



5th Dec 2025



High Firs Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Court Crescent, Swanley, Kent BR8 8NR Tel: 01322 669721

Email: office@high-firs.kent.sch.uk Website: www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk

MESSAGE FROM MR KILBRIDE

It has been a really busy week with two more weeks left to go – and calendar-wise, next week is possibly the busiest of the year with a wide range of events and celebrations taking place in the lead up to Christmas and the end of the Autumn Term.

Tuesday saw our annual Christmas Tree assembly – photos below – the children did a terrific job with decorating the hall Christmas Tree.

In amongst their usual lessons, Y5/6 have been busy rehearsing their performance and making scenery and props for their production which takes place next Thursday. As I went around school earlier in the week, I was struck by the maturity and sense of purpose and responsibility in our y6 children, as they all got on with their respective tasks in scenery and props preparation.

We had a terrific afternoon yesterday with the in-school performance of Aladdin ensuring that everyone came out of school buzzing, with a wide range of popular songs ringing in their ears!

On Wednesday, a group of Year 4 children had the opportunity to visit Avery Care Home at Froggnal House. The children really enjoyed meeting the residents and sharing in the making of some Christmas crafts, including a giant snowman that will be the centrepiece of the care home dining hall decorations for Christmas lunch.



Achieving more together





The excitement continues next week with the following events, exact timings of which are detailed below: – Rocksteady Christmas concert on Monday, Y3/4 Carol Concert at St. Mary’s on Tuesday afternoon and evening, whole school Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, Y5/6 Performance on Thursday afternoon and evening and finally, clubs finish this week – so there are no more clubs for the rest of the term.

Christmas Tree Assembly

We held our annual Christmas Tree Assembly on Tuesday – it’s always one of our favourite events of the year! The whole school came together in the hall to sing carols and each child and adult had a chance to add their own decoration to our Christmas tree. As is our school tradition, the youngest child in school put the angel on the tree and the eldest did the “switch on” of the lights. There are lots more pictures to see in our school Facebook group.



Our Christmas Charities

We do not charge for our concerts and performances so we are very grateful to everyone who chooses to show their appreciation by supporting one of our chosen charities for the year through the post-performance collections. Thank you for your support for these very worthwhile causes over the next couple of weeks, which have all been chosen for their very close personal connections to both our pupils and staff. We are sorry if you nominated a charity and it was not chosen this year – they were all such worthwhile causes. We will be sharing the donations between:



Achieving more together



Sands supports anyone affected by the death of a baby, while also working to save babies' lives through research, campaigning for improved maternity safety, and providing support for healthcare professionals



Dementia UK is a specialist dementia nursing charity that provides life-changing support for families affected by dementia. This charity has been chosen by both the school and St Mary's Church which we give as a "thank you" for letting us use their lovely church for our Carol Concert.

Thrombosis UK raise public awareness of thrombosis, provide support and information to those affected, and extend understanding of blood clots through research and education.



Choir performs at Emerson Grange

Well done to the members of the school choir who gave up their time last Saturday to perform at the Emerson Grange Residential Care Home Christmas Fair. Mrs Payne and Mrs Jarvis were very proud of the behaviour, attitude and singing of all who came along – great job!



Christmas / Winter Card Competition

Well done to all the children who entered this year's card competition – there were some fabulous entries! We hope that those of you who came into school last Friday for the Bazaar enjoyed looking at them too. Congratulations to these children in particular who have been chosen as class winners –

Reception - Ernie and River

Year 1 - Harrison and George K

Year 2 - Francis and Molly

Year 3 - Anthony and Harry H

Year 4 - Albert and Louisa C

Year 5 - Sadie and Oliver

Year 6 - Hannah and Smilte

Reception 2026 applications

We welcomed some of our prospective Reception 2026 children and families to a Craft Afternoon on Tuesday. It was lovely getting to spend some time with them! Don't forget that applications close on 15th January.



Achieving more together



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

It's been such a busy few weeks for the Friends of High Firs. Last Thursday we had our annual ice-skating evening at Bluewater and it was another brilliant evening. It was great to see all the children and parents on the ice having fun.

On Friday, we had the Christmas Bazaar and we wanted to extend a huge thank you to all of the children and parents that attended. With all of the stalls and games we raised an incredible £1233. This is a brilliant amount of money and will be put to good use next term. We also wanted to again thank the Yr6 children who helped and all of our amazing volunteers. A lot of effort goes into the preparation and we genuinely could not do it without help.

Finally, on Tuesday we hosted a cake sale with our leftover cakes from Friday and we sold out within minutes. We are so sorry if any children were disappointed but thank you again for supporting us.

Every penny we raise from these events goes towards items to help our children at school and we appreciate all of the support.



Monday 15th December – Visit by Father Christmas

We're delighted to let you know that Father Christmas will be visiting the school on Monday 15th December!

If you would like your child to see Father Christmas and/or receive a celebratory gift, please scan the QR code to give your permission.

A payment of £3.00 per child is required. Please send the money to the school office in a labelled envelope by Monday, 8th December.

We are looking forward to a magical visit!



High Firs Primary School is recruiting!

We are looking for a **CLEANER** who will work alongside our other premises staff to provide a clean, safe and tidy environment for our school community.

For more information visit:
www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/vacancies



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR R & YEAR 2
YEAR 5

Our class attendance this week was:

Year R 99.3%
Year 2 99.3%
Year 5 98.2%
Year 3 97.0%
Year 1 96.7%
Year 4 96.3%
Year 6 95.9%



Achieving more together



Clubs

Due to our Christmas events **school clubs will not run from Monday 8th December**. We hope the children have enjoyed taking part – club information for the Spring Term will be issued nearer the time. Our paid-for FOSC Breakfast Club and After School Club provision continues as normal.

November Value awards:

	Be safe	Be honest	Be your best	Be kind
R	Kelly Finley H Hunter	Ron Oliver G Ciana R	Esmee E Noah P Idris	Erin Esmee P Mabel
1	Ela O Daisy F Tevin	Arthur Ful Hayden Ivy G	Henley Theo Annriya	Aston Arthur Fl DJ
2	Meadow Rania Joel	Madeleine Francis Lyla	Tallulah Isla Elliott	Jenson George Eva
3	Nicole Leo W Mikey	Logan G Imogen George S	Freya Oscar Jamie	Gloria Anthony Julia
4	Logan F Lowen Maddy	Robert Jack Abhyank	Iyah M Jonas Luiza	Courtney Henry RW Teddy C
5	Leo A Albsey Roman	Alan Luca Ivy C	Ruby Annabelle Emily	Oliver M Edward Josh W
6	Daisy GS Rakshanaa Mason	Isaiah Mariana Emelia	Logan TG Scarlett Smilte	Hannah C Selena Josue

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	114	1161	Jessica B; Annabelle B
CHESTNUT	153	1419	Esme-Jayne W; Luiza P
OAK	116	1579	Isla W; Hayden G; Oliver M; Joshua I
ASH	135	1641	Sadie J; Lennie J



Achieving more together



In our classes this week

- Reception – learned the composition of numbers to 4
- Year 1 – learned to make a castle from their designs
- Year 2 – practiced their football skills in PE
- Year 3 – wrote diaries as a Roman child
- Year 4 – made Tudor purses in DT
- Year 5 – have been adding fractions
- Year 6 – learned how to divide fractions



INSET DAYS

5/1/2026
22/5/2026

Coming up next week...

No clubs this week except FOSC Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Monday 8th December

9.30am: Rocksteady Concert – parents & carers of participants are welcome
Deadline for money & form for Father Christmas visit

Tuesday 9th December

2pm & 6.30pm: Yr3/4 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church (ticket holders only)

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December

2pm & 6.30pm: Yr5/6 Production (ticket holders only)



Achieving more together





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



Achieving more together

