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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

It has been a helter skelter start to the term after the half term holiday. This week most classes having been carrying out Autumn Term assessments, many of Year 4 have gone off to Blackland Farm for their residential trip and we have hosted over 40 people to visit school for prospective Reception places in 2025, with a similar number expected next week. Y6 children were a real credit to the school as they showed families around, leaving people with a really positive image of a school well-loved by its pupils.

We also welcomed a former pupil into school this week who now works for the Royal Navy. Andy Redgate left here 35 years ago and had not returned since – but he came and led a morning of engaging workshops for Y6 about teamwork and science and technology. He also spoke in assembly to the children and left us with a powerful impression of how one or two practical and outdoor experiences he had enjoyed during his time at High Firs sparked a passion for adventure that led him to the exciting career he enjoys today.

Year 5 enjoyed a walk around Swanley as part of their history studies of the Victorian period this week.

Here are some photos of y4 enjoying themselves at Blackland Farm – a really terrific experience in outdoor adventurous activities, teamwork, socialising and wellbeing.



On Monday next week, we invite you all to attend our annual remembrance assembly – a really powerful occasion where silence speaks the loudest form of respect.

Caterlink, our caterer would like to collect some feedback from the children about their school meals. If you are happy to for your child to complete or to help them to complete, please use this link to submit before 30th November.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLKQLHJ>

And finally, please stay safe over the weekend as many of you will be joining in some form of Bonfire Night related celebrations. I advised the children in assembly yesterday that fireworks can be great fun when you stay with trusted adults and follow instructions carefully, but that they can be very dangerous if this is not the case. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



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Parents and families are invited to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly at 10.40am on Monday 11th November, which will include observing the 2-minute silence.

Poppy Appeal

As well as paper poppies, a variety of other items will be on sale for one last time on Monday in return for the children's donations



towards this

year's British Legion Poppy Appeal. Items available and the donation suggested by the RBL are shown here. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile cause.

Values Cup Sticker Winners

	Be kind	Be your best	Be honest	Be safe
R	Aston Theo Ayyub Henley	Ayah Tevin Mia Hayden	George K Harrison	Frankie Nihaad DJ George P
1	Esme-Jayne Lola Rania	Bobbi Jenson Jessica	Molly Madeleine Charlie	Luna Billy Mikayla
2	Bella B Mikey Julia	Harrison F Charlotte Freya S	Penny Jamie Imogen	Brooke Alice Anthony
3	Teddy C Sabiha Lowen	Joshua C Jack Abhyank	William Lenny Teddy M	Maddy Anastasia Kaya
4	Millie Chloe Roman	Annabelle Sadie Henry F	Emily Joshua I Joshua W	Dylan Beatrice J Tianamarie
5	Omolade Smilte Ellie	Iyah-Renae Maisie	Mason T Miraculous Scarlett	Sadiya Faye Clark
6	Kenneth Bella C Blou	Harrison C Poppy G Olivia	Honey Alyah Beatrice Daisy W	Isabella T Laquisha Hashmin



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School Tours for Reception 2025 starters

It was lovely to welcome so many new prospective High Firs parents and children into school on Tuesday for the first of our Reception 2025 tours. We still have other tour dates available and our Craft Afternoon if you haven't yet booked for your own pre-school child or know someone else who may be interested. Please visit <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/receptiontours> to book a place on the tour and/or Craft Afternoon or for further information.



Yr5/6 Clubs

Now that the clocks have changed and the darker nights are upon us, please can we ask that where possible Yr5/6 children are collected by an adult from after-school clubs rather than walking home unaccompanied at 4.15pm. Thank you.

Harvest donations



Dear High Firs Primary School,

Thank you so much for your very generous donations to Swanley + District Foodbank. The items you gave will help us to keep people in need safe over the winter.

Thank you, as well, for coming to deliver everything, we really appreciate it.

Many thanks,
Emma + The Team at Swanley FB



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This card was sent on Nov 04, 2024
using TouchNote.



Register Rabbit

Well done to this week's winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:



YEAR R & YEAR 1

YEAR 4 & YEAR 6

Our class attendance this week was:

Year R	98.5%
Year 1	98.5%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 6	98.1%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 3	92.2%

In our classes this week

Reception – discovered the story of bonfire night.

Year 1 – learned how to sequence a story.

Year 2 – learned how London has changed since the Great Fire of London.

Year 3 – made flip books to help them learn about animations in computing.

Year 4 – used computers to programme their own multiplication game.

Year 5 – went on a walk to look for features of Victorian Swanley.

Year 6 – learned what happens to white light when it passes through a prism.



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	101	947	Lottie & Josue Y5; Daisy YR
CHESTNUT	113	963	Evie Y5; Julia Y2
OAK	99	969	Charlie Y1; Cameron Y5
ASH	95	993	Frankie Y1; Daisy Y5; Scarlett Y5

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education Registered Charity No. 1137633

If anyone can offer DJ services for our disco in the Spring Term, we would be delighted to hear from you.



INSET DAYS

No children in school

6th January
30th June
21st July
22nd July

Coming up next week...

Anti-Bullying week
Poppy Appeal items on sale on Monday

Monday 11th November
10.40am: Remembrance Day Assembly and 2 Minute Silence – all welcome

Tuesday 12th November
Yr5/6 Football at Fawkham Primary

Wednesday 13th November
11am: Reception 2024 Tours

Thursday 14th November
10.10am: Yr3 Class Assembly – all welcome
10.30am: Y3/4 Parent maths workshop

And later in the term:

Christmas Fayre will be Friday 6th December from 3.15 onwards.
Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December.



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