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HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR KILBRIDE

I can scarcely believe we are about to enter the final week of the term already - This term has flown by!

Our continued focus on teaching and learning in maths continued this week as more staff got the opportunity to visit other Mathshub schools and compare their approach with ours. This sharing of best practice always leads to great embedding of the current and innovation towards the new. We are really focusing on use of accurate vocabulary and ad-hoc adaptations to lessons to ensure best learning opportunities.

Our Y5/6 benchballers had a great time on the only sunny day of the week over at Hextable - congratulations for winning all of their games!

In assemblies this week we learned about Kinsugi - the art of repairing pottery with gold that shows up the cracks forever more. We linked this to Being Your Best - and how we learn from past experiences and this leads to a richer and greater version of ourselves. We also learned about World Interfaith Harmony Week.

We look forward next week to our first new Show and Share time for Year 1, replacing the traditional class assembly - we hope these events are really well attended and to collect your feedback about impressions, by comparison with assemblies.

Look out for the discos and tuck shop in the diary dates below and we also mark Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with a range of events in classes - including a talk from the police for Years 5 and 6.

BENCHBALL FESTIVAL

From Mrs Verge - we took 8 children from Yrs 5&6 to a Benchball festival at Hextable School on Wednesday afternoon. The aim of each game was to successfully get all 8 players on the bench before the opponents, this is done by throwing the ball over the opponents' team to one of our players on the bench. High Firs' throwing, catching and defending were fantastic. The team played superbly and won all of their games. They showed great team work, fair play and encouragement to all opponents and within our team. Well done all.



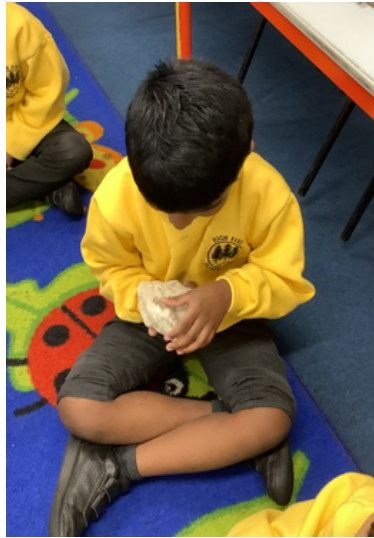
NAME THE FOOD WASTE TRUCK

Sevenoaks District Council is running a primary school competition to name its fleet of new food waste collection trucks. The competition is open until 5pm on Friday 13 February 2026 so there's still time to enter!

To take part, complete the entry form available at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/namethetruck.

YR1 FOSSIL EXPLORERS!

Year 1 had a fantastic afternoon on Thursday when a real-life fossil-hunter, archaeologist Nigel Sewell, came to visit with some incredible exhibits for the children to investigate and explore!



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



	This Week	Term Total
BEECH	133	657
CHESTNUT	139	630
OAK	160	703
ASH	131	632

	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	Daisy F; Ellis A
CHESTNUT	Esme-Jayne W; Henry T
OAK	Theo C; Sabiha M
ASH	Henley S; Scarlett T

Well done to the children who received a keyring in assembly this week in recognition of their efforts in demonstrating their commitment to a particular School Value -

	Be safe	Be honest	Be your best	Be kind
R	River Oliver G Richie	Emilia Alice P Noah P	Ernie Reece Bella M	Madison Sienna-Rose Isabella T
1	Oscar F Olivia Arthur Ful	Sazin Sadie J Arthur H	Daisy F Harrison Ayyub	Lady Darcie T Henley
2	Lyla Reggie Luna	Tallulah Meadow Esme-Jayne	Bobbi Jenson Molly	Drew Francis Madeleine
3	Hannah Anthony Charlotte	Bella B Brooke Julia	Leo W Emma Logan G	Rose Penelope Freya
4	Lenny G Robert Henry RW	Kaya Stanley Teddy C	Sofia M Courtney Abhyank	William Jack Maddy
5	Daisy B Luca Oliver M	Henry F Morgan J Edy	Tiana Millie Josh W	Danny Darcie D Dylan
6	Emelia Isabella O Maisie	Demi Lily Omolayo	Faye Ellie Lottie	Poppy Smilte Omolade

CLASS ATTENDANCE



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 R 97.8%
YEAR 1 97.0%
YEAR 4 96.7%
YEAR 5 96.5%
YEAR 2 95.9%
YEAR 3 95.9%
YEAR 6 95.6%

FRIENDS OF HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION - REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1137633

Please send your **disco money** in for the silent disco on the **12th**.

On **Friday the 13th** the friends will be hosting a **tuck shop** after school at the school gates. Cash preferred please.



THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

NEWS FROM OUR CLASSES

Reception – learned how to find a double.

Year 1 – learned how to write questions.

Year 2 – in Science, wrote instructions for hand washing.

Year 3 – learned how to describe the weather in French.

Year 4 – had lots of fun using the big climbing equipment in gymnastics.

Year 5 – learned about mountain climates.

Year 6 – researched the Galapagos islands.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

INSET DAY
22nd May 2026

DIARY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day - classes engage in a range of activities to learn about this year's theme of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Thursday 12th February

2.30pm - Year 1 Show & Share

5.00pm - 6.00pm - Rec, Year 1 & Year 2 FHF silent disco

6.15pm - 7.15pm - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 FHF silent disco

Friday 13th February

Last day of term

FHF tuck shop after school

BOOK FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT

5th - 19th March

THURS 5 MARCH

Come to school dressed as a book character or in cosy reading wear

Class reading swaps and more in-class themed activities

Class visits to Swanley Library

FRI 13 - WEDS 18 MARCH
BOOK FAIR every day after school

THURS 19 MARCH
Visit from Michelle Burke - author of the *Lavender Maze* series



Stay Safe
Get Active

Got to drive?

Park and stride!

Sign up to join us at -
<https://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/park-stride/>

The poster features a blue sky with a sun, a yellow banner with the text 'Got to drive?', and a blue banner with 'Park and stride!'. It includes icons of a car, a person walking, and a person on a bicycle. The bottom section is a dark blue banner with white text.



No Parking

Think before you stop.
Choose a safe spot...

... and please show consideration to our neighbours.

The poster shows a blue car parked on a street in front of a school building. A sign on the car reads 'No stopping'. A sign on the ground reads 'My SCHOOL'. A group of children and an adult are walking on the sidewalk. The background includes trees and a blue sky with a sun.



Where's the **TechZone Gaming Bus** heading next?

Wednesday 18 February 12pm-4pm
Entrance to Swanley Park, The Birches car park, BR8 7YL

We've partnered with TechZone to bring their incredible gaming bus to towns across Kent!

Step inside and experience the ultimate gaming setup, featuring:

- The latest consoles: Xbox Series X, PlayStation 5, and Nintendo Switch
- High-speed racing simulators
- An unforgettable atmosphere with their surround sound system and colourful lights

All equipment is provided. This event is **free to attend** – no booking required.



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biking marking
available



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If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.

Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

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