



Thursday 10th September 2026

Issue #386

Message from Mrs Alexander

Well done to everyone for surviving the first few weeks! In school, all staff are super busy getting everything set up for the new school year. Thank you for your patience as everything settles down over the coming weeks. And I appreciate this is the same for parents also – there is so much to remember! A huge thank you to the PTAF cte who also have the fete to organise on top of the usual "parent school admin".

This year, we are making changes to our PSHE curriculum. PSHE stands for Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum. Our new draft policy along with the curriculum maps showing what children will learn in each year group are available for parents and carers to view on our website. If parents & carers have any questions or comments, please let us know in the coming weeks. Thank you.

With best wishes,
Sarah Alexander

READING VOLUNTEERS!

We still need 3 or 4 more volunteers please.

Can you spare one hour a week to help us this year?

Please email if you can help.



OUR CAR PARK

Thank you to all the parents and carers who read and followed the requests set out in the parking protocols email sent home this week.

I was extremely disappointed to hear of a few parents who did not follow the protocols and did not act with the same patience and consideration that we expect of the children. The actions of a few created the bottlenecks and chaos on Tuesday – the rainstorm certainly did not help either!

Please be reminded, however busy and however rainy, do not ever just abandon your car in our school car park causing a blockage so other cars cannot circulate.

Thank you.

Announcements



FLU JAB - All parents / carers were emailed the information today.

Parents all need to visit the website below and indicate YES or NO for their child.

We kindly ask parents/carers to visit:

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/> and select Seasonal Flu to complete the consent form. The schools unique code is: KT118647



*Our school community is rooted in
Jesus' promise of life in all its fullness;
where all are truly welcome.*

ALLERGY AWARE



PACKED LUNCHES & SNACKS

No nuts or nut ingredients. Check labels — including chocolate spreads, snack and cereal bars.



BIRTHDAYS & TREATS

Please do not bring food treats to share with other children — even on birthdays.



FUTURE CAKE SALES

Every cake must have a full ingredients list, with allergens clearly highlighted. Our no-nuts rule still applies.



BEFORE COMING INTO SCHOOL

Staff and volunteers: eaten nuts before school? Wash hands with soap and water. Remove food residue before arriving.

*Jesus taught us to:
Treat others as you would like to be treated.
Luke 6:31*



Our People Rule



Thank you for all the bottle donations. Well done to Years 2 and 3 for winning extra playtime!

Useful dates



* Year 5 swimming - Thursdays - 10th, 17th, 24th Sept & 1st, 8th & 15th Oct.

* First Library bus visit of the year - Wed 16th Sept - Y1-6 children should bring their library card to school if they wish to visit.

* Year 3 forest school - 4 sessions - Wed 16th, 23rd, 30th Sept & 7th Oct

* Annual "Dates card" for 2026/27 coming home on Monday 14th Sept



* Karate workshops for all year groups - Mon 28th Sept - all children in PE kit that day please

* Christmas card designs coming home for ordering week beg 28th Sept!!

* Harvest service at church - Tues 6th Oct, 9:30am - donations to Faversham foodbank.

* Individual & sibling photos - Mon 12th Oct.

* INSET days - school closed - Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd Oct.

PTAFA



OUR PTAFA FETE IS HAPPENING ON SATURDAY.... 12TH SEPT 12-3PM

We hope everyone will be able to come along. Extra parking space will be available in the next door field.

Cake donations tomorrow to be delivered to the school office please. Don't forget to pop a list of ingredients in the cake tin if the donation is home made - thank you.

TIMES FOR CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCES

Y1/2/3 singing performance 12:30pm

Pop Choir 12:50pm

Maypole 1:10pm

Y3 WakeUpShakeUp 1:45pm

Y6 WakeUpShakeUp 2:15pm



Learning Skills Awards

The following children were recognised in the celebration worship last week.

YEAR 1 = RESILIENT LEARNER AWARDS for Kika (settling back well & for great writing) and Arlo (enthusiasm and focus in PE).

YEAR 2 = INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARDS for Rupert, Grayson, Archie & Jasper (amazing first week back, eager to share ideas when asked, great listening & thinking).

YEAR 3 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Noah A (fantastic thinking in RE) and INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARDS for Molly & Felix (doing very well, checking in when needed and then working by themselves).

YEAR 4 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARDS for Jack & Blake (sharing their excellent questions and thoughts in RE) and INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Max (working brilliantly by himself).

YEAR 5 = INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Gabriel (excellent writing) & Edward (super maths), CREATIVE LEARNER AWARD for India (amazing writing) and RESILIENT LEARNER AWARD for Ronan (for being brilliantly determined in his first week in Year 5).

YEAR 6 = CONSIDERATE LEARNER AWARD for Libbie (being brilliant and thoughtful in PE) and INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARDS for Emilia & Theo (impressing Mrs Woodcock in the first week of Year 6).



Heartsmart awards

The following children were recognised in the celebration worship last week as being 'Heartsmart' and following our People Rule, "Treat others as you want to be treated" Luke 6:31.



YEAR 1 = Archie (being so polite, kind & always offering to help) and Immy C (for settling in so well).

YEAR 2 = Aiden (being kind, polite & a very smart member of the class).

YEAR 3 = Ava (for helping a friend at lunchtime).

YEAR 4 = Sophie (for being heartsmart and settling in so well into Year 4).

YEAR 5 = Ollie & Noah (thinking of others) and Violet (for being generally brilliant & Heartsmart).

YEAR 6 = Oliver & Darcy (for being heartsmart and settling in so well with the Year 6 expectations).



The library bus visits our school fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon and we take small groups of children aboard to borrow books.

If your child would like to visit the library bus, please ensure they bring their library card to school on library days. Infant cards are collected in the playground (for safe keeping). Juniors keep hold of their cards.

Library Bus dates

16th Sept (Y1-6),

30th Sept (YR can come along from this date),

14th Oct, 11th Nov, 25th Nov, 9th Dec.

p.s - we could always do with a extra pair of hands to help with the library bus visits so if you can help, please let the office know. Thank you.



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If you want to get in touch, please catch me on the gate or use the contact details here.

**HERNHILL CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

12NOON - 3:00PM

**FOOD AND DRINK * GRAND RAFFLE * MUSIC
TOMBOLA * FETE GAMES * INFLATABLE FUN
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!**



FREE ENTRY

