



Hoath Primary School

December 2025 - Newsletter

Happiness
Opportunities
Achievements
Together
Honesty

Dear all,

It seems unbelievable that I am writing the last newsletter of 2025! The year has flown by and we are now in our final three weeks of the Autumn term. We all love this time of year; the next three weeks are indeed very exciting and so many things happen in school of which I will include some reminders of today.

It is also important to recognise that Christmas can be a hard time for many families and for many different reasons. As ever, the financial strain on families, bereavement and mental illness are always there but somehow they can feel even more unmanageable at Christmas. We are always here to help so please come in and make an appointment with Mrs Bean or any one of us if you need anything or just need a cuppa and a moment to reflect.

We are incredibly fortunate that we have so many exciting events to look forward to this Christmas season as ever. Please look carefully at the dates so that you are fully prepped in advance. We wish to thank everyone that supports us at Christmas, and all year, and wish to thank everyone in our school family for their hard work, effort and commitment to our children. Thank you to the PTA especially who have planned many lovely activities including: refreshments at the nativities, Christmas fair, Elfridges and the Christmas buffet.

In preparing for Christmas, our decorations are going up this week and we start our festivities on Wednesday with Christmas lunch! Our annual Decoration Day takes place on Friday (the 5th) so please ensure your children's non-uniform (for PTA Chocolate for the fair) is not their best party dress! After school, on Friday, the Performing arts club perform their performance to their parents - the gingerbread clan will be showing off their talents! Christmas cards can be sent in now with the children and should be placed in the post box in the hall. Year 5 and 6 children will be delivering these at lunch so please label them with names and classes as we do have many children with the same name in school!

The children will complete their assessments in school over the next two weeks, which will support our teacher assessments, and in identifying the progress they have made and the next areas they will be working on. Then, during the final school week, we have most of our Christmas events including: the nativity (EYFS/KS1), the pantomime (the Malthouse) and Elfridges (an indoor shopping event!).

This year, we are going to add a further Christmas tradition to the mix (one we used to do before we got too big!). We will take Key Stage 2 (classes 3 and 4 only) to the church for a Christmas celebration where we tell the Christmas story with some songs. We are planning this event to be on Monday the 15th December at 2.30p.m. in the church. Please attend if you can, children will be dismissed from the church at the end of the performance and we will return to school with anyone who is not collected from there.

We are busy planning next term's clubs after school and are continuing our pledge of at least two choices a day. Clubs will finish this term on Thursday the 11th December and will re-commence week beginning the 12th January. Be sure to get your choices in quickly as they are proving quite popular. If you have received reminders for payments of clubs/trips/workshops such as Mayan Day etc please would you pay promptly so we can balance the books!

We all look forward to a Merry Christmas; please enjoy all the festivities with your children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year,

Kindest regards,

Mrs Phillipson

Dates for your diaries

03/12/2025	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	No pre order necessary. Lunch can be ordered in the usual way and payment made directly to Cater Link.
05/12/2025	Whole School	Decoration Day	More information in Mrs Phillipson's message above.
05/12/2025	Whole School	Non-Uniform	PTA event - Please bring in a chocolate/sweet donation for the Fair
05/12/2025	Performing Arts Club	"The Gingerbread Clan"	Parents/Carers of Performing Arts Club are invited to watch at 2.50pm
09/12/2025	Choir	Gulbenkian Choir	Information has been sent to relevant parents
09/12/2025	Year 3,4,5 & 6	Church - Rehearsal	KS2 will be going to Hoath Church in the afternoon for a rehearsal.
12/12/2025	Whole School	PTA Lunch	PTA Event - Please see the poster below for more information (there will be no school dinner options on this day)
12/12/2025	Whole School	Christmas Fair @ 2:30pm	PTA Event - Please see the poster below for more information.
15/12/2025	Year 3,4,5 & 6	Church - Christmas Celebration	We will be taking KS2 to Hoath Church in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to come and join us from 2:30pm.
16/12/2025	R, 1 & 2	Nativity @ 10am	Each child in Year R, 1 & 2 has been allocated 2 tickets (50p each) per performance. These can be purchased from the school office.
16/12/2025	Whole School	Pantomime @ The Malthouse Theatre (afternoon)	If you have not yet given consent for your child/ren to attend, please click on the link below to do this by next Friday 5th December 2025. Consent for the Malthouse Theatre Trip
18/12/2025	R, 1 & 2	Nativity @ 10am	Each child in Year R, 1 & 2 has been allocated 2 tickets (50p each) per performance. These can be purchased from the school office.
19/12/2025	Whole School	Elfridges	PTA Event - More information to follow soon.
19/12/2025	Whole School	Last Day of Term 2	School will finish at 1:15pm
06/01/2026	Whole School	First Day of Term 3	First Day of term for all pupils. Gate will open at 8.35am
06/01/2026 13/01/2026 20/01/2026 27/01/2026 03/02/2026	Class 4	Forest School	Letter to follow shortly



Children in need 2025



Just wow!

Thank you so, so much for your

kind donations on Friday the 14th November in support of Children in Need. The school council arranged a fabulous day for us, which included a cake sale, wearing bright clothes and our very popular sponsored run. Magnificently, between you all, we raised a colossal £1245.85! All children received a certificate on Friday's assembly to say thank you. You are amazing!!!



Reading for pleasure

A great big thank you to all of you. Reading is such a big part of what we do at Hoath and we love our books! So quickly, books become out-of-date and there is a constant need for us to keep our book choices fresh, exciting and engaging. It also takes a lot of money and money, you are so willing to give, and for that we are truly thankful. Last year, you so brilliantly accessed our Scholastic book fair in book week (who are coming again in February) buying lots and lots of lovely books, which give us lots of points to spend. We used the points for books equating to £195 worth to spend! Also, we still have some money left over from last year's readathon which again, you so kindly supported and spent a further £80 of that pot. Finally, a special thank you to one family member who donated a generous donation towards the new books in recognition of their great granddaughters' love of reading.....the girls had much fun choosing new books for us to enjoy!

Keep calm and carry on reading! Mrs Phillipson x



MAYAN DAY

YEAR 5 AND 6 WELCOMED A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MAYA WORLD INTO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY. THEY WERE A FINE SIGHT ADORNED IN FEATHERS, MASK, PAINT

AND COSTUME. EVERYONE HAD LOTS OF FUN AND MANY EXCITING FACTS WERE LEARNED BY ALL. HERE ARE JUST A FEW PICTURES FROM THE DAY:





Picker Pals

School council and Eco-club are joining Picker pals as part of their initiative for this year. This means we get to clean up our local area including the school with some excellent resources to help us, which we can use for free. We then are part of a much bigger country-wide scheme to make a difference to our environment.

Follow our journey as we join in with more tasks and activities throughout the year!



Class 1



The children in Class 1 have been thinking about seasonal changes and what happens in Winter. We read 'A Winter Sleep' and learnt about hibernation. The children made their own hibernation dens for small animals.

We enjoyed finding out about fireworks, Diwali and now we are on a countdown to Christmas. Reading the Christmas story and finding out about Christmas traditions across the world.



Christmas Lunch
 Roast Chicken, Sausage, Stuffing & Gravy
 Or
 Vegetable Wellington & Gravy
 With
 Roast Potatoes
 Carrot & Green Bean Medley
 Chocolate Frosted Christmas Cake
 Or Satsuma
 Cranberry Bread

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After School Clubs

The final dates for Terms 1 & 2 after school clubs are below. A letter with new club information for terms 3 & 4 will be sent out shortly.

Football Club & Choir Club	Monday 8th December
Film Club	Tuesday 2nd December Tuesday 9th December
Basketball Club	Tuesday 2nd December Tuesday 9th December Tuesday 16th December
Baking Club	Wednesday 3rd December Wednesday 10th December
ECO Club & Netball Club	Thursday 4th December Thursday 11th December
Performing Arts Club	See slip sent home with your child for details.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the poppy appeal.

We raised £164.40.



HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have gathered some amazing prizes so far. Tickets available now, £1 a ticket. Cash in a named envelope to the office or transfer online clearly stating for raffle.

BOONIES

- £50 cash
- Boonies at Bettleshanger - 1hr run for up to 8 people value £50
- Howletts - entry for 4 people
- Active Life - family swim voucher
- Maraby - entry for 4
- Sea Scrub Sauna - voucher for 2 social sessions
- Little Seaside Town - 1 adult, 1 child entry
- Wildwood - entry vouchers
- Canoe Wild - voucher value £25
- And many more, enter to be in with a chance!

WILDWOOD TRUST

Canoe Wild

ACTIVE LIFE

SEA SCRUB SAUNA

HOWLETT'S
ADPHALL WILD ANIMAL PARK

HORNBY



HOATH CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, TOMBOLAS, GAMES, RAFFLE, MUSIC, DANCE & DELICIOUS TREATS

12TH DECEMBER FROM 2.30PM

CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THEIR CLASSROOM TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FAIR

HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

FOR ALL CHILDREN

HOSTED BY THE PTA

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Please contact the PTA
Hoath.pta@gmail.com
regarding allergies

HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Tombola

The PTA would like to invite the children to wear non school uniform in exchange for a donation that can be used for the tombolas at the annual Christmas Fair on the 12th December

28th November	5th December
donation of a bottle (alcoholic, non-alcoholic, bubble bath anything in a bottle)	donation of chocolate or sweets



Half Term Programme

Canterbury
December 20th, 2025 -
January 2nd, 2026

Our Activities

- Wildwood Trips
- Roller Skating
- Table Top Gaming
- Family Swim
- New Years Eve Party
- Pantomime: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs



Contact us
CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

Find us on Facebook or
Instagram at
Canterbury Family
Hubs

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Canterbury SEND Roadshow

Special Educational Needs and/or
Disabilities Information, Advice and
Guidance Event

Calling all Canterbury families whose child or young person has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Do you want to meet with services that are available in your area? Our SEND roadshow is a place to do just that. We will have a wide range of services in attendance suitable for ages 0 - 25 and their families. No need to book just come along anytime between 9:30am and 11:30am, refreshments will be available.

What families have said about the SEND Roadshows-
"I have more information to support my child's learning"
"all the information I needed in one place"
"what I've been looking for"

Whitstable Family Hub,
Tower Parade,
Whitstable,
CT5 2BJ

9th December 2025
9:30am
11:30am

Canterbury Family Hubs

Information:

Booking Activities:

Families of children aged 4 to 16 years, who are in receipt of benefits related to free school meals can access our winter holidays Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in Kent focuses on children's physical health and wellbeing by providing healthy food and exciting activities for children and young people during the school holidays. To register your interest, please email: canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk

20th & 22nd December

Wildwood Trip

We have a number of tickets available for families to enjoy a day at Wildwood, with lunch provided for all young people attending. Time slot booking required for Santa's Grotto. For 0-19 years (25 SEND). Parents/carers in attendance.

Meet at: 10:00am

Herne Common, Herne Bay, CT6 7LQ



20th December

Roller Skating

Get ready to glide, spin, and groove! Join us for an awesome afternoon of roller skating and music. No experience? No problem! Skates will be available. Bring your energy and have some fun. For 11-19 years (25 SEND).

1:00pm - 2:30pm

The Bay Sports Arena, Bullockstone Rd, Herne Bay, CT6 7NS



22nd December

Table Top Gaming

Ready to roll the dice and dive into epic adventures? Come along for an afternoon of fun, strategy, and great company! Whether you're a seasoned gamer or just curious to try something new, everyone is welcome. Bring your favourite game or join in on ours—let's make it a night to remember! For 11-19 years (25 SEND).

1:00pm - 5:00pm

The Long Rest, 8 Butchery Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2JR



30th December

Family Swim

Free Family Swim session. Meet us at Kingsmead Leisure Centre reception for your 1 hour swimming ticket and healthy snack bag (2:30pm - 3:30pm). For 0-19 years (25 SEND), parents/carers in attendance. *One family swim ticket entitles 2 adults and 2 children.

Meet at: 2:15pm

Kingsmead Leisure Centre, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH



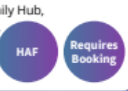
31st December

New Years Eve Party

Come along for our New Year's Eve family celebration. We'll be counting down to 12 noon with music, games and entertainment. Aimed at 0-11 but open to all ages.

10:30am - 12:30pm

Herne Bay Family Hub, Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG



2nd January

Pantomime

We have a number of tickets available for families to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Healthy snack bags will be available. Please note, this performance includes the use of haze, smoke, pyrotechnics, streamers and sudden loud noises. For 0-19 years (25 SEND).

2:30pm - 5:00pm

The Marlowe Theatre, The Friars, Canterbury, CT1 2AS



SANTA AT THE MUSEUM

6TH & 7TH DEC 2025
10AM - 4PM
BOOKING VIA WEBPAGE FOR SANTAS GROTTO
RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

HE'S ON HIS WAY

SANTA'S HELI-GROTTO

Santa's grotto and present included in normal Museum admissions fee (Event T&Cs apply)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY*
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

*Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions. Money can be refunded and showing of pantomime and/or exhibits. *Queue times may vary without booking. Please book before payment.