



Thursday 17th September 2026

Issue #386

Message from Mrs Alexander

What a fantastic fete we had on Saturday. Congratulations to all the children who performed - singing or dancing. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out and to everyone for coming along and making it such a wonderful afternoon.

The biggest thanks goes to the PTAF committee members who spent hours planning, organising and running the event. They are rightly very pleased to announce that over £3600 was raised - an incredible amount! THANK YOU!

With best wishes,
Sarah Alexander

p.s - there always seems to be a typo on the 'Important Dates' card that I send out (sigh).. gold star to any parent who spots it!



READING VOLUNTEER

One more needed – from October half term – for Class R.

If you are not a Year R parent, can you spare one hour a week to help us this year?

Please email if you can help. Thank you.



A BRILLIANT START FOR ATTENDANCE!

What a fantastic first week! Our whole-school attendance was 98.1%, with an amazing 199 children achieving perfect attendance. That means lots of children were here every day, making the most of every lesson and missing no learning opportunities.

A special congratulations to Year R and Year 5, who both achieved an incredible 100% attendance. What a way to start the school year! Thank you to all our families for helping the children arrive at school each day, ready to learn. Let's keep it going!

Mrs W



REMINDERS

LONG HAIR



Reminder that if your child's hair touches their shoulders it must be tied back for school please.

Thank you



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

**Forest school sessions
started back this
week!**



Useful dates



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

* Library bus visits - every other
Wednesday afternoon - 30th Sept,
14th Oct, 11th & 25th Nov and 9th Dec.

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

* Annual "Dates card" for
2026/27 has come home on green
card and via email.

* 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.



Y2 MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 9:30AM ALL WELCOME

As a church school, we believe it is important to provide all children with the opportunity to be part of some 'social action'. Releasing the possibility of the pupils in our school to serve the common good. For example, this may be in the form of supporting a charity or learning & sharing information about issues of injustice. Each class has a different focus Y2's is the Macmillan Coffee Morning!

And next Thursday, 24th September, is the date when the children in Year 2 will be hosting this fabulous event. It will run 9:30-10:30am in the school hall.

The children will be serving hot and cold drinks, cakes, biscuits and buns and asking you to donate to this very worthwhile charity. There will be lots of space for you to sit down and enjoy your refreshments and chat to others.

We are opening up the invitation to all parents and carers across the school. You are very welcome to bring other members of your family or friends along. It would be great to see as many of you as possible.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Learning Skills Awards

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

YEAR 1 = CREATIVE LEARNER AWARD for Freddie (for asking great questions and doing brilliant thinking) and INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Jenson (commitment to his handwriting).
 YEAR 2 = INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARD for Willow (great effort in maths), REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Robin (for careful listening and quiet 'doing' in class) and CONSIDERATE LEARNER AWARD for Evie L (just being an amazing learner!).
 YEAR 3 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Phoenix (setting his work out so neatly) and CREATIVE LEARNER AWARDS for Neve (challenging herself in writing - brilliant) and Jude & Quinn (deep thinking in maths).
 YEAR 4 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARDS for Aurelia & Fletcher (giving 110% in everything), CREATIVE LEARNER AWARD for Rocco (beautiful reading in class) and INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARDS for Camber, Theo & Loxley (working well on their own).
 YEAR 5 = INDEPENDENT LEARNER AWARDS for the whole class (for the way they have taken on their new OPAL monitor roles) CONSIDERATE LEARNER AWARD for Iris (amazing shoulder partner work) and RESILIENT LEARNER AWARD for Elliott (for being brilliantly determined with his work).
 YEAR 6 = REFLECTIVE LEARNER AWARD for Darcy (listening & trying what is suggested), CREATIVE LEARNER AWARD for Mark S (excellent language work using metaphors) and RESILIENT LEARNER AWARD for Chloe (showing resilient in coping with a tough week).



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 = Bjorn (following the People Rule & settling into Y1 beautifully) and Archie (for showing 'no way through isn't true and not giving up).

YEAR 2 = Rupert & Norah (both dealt brilliantly with something going wrong, setting an excellent example to others).

YEAR 3 = Cosmo (thinking of others, keeping his whole table tidy), Cillian (dealing with wasp stings so stoically) and Rozerin (sharing her thoughts & feelings well with Mrs B).

YEAR 4 = Blake (for helping a fellow class member).

YEAR 5 = Alfie (so helpful around the class) & Leyla (real kindness to another pupil).

YEAR 6 = Daisy (always showing the People Rule) and Freddy (recognising when others are being supportive).

BEHIND THE LANYARD



MRS WOODCOCK

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

& YEAR 6 TEACHER

The best thing about working here: The people! We really are one big Hernhill family!

When I'm not at school:

I'm chasing the sunshine, attempting Pilates or the gym, or being bossed around by my gorgeous (and increasingly senile!) old dogs.

The book I loved as a child:

Fantastic Mr Fox

If I didn't work in a school, I'd...

be a children's TV presenter - obviously!

Something that always makes me smile:

My family...



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

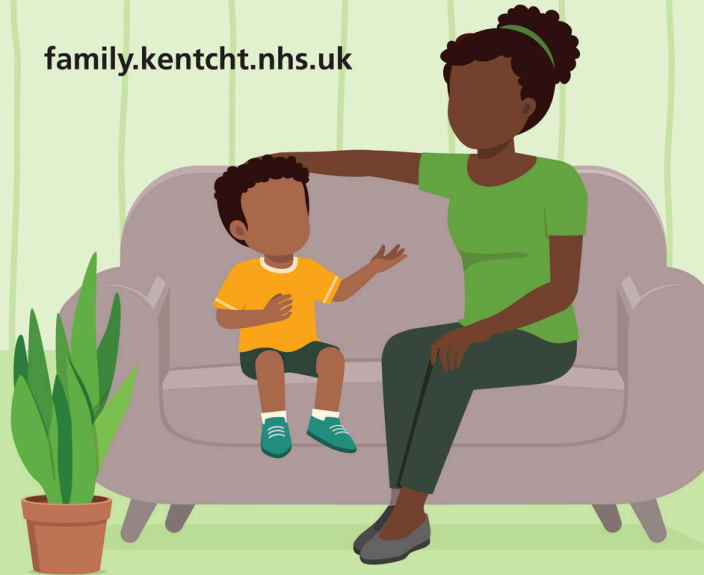


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Smash Padel Whitstable PadelFest 2026

Try the world's fastest growing
racket sport, for FREE.

Never played padel before? Great, this event is just for you. Come along for a fun, relaxed afternoon and try padel for the first time. Meet other beginners and see what all the fuss is about. You might just find your new favourite hobby.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Open to everyone
- 3 covered courts
- Friendly coaching on the day
- All equipment provided
- Just wear trainers
- The 'One Point Live' Challenge!

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SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
12:00-16:00

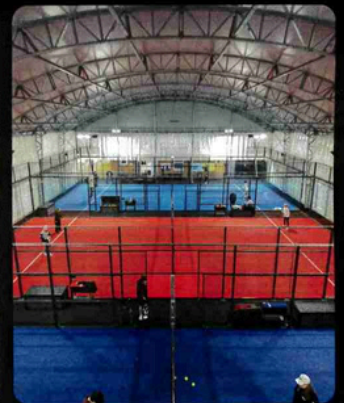
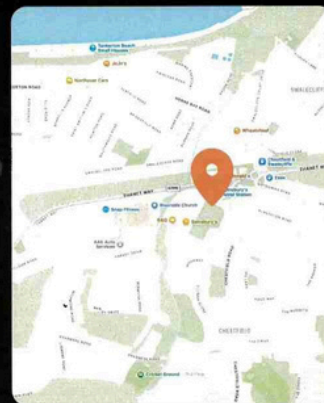


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Getting here

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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