. We finished the day with Collective Worship led by Bishop Rose.

Residential Trip 2025

Just a reminder that if you would like your current Year 5 child to take part in the Bowles Rock Year 6 residential in January 2025 that the deposit needs to be paid via Sco-pay no later than Wednesday 22nd May.

Good Luck Teddy

We would like to wish Teddy Wickenden-Cox good luck in his final audition in London today to be on the new series of Lord of the Flies, which is filming this summer in Malaysia.

**Bank Holiday**

A reminder that it is Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May and there will therefore be no school.

All children are due back in on Tuesday.



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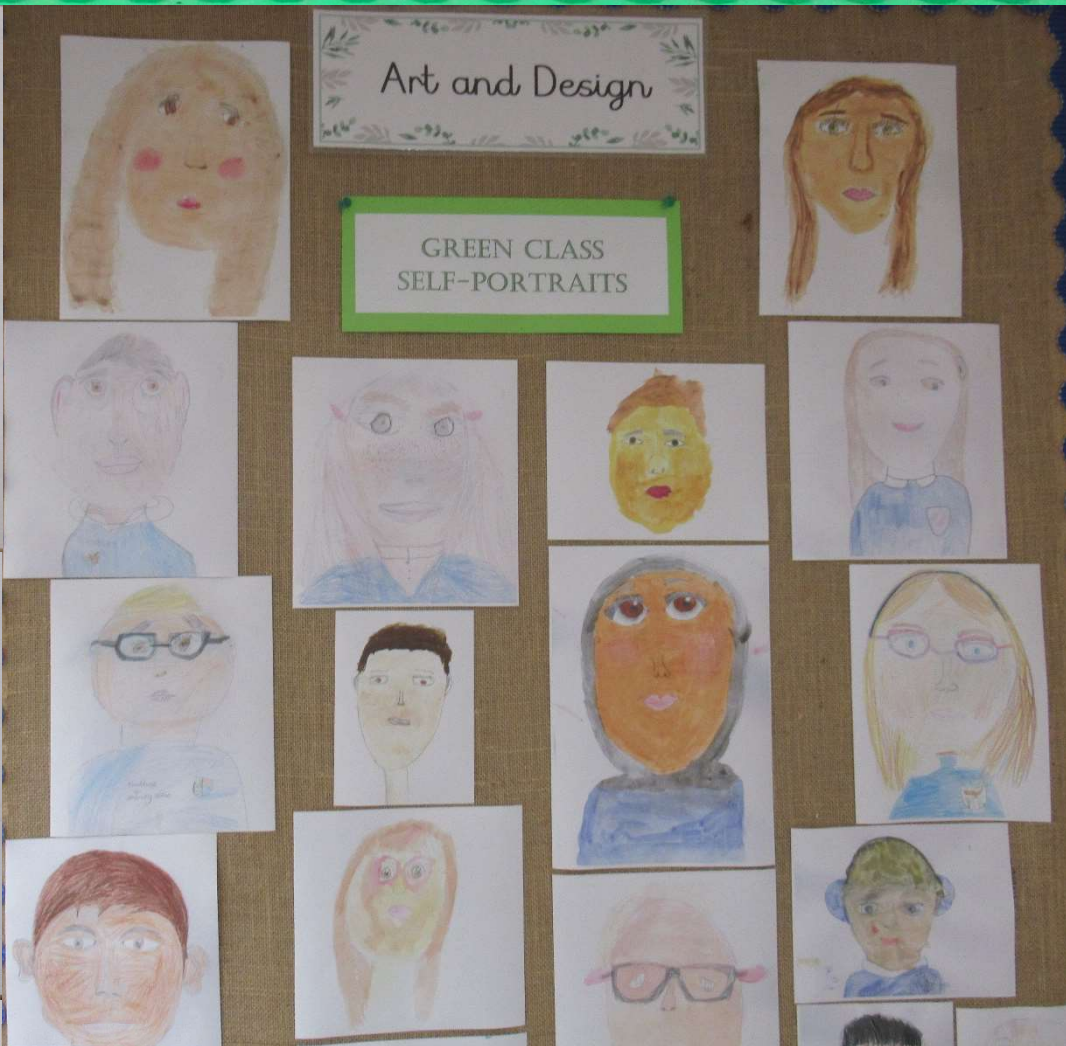
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Art and Design

GREEN CLASS  
SELF-PORTRAITS

*Catch up with Green Class*  
We thought you would like to see some of the fantastic self-portraits Green class have been working on recently.

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### Well Done Daisy



Congratulations to Daisy Eames of Violet Class. After entering a competition to design a bedroom for the housebuilders Dandara, Daisy's design was chosen as the overall winner. Not only did she win £250 for the class and a £50 voucher for WH Smiths, elements of her design are being used in one of the bedrooms in the houses in Hawkhurst. Her mood board is also on show at the new development. We are so proud of her - well done Daisy.



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

Rainbow - Anastazja & Evie

Yr 1 - Holly & Chloe

Yr 2 - Donnie-Joe & Abbie

Yr 3 - Andrew & Anderida

Yr 4 - Phoebe & Poppy

Yr 5 - Ian & Ann

Yr 6 - Daisy C, Ethan & Archie

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for consultations this week.

Thank you also to our Y6 helpers who assisted in keeping everyone running to time!

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## Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date	% Change On Last Week	
Year R	92.9	
Year 1	94.7	
Year 2	92.3	+0.1
Year 3	93.8	
Year 4	95.5	
Year 5	93.9	+0.1
Year 6	94.9	-0.2

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 Mr Rose-Hall



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

- YrR - Bonnie Mae and Anastazja
- Yr1 - Jack and Vishmita
- Yr2 - Elsie, Deacon and Sarah
- Yr3 - Teddy M and Lola
- Yr4 - Millie and Zara
- Yr5 - Jessica and Hunter
- Yr6 - Tommy and Jacob

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## Forest School



Sessions for Term 5, Week 4 will be:

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

Please send children dressed in their Forest School clothes whatever the weather.



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### School Census Menu

Thursday 16th May.



Why not join the Carnival and have a school lunch. The school will receive extra funding from the Government for every child in KS1 who has a school lunch on this day, so maybe your child could give school lunch a try.



### Diary Dates

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY

- Sats Week for year 6

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

- Careers Day

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

- Art Exhibition

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

- Sports Day

### Reporting an absence.



If your child is absent from school, please let us know as early as possible either by phone call or through studybugs.

A reminder that the gates open at 8:35am and all children should be in school by 8:45am.

### A Prayer to end the week



Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we approach you with hope and humility.

Bless our schools, the bastions of education.

Infuse each classroom with your divine wisdom and enduring compassion

Amen



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At Dulwich Cranbrook, TN17 3NP.

**MAY HALF TERM 2024**  
28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!



- LEGO ANIMATION
- MINECRAFT CODING
- 3D PENS
- CIRCUITRY
- SMART ROBOTICS
- LAZER TAG
- VR
- ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS

HERE THIS MAY HALF-TERM!

## TECH CAMP



**Robotics & Coding**      **Circuitry & Electronics**      **Tech Fun**

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

**What to bring to camp?**

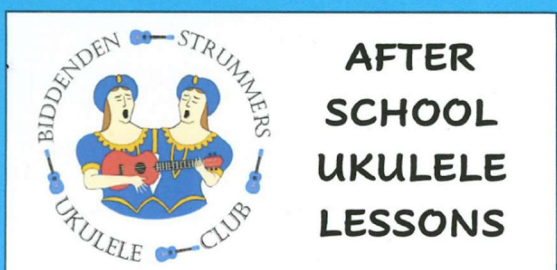
- Packed Lunch and Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

**We are in your area!**  
We have more than 30 camps running this May. Find your local camp on our website: [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

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## AFTER SCHOOL UKULELE LESSONS

**STARTING MONDAY 13 MAY**  
4.45 - 5.45 pm. in the New Village Hall

**FREE FIRST FOUR LESSONS AND HIRE OF UKULELES**

For more information, please contact  
**Cherie Keeler 07580 429973**  
[cheriekeeler@aol.com](mailto:cheriekeeler@aol.com)  
or **Geoff Rose**  
[rose371@btinternet.com](mailto:rose371@btinternet.com)

**Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

## Friends of St Dunstan's Concert for St Dunstan's Day by Cranbrook Town Band at St Dunstan's Church Cranbrook Sunday 19th May @ 3:00pm

Tickets £5 available on the door.  
Children free.  
Refreshments available.  
Retiring collection.

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Town Band  
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# Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2025

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest)

Registration opens on 3 June 2024 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2024

### Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2025 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

### How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest) and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

### What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 12 July 2024.

### What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

### How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

### If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school.

Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission.

If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

### Key dates

<b>Monday 3 June 2024</b>	Registration opens at <a href="https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
<b>Monday 1 July 2024</b>	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your allocated test centre.
<b>Thursday 12 September 2024</b>	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
<b>Saturday 14 September 2024</b>	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 17 October 2024</b>	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

### Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at [kent.gov.uk](https://kent.gov.uk). If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk)

For help registering please email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk). Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.

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