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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Well done to our Y5/6 football teams who competed really well in cup matches for boys and separately girls at Cherry Orchard Primary School all the way over in Ebbsfleet last Friday afternoon. The girls had a terrific 2-0 victory with Poppy and Emelia standing out by getting goals. The boys lost their game 5-0 – it was only 2-0 with around 5 mins to go, but we just ran out of legs and the game slipped away. An honourable mention to Oliver who put in an outstanding shift in goal.

Another well done goes to Year 5 children who took part in the hockey quicksticks festival this week. This is a new event for us at High Firs and the children thoroughly enjoyed the event, offering a coached opportunity for children to try out a new sport.

We have enjoyed wearing our odd socks this week for Anti-Bullying Week and we are in the process of collecting votes for the buddy bench design – watch this space for updates to come. Many classes have taken part in the Challenge 25 for Children in Need – some attempts have been hampered by the weather, so they will complete when the rain stops – hopefully next week! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations – final total raised to follow next week.

We are once again asking for more Park and Stride parent helpers. We started this initiative three years ago and it contributes to the fitness of our children and the safety around our school site every day. With two staff committed, at a cost of approximately £3000 per year to the school, we can take 12 children each day. Currently however, there are often 16-17 children wanting to use the service. If we could attract one or two parent volunteers, we would be able to expand our offer to 18 children – as we had on certain days last school year. If you are interested in helping, even for just one day a week, please contact the office to help us to run this service in the most efficient way possible.



Full details of The Friends Christmas events are coming out today (separately) along with the chance to purchase raffle tickets for the grand draw at the Christmas Bazaar - which will soon be upon us on Friday 28th November.

See pictures of Year 1's trip to Tonbridge Castle below – they were a real credit to the school and their families.



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Remembrance Day

Thank you to all our parents and families who joined us for our Remembrance Assembly on Monday when the children shared the reasons behind why this is commemorated and why we wear poppies. In addition, the two-minute silence was impeccably observed by all the children from Reception to Year 6. Each of our classes also contributed to make lovely displays to recognise this special event.



The children looked fantastic today in their Pudsey clothing and spots. Some classes have been busy completing their "25 Challenge", however some classes will complete their outdoor challenges next week when the weather is drier! Just a reminder that if you would like to donate to Children in Need, you are able to do so on the school's donation page by clicking on the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19628>

Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher today –

- Oliver G – his enthusiasm with floating and sinking activities.
- Finley H – trying exceptionally hard with his writing.
- Year 1 – their incredible behaviour on our school trip – being sensible, kind and their best!
- Lyla R – her brilliant effort in reading.
- Esme B – her excellent work in maths & for impressing Mrs Ford with her number bond knowledge.
- Year 3 – their fantastic assembly.
- Louisa C – working really hard to add and subtract using the column method and solving some tricky 2-step word problems.
- Henry R-W – your excellent work making circuits and explaining why some wouldn't work.
- Edy O – fantastic work on equivalent fractions this week.
- Alan A G – working hard in all lessons throughout the week.
- Daisy G-S – consistently being her best in all subjects.
- Omolade O – his growing confidence in his own ability which has been shown by increased contribution in whole-class discussions.



Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's Key Stage winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:



YEAR 2
YEARS 3 & 4

Our class attendance this week was:

Year 2 99.6%
Year 3 98.9%
Year 4 98.9%
Year R 97.0%
Year 1 95.9%
Year 5 95.9%
Year 6 94.8%



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	68	905	Arthur H; Louisa C
CHESTNUT	105	1045	Arthur F; Thomas H; Iyah M
OAK	93	1146	Mikayla I; Beatrice J
ASH	94	1183	Francis H; Stanley W; Natasha F

In our classes this week

- Reception – learned about floating and sinking
- Year 1 – had a fantastic trip to Tonbridge Castle
- Year 2 – have written character descriptions of Paddington Bear
- Year 3 – located Europe and the Roman Invasions on the map
- Year 4 – learned about the Tudor explorers
- Year 5 – learned about the planets of the solar system
- Year 6 – learned the electrical symbols



Coming up next week...

Tuesday 18th November

9.00am – Parents & Carers coffee morning – understanding & supporting your child's behaviour

INSET DAYS

5/1/2026

22/5/2026

Wednesday 19th November

10.10am - Year 2 Class Assembly



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Year 1 Tonbridge Castle Trip

Year 1 had a lovely (if a little damp!) day visiting Tonbridge Castle on Monday. The children were beautifully behaved, really enjoyed the workshop and tour and they showed great knowledge of castles.



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Parents and carers

Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome -
please come along for
coffee and chat!

**Tuesday 18th
November at 9am**

***Understanding and
supporting your
child's behaviour.***



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Christmas Lunch

Roast Chicken, Sausage, Stuffing & Gravy
Or
Vegetable Wellington & Gravy
With
Roast Potatoes
Carrot & Green Bean Medley
Cranberry Bread

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feeding the imagination

Sign up online for Christmas lunch on Wednesday 10th December.



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SEVENOAKS DISTRICT
LOCAL PLAN



Regulation 18 Consultation



***Have your say now and help
shape the future of the District!***



Our consultation runs from 23 October – 11 December 2025.

We would like to hear your views on the Council's emerging Local Plan, which includes proposals to meet the District's future housing and development needs.

We are holding a number of pop-up sessions, where you will be able to find out more about the emerging Local Plan for Sevenoaks District – so please come along and speak to us in person!

REGULATION 18
CONSULTATION

2025

To find out where and when the sessions are taking place, and book your space, please scan the QR code or visit the link below.

Session capacity will vary by venue and therefore we would like to encourage you to **sign up** for your preferred time slot in advance.



Please note there will be **limited** space for walk-ins on the day.

To find out more, please visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/emerginglocalplan
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