

Tiny TIMES

2023-24 Term 1

Welcome to our newsletter!

We hope you enjoy our termly update of events and celebrations at Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School. All articles have been created by our student reporters and our Editor, Annie.



Annie (Editor)

Book fair

Earlier this term, the Scholastic Book Fair came to Hawkhurst and was enjoyed by lots of children afterschool. Each day, different adults from the school helped run the book fair. Mrs De Simone told our reporter, "it was very chaotic but we sold lots of books and made lots of children happy!"

Many have shared that they bought a good read. We are so happy that children who visited the fair have been able to read new and challenging books. It was great to see smiles on their faces as they found something to keep them busy!

By Stevie (Y5), Zara (Y4) and Amelie (Y5)

What is harvest?

Harvest time is when everyone brings in food for charity. We celebrate harvest by singing and creating paintings or poems.

Harvest food goes to charity in the community fridge or food bank.

People in need go to places like these to get food.

Sometimes, older people in our community have food brought to them instead.

By April (Y4)

Kino

For completing the summer reading challenge, some students got the prize of watching Paddington 2 at Hawkhurst Kino. We walked through the village getting ready to have fun with our classmates. As we all entered the Kino, the students couldn't help but show their excitement. Chatter and laughter filled the hall as the lights dimmed. Through the movie there were some sad moments and some fun, but I think everyone who visited the Kino that day will agree, that most people loved skipping lessons to watch a cinema most. Mrs Elmes and the other staff members who joined us said they "enjoyed our behaviour."



By Annie (Editor, Y6)

Harvest Festival

The whole school has contributed in this year's harvest festival. Everybody has worked very hard to accomplish the finished pieces we saw on Friday 28th September. Year 6 lead the assembly confidently and one of the students even wrote the prayer that was read at the end. We started off the assembly with Rainbow's vegetable -made artwork. Red class presented us with their seasonal artwork and they had also learnt the months off the year. Orange and Blue class sung us a song with their beautiful voices. Yellow class took us on a tour around the world, explaining where different foods come from and Green class shared a poem and set of mosaics. Violet class made posters from WW2 encouraging people to dig for victory (grow your own vegetables). Thank you to all classes for bringing us such an amazing harvest festival.

By Millie (Y6) and Erica (Y5)

Ben Miller Competition

Earlier this term, a competition was run by Mrs Beales to win Ben Miller books. Contestants submitted a poster about Ben Miller and there were 2 prize winners. Mrs Beales was very proud and excited to announce Alice E (Y4) in 1st place and Daisy E (Y6) in 2nd place during a whole school assembly. Our school librarians said that all the Ben Miller posters were amazing, and just to choose 2 was impossible, but in the end it had to be narrowed down!

By Annie (Y6), Stevie (Y5) and April (Y4)



Saint Ronan's Trip

This term, Yellow and Green Class were invited to Saint Ronan's School to join them for a visit from Ben Miller. During the visit, Ben Miller read some of his new book called Once Upon a Legend and gave us tips about writing and becoming an author. We got the chance to ask and answer questions too. Ben Miller was really lovely and entertaining and we hope to see him again. The adults with us were very pleased with our behaviour and we all hope to be invited back for more visits!

By April (Y4), Darcie (Y4), Isla (Y4), Phoebe (Y4), Violet (Y4), Zara (Y4) and Annie (Y6)



Marlborough House

This year, Marlborough House Prep School invited 6 children from each local school to a discovery day. They chose the subjects of Art, DT, Science and Sport to give the children a taste of their school.

For the Hawkhurst students, the first workshop we had was Science. We had a quiz about cells and then went around the room looking through microscopes at blood and cells. Then we dissected a lamb heart and some of us even put our fingers through the aorta!

In our next workshop we had a go at touch rugby. We played touch rugby for an hour and a half followed by a full match. After that, we had our lunch.

After Lunch, we began DT where we made rockets powered by water. We got an empty bottle, a cork and needle and a sheet of plastic. Once we had made rockets, we filled them with water and took them outside and filled them with air. The highest one got to 30 feet.

For our Art session, we were making vases and pots out of clay. Mrs Mac, the Art teacher is going to fire and gloss our models! They were based on the nature around the school.

By Holly (Y6), Jake (Y6) and Annie (Y6)



Interview with Mrs Hacker

How long have you been headteacher at Hawkhurst? **6 years!**

Do you like being headteacher and what is your favourite part of your job?
Yes, being on the gate in the morning to say hello to everyone.

Do you have favourite class? **No, I love all classes the same.**

What is your favourite school subject? **English.**

Do you have a favourite teacher or student? **No favourites!**

What can someone do to get a headteacher sticker? **You can get a headteacher sticker for lots of things including good manners, good work, neat work and good behaviour.**

Did you enjoy school when you were younger? **Most of it, but not all.**

What is your favourite book? **Pollyanna, but now Courageous Leadership.**

What is your favourite celebration? **Christmas.**

How did you become a headteacher and what did you have to do? **I went to university, then became a teacher, SENCo and Deputy Head before becoming a Headteacher.**

Do you like your workspace? **I have the best office in the world!**

And finally, what is your favourite food? **Pizza!**

By Millie (Y6) and Darcie (Y4)



Millie

(Head Girl and Y6 report)

Interview with a House Captain

What is your name? **Tommy**

What is your favourite school dinner? **Fish and chips—I always eat the school dinners!**

Do you like school? **Yes, it's okay. I enjoy the way they teach us.**

What did you do to become house captain? (Do you like it?) **I had to do a speech. I enjoy being a house captain for Danes.**

Do you like being in Year 6? **Yes, I enjoy all of the responsibilities.**

Are you excited for your residential trip? **Yes, I am excited for the residential because all I am going to do is fun stuff!**

Do you like your classmates? **Yes because all my friends are fun.**

Do you have a favourite teacher? **Yes, my favourite teacher is Mrs Pearson.**

What is your favourite class that you have been in? **My favourite class was Year 1 with Miss Rock.**

What is your favourite subject at school? **My favourite subject is World War 2 and Mrs Pearson teaches it.**

What is your favourite book? **I enjoy reading army books.**

Are you excited about leaving primary school? **Yes, I am excited about a new beginning.**

By Elizabeth (Y6)
and Isla (Y4)

