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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR KILBRIDE

Well done to all our classes for completing their Children in Need 25 challenges - I know Reception enjoyed taking part in their obstacle challenge this morning! Thank you to everyone who has already donated - we have raised £148.50 so far for this very worthwhile cause and there is still time to donate via our payment portal if you would still like to make a contribution.

Continuing the charity theme, as usual we are inviting nominations for charities that they would like to be considered to receive the donations from our Christmas performances. We know that many of our families have charities that they have strong personal ties to so please do let us know using the link later on in the Newsletter.

The wintry weather has coincided with a definite feeling that Christmas is now approaching. The sound of singing is coming from our classes and there are children clutching scripts and learning their lines at lunchtimes. The Friends of High Firs have lots of exciting events also coming up and so please do support them in these - information about next week's Own Clothes / Jumper Day, Bazaar, donations and raffle are all included in this week's Newsletter and we know they would be really pleased to hear from you if you are able to help with set-up for the Bazaar or on a stall in the afternoon next Friday.

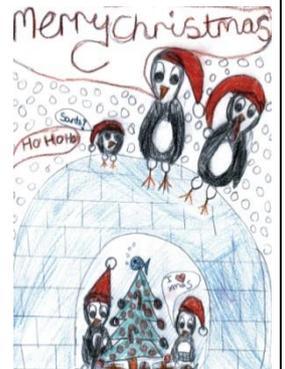
Christmas / Winter Card Competition

The children will be bringing home a piece of coloured card today so that everyone can take part in our annual competition to design a Christmas or Winter Card.

There are a few simple guidelines:

- All cards must be on a Christmas or Winter theme and using the piece of card you are given – apart from that you can use whatever you like to make your card!
- Your card can be landscape or portrait
- Please do not write inside your card
- Write name and class on the back

Please bring your completed card to school by **Thursday 27th November**. All cards will then be displayed in the hall and can be viewed at our upcoming events.



Reception 2026

Our Reception 2026 tours have now finished but there is still time to book on our pre-school Craft Afternoon on Tuesday 2nd December from 2pm to 3pm; please visit <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/receptiontours> to book a place.

Children's Christmas Cards

We know that some of our children have already written their Christmas cards to their friends! Please could we ask that all the children follow the same arrangements:

- Cards to be brought into school from **Monday 1st December** onwards only
- Please label envelopes with recipient's first name, surname and year group
- All cards to be put into the postbox outside Year R/1
- Cards will be distributed by our 'post elves' and then taken home to be opened

Thank you for your support – this will ensure that class time is not spent distributing cards and that they do not get lost around the school during the day.



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December Performances & Concerts



Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

“Bethlehem Bake-Off” – Monday 15th December at 2.15pm

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at High Firs Primary School

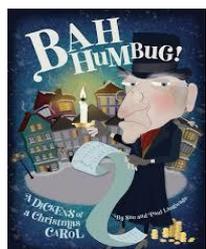
KS1 book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/5rmu9JYx7e>

Year 3 & Year 4

Carol Concert – Tuesday 9th December at 2pm & 6.30pm

at St Mary’s Church, Swanley

Yr3 & Yr4 book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/T0fgxzH4kF>



Year 5 & Year 6

“Bah Humbug!” – Thursday 11th December at 2pm & 6.30pm

at High Firs Primary School

Yr5 & Yr6 book here: <https://forms.office.com/e/hivsV3NFaw>

Seats must be booked for all performances; please do not attend without a ticket! Please use the links in this Newsletter to request your tickets by **FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER** – tickets run out quickly so return as soon as you can. Tickets will be allocated as follows:

- **In the first instance a total limit of two tickets** will be allocated for the class concert / performances in which your child(ren) will be taking part (this may be two tickets for one performance or one ticket for each performance).
- Parents may request additional seats for their child(ren)’s own performances, which will then be allocated on a ‘lucky dip’ basis following initial allocations.
- Should any seats still be available after this time then they will be made available to parents in other classes, again on a ‘lucky dip’ basis.

We welcome pre-school age children to attend performances, however, if they are walkers, they will require a ticket. If they are ‘babes in arms’ they can attend without a ticket.

All audience members will be asked to sit in their seat and to watch quietly, enabling the children on stage to do their best. If there is any disruption from younger viewers, we would expect parents/guardians to show consideration by settling or removing their child. If disruption persists, you may be asked to leave to allow the performance to continue smoothly.

We cannot accommodate prams and buggies in the building – but you are welcome to leave them outside on entry.

There is no charge to attend the performances but visitors are invited to donate to the collection for one of our chosen charities.

All High Firs children will have the opportunity to watch the performances and concerts during school time.



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Our Christmas Charities 2025

As we look forward to our Christmas performances & concerts this year, it is time for us to decide the charities that will benefit from the generous donations that our audiences make. We know that lots of our families have affiliations with particular charities, often due to their own circumstances, and we would therefore like to invite you to nominate a charity to receive some of these funds. If you would like to suggest a charity then please complete the form at <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/charity2025> by **Thursday 27th November**. We will let you know which have been chosen in a future Newsletter.

Reception & Year 1 parents and carers are invited to join us for a **READING AND PHONICS INFORMATION SESSION** on Thursday 27th November from 10.30am to 11am

Please join us to find out more about how we teach reading and phonics in school - and how you can help at home!

KS2 – don't forget to do your TimesTables Rockstars challenges!
<https://trockstars.com/>

Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

We are delighted to finally be able to share that thanks to all of our wonderful children's efforts we have raised an amazing **£1,747** at this year's Sponsored Bounce. This money takes us so close to our target of £5,000 which means early next year we will be able to purchase new technology for our children to use in school. More to follow on this in early 2026.

This week we are busy preparing all of the final arrangements for the Ice-skating next Thursday and our Christmas Bazaar on Friday. The Christmas Bazaar would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers and we could still do with a few more so please do let your class rep of a member of FHF if you are able to spare any time next Friday.



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Christmas & Winter Jumper Day
Thursday 27th November



**Children can wear "own clothes" /
Christmas or Winter jumper to school
in return for a donation of -**

Reception - cakes or mince pies

Yr1 & Yr2 - unopened bottles

KS2 - sweets or chocolates



FHF CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT HIGH FIRS – COMING UP NEXT WEEK....

Thursday 27th November – Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper day

All children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day and we hope everyone will join in the festive fun by wearing a Christmas or winter-themed jumper! In return for the enjoyment of dressing up, we kindly ask for a donation:



- **Reception:** Cakes or Mince Pies
- **Yr1 & Yr2:** A full, unopened, and in-date bottle
- **KS2:** An item of Christmas confectionery (sweets or chocolates)

These donations will be used for the tombola & refreshment stalls at the Christmas Bazaar.

Members of the Friends will be available at the school gate to collect your donations — please do not take them to the school office.



Thursday 27th November – Ice Skating at Bluewater!

Ticket holders only!

Friday 28th November – Christmas Bazaar – open to everyone!

- **Before 3.00pm**

To enable our younger children to walk around the Bazaar more freely we would like to invite Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to visit the Bazaar with their teachers and teaching staff. This allows them to enjoy spending time on the various stalls before it opens to everyone else. **Please allow them to have a small amount of money, a suggested maximum of £5 in change to spend please, and place it in an envelope, marked with their name and send in on the day of the Bazaar.**

A special thank you in advance to Year 5 and 6 children who have offered to help the younger children and who will also run a number of stalls.

- **3.30pm**

The Bazaar opens to everyone at 3.30pm, once the children have been dismissed. Please do invite your friends, relatives and neighbours to join in our Christmas festivities.



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Anti-Bullying Week - Bench vote results!

You may remember that as part of Anti-Bullying week all our children were invited to vote on one of two designs to become a 'Buddy Bench' for our playground. The results are in... and the striped design was the winner! We are looking forward to it arriving in our playground in the next few weeks.



79 votes



111 votes

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	129	1034	Aston A; Millie B
CHESTNUT	107	1152	Olivia L; Jasmine C
OAK	148	1294	Nihaad D; Joshua I
ASH	149	1332	Ella B; Lennie J

Special Mentions

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

- Idris K – his effort in maths this week
- Kelly B – super phonics this week
- Aston A – always showing respect to others & listening well in learning time
- Annriya A – consistently trying hard in her handwriting
- Ted H – his brilliant letter written in character as Paddington bear
- Year 2 – their fantastic assembly
- Alice H – her dedication to learning column addition. Fantastic job!
- Bella B – making her best effort with all of her learning
- Jonas C – your super hard work using subordinate clauses to tell the story of the Battle of Bosworth
- Robert L – your amazing work using blanket stitch when sewing in DT
- Lennie J – his enthusiasm in our Science learning this week
- Josh W – always working hard in lessons and sharing his ideas with the class
- Sadiya M – learning 'off by heart' a lot of her lines as narrator
- Hannah C – working consistently well across all subjects in a quiet conscientious manner



Register Rabbit

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



YEAR R
YEAR 4

Our class attendance this week was:

Year 4 99.7%
Year R 98.5%
Year 3 98.5%
Year 1 97.0%
Year 2 96.7%
Year 5 96.3%
Year 6 93.3%

In our classes this week

- Reception – described and sorted different materials
- Year 1 – learned about the jobs people had in a castle
- Year 2 – have thought about what makes a good friendship
- Year 3 – learned to retell the Roman myth, Jupiter and the Bee
- Year 4 – used subordinate clauses to improve their writing
- Year 5 – learned about the jam factory in Victorian Swanley
- Year 6 – learned how to add and subtract mixed numbers



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INSET DAYS

5/1/2026

22/5/2026

Coming up next week...

Thursday 27th November

Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper day – please bring a donation of:

Reception - cake/mince pies

Yr1 & Yr2 – unopened bottle

KS2 – sweets or chocolates

Cuddly toy donations

10.10 am - Year 1 Class Assembly

10.30 am - Reception & Year 1 parents & carers Phonics Workshop

FHF Ice Skating (ticket holders only)

Friday 28th November

3.30pm - Christmas Bazaar

No Football or Puzzles/Code-Breakers Clubs



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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
e: planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk t: 01732 227000



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