



# Hoath Primary School

## May 2026 - Newsletter

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Dear all,

This school year is now flying; we find ourselves in May and nearly at half term! The summer term is going to be very busy with lots of exciting events happening. Please, as ever, check the newsletter, emails and the website carefully as we will be sending you plenty of information in the coming days.

All school choices have now been confirmed by KCC for our new year R and year 6. We politely request that you keep us updated with these: any changes we need to know about as secondary schools have begun ringing and organising transition meetings and it is imperative that we are able to confirm where we believe your child is going or may be going. Year 6 parents will receive information from their new schools shortly – please also confirm with us if your child is participating in any transition days so that we can code these correctly in the register. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming our new year R families to Hoath and hope that you will help us in making them feel valued, part of the team and part of the school. Information will soon be going to these families (once places have been accepted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May) to let them know key dates and transition arrangements for term 6. We look forward to meeting you all. Welcome to Hoath.

On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> May, we begin our timetable of summer assessments with the year 6 SATs. Please support and encourage our year sixes whenever and wherever possible. They will do themselves and us very proud – they have worked so hard during their time at Hoath and we can't wait to see them shine. To finish the week, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, our lovely PTA (jointly with Chislet) have planned our Family Fun Colour run which is raising monies for our much needed mini-bus fund. We look forward to seeing as many of you here to join in and have fun with us. Please let your friends and family know too – see poster further on for details.

In early June, we then have our phonic screening checks for year 1 (and some year 2s) and our multiplication check for year 4. Please support your children with these as much as possible by practising at home and encouraging your child's attendance at school. Please check class pages on the website for further information about these assessments and curriculum information for the term on your class' summer newsletter.

As ever, please do not hesitate to come in and talk to us if you have any problems at all. Wishing you all the best in the sunshine,

Kindest regards , Mrs Phillipson

### Class Photographs

The proofs from the class photos have been sent home with your child/children this week.



If you would like to make a purchase, this can be done online or by returning the proof, along with the correct money in the sealed envelope, to the school office by Monday 11th May 2026.

### Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, bought cakes and biscuits, dressed in funny items and donated for Comic Relief.

**We raised £220 for this great cause.**

Thank you so much from the school council.

## Dates for your diaries

04/05/2026	Whole School	Bank Holiday	<b>School Closed</b>
06/05/2026	Class 3	Trip	Living Land Trip. Please click <a href="#">here</a> for full information
07/05/2026 14/05/2026 21/05/2026 18/06/2026	Netball Team	Netball Matches	Full details to be shared with Netball Team by Mrs Smith
07/05/2026	Selected children	Tennis at UKC	Selected children have been given a letter re this event.
08/05/2026	Whole School	Picker Pals Assembly	To be confirmed
11/05/2026	Year 6	SATS Week	Year 6 parents, please see email sent on 24/04/2026
11/05/2026	All Year Groups	Class Photos	Last day to return photo proof cards if paying by cash.
15/05/2026	Chislet CE and Hoath Schools	PTA Colour Run	Please see email sent 23/04/2026 & poster below - all proceeds raised from this event will go towards the minibus fund
16/05/2026	Year 5	Super Saturday taster day at Canterbury Academy	Year 5 parents, please see email sent on 30/04/2026
21/05/2026	All Year Groups	Change to Menu	Treat Day - Hotdog and Chips (see menu below)
22/05/2026	All Year Groups	Last Day of Term 5	School will finish at 3:15pm
01/06/2026	All year groups	Staff Training Day	School Closed to children
02/06/2026	All year groups	First Day of Term 6	First day of term 6
03/06/2026 10/06/2026 17/06/2026 24/06/2026	Class 1	Forest/Beach School	Letter to follow shortly
04/06/2026	Year 5	Taster Day at St Anselm's	Year 5 parents, please see email sent 21/04/2026
11/06/2026	Year 6	Science Jamboree	More information to follow soon
11/06/2026	Year 4	Minilympics	See letter sent
02/07/2026	Whole School	Transition Day	More information to follow
05/07/2026 - 08/07/2026	Year 6	Residential Trip	More information to follow soon
11/07/2026	Whole School	PTA Summer Fair	Date to be confirmed
13/07/2026	Whole School	Sports Day	More information to follow
21/07/2026	Whole School	Last Day of Term	School will finish at 1:15pm

Hoath Primary School: a place where 'pupils develop compassion, resilience and Independence from the very start of their time in school.'

We are delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which recognises the many strengths of Hoath Primary School and celebrates the hard work of our whole community.

Inspectors judged key areas of the school to be of a *strong standard*, highlighting the high expectations set by leaders and the positive, inclusive culture that runs throughout the school. Pupils were praised for their excellent behaviour, cooperation, and kindness towards one another. The report notes that children feel safe, happy, and proud to be part of our welcoming school community.

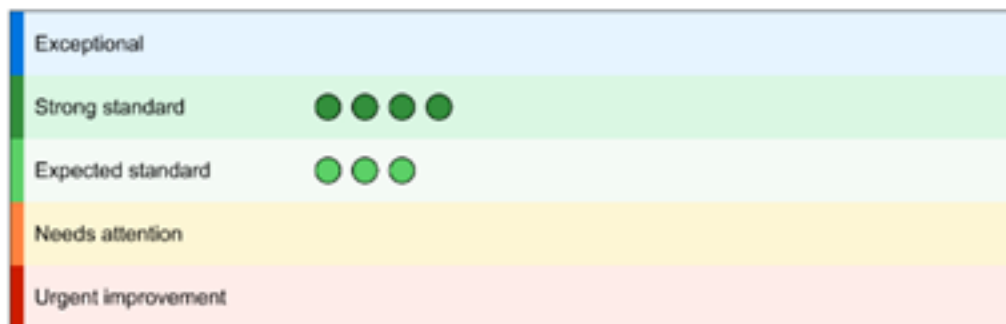
The inspection also recognised the school's strong commitment to inclusion, with staff demonstrating a deep understanding of every pupil's needs. This ensures that all children, including those who need additional support, are able to thrive and grow in confidence.

Leadership and governance were highlighted as key strengths, with leaders described as ambitious for all pupils and highly effective in driving improvement. Staff are proud to work at the school and benefit from a strong culture of professional development. In recognising the ambition we have for every child, the report states that: 'The school is successful in its vision to 'prepare them for life as global citizens'.'

We are incredibly proud of this report, which reflects the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils and the ongoing support of our families. Together, we will continue to build on this success. We wish to thank you for all your on-going support and being part of our team that we love so much.

Thank you everybody - The staff at Hoath Primary School

## Inspection report: 27 January 2026



### ✔ Safeguarding standards met

The safeguarding standards are met. This means that leaders and/or those responsible for governance and oversight fulfil their specific responsibilities and have established an open culture in which safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and concerns are actively identified, acted upon and managed. As a result, pupils are made safer and feel safe.



## Easter traditions

It seems like such a long time ago but we wanted to celebrate all the wonderful Easter creations you made this year for our traditional Egg transformation event. We are always amazed at the creativity of our children for this event – thank you so much for your participation. We raised a little bit of money for our School Council pot which helps us plan nice little events, rewards and experiences throughout the year.



Each class had a winner judged for an eggcellent creation - get planning next year's cracking entry!!





# Class 1

Class 1 had a wonderful term learning about Fairy Tales and Easter. We made Easter hats, chocolate nests, we even made our own hot cross buns! In Forest school, we have been observing Spring changes in our environment and have been busy planting and looking after our trees.





In Class 2 we have had many exciting visitors, including chicks and a bearded dragon!

Look at our incredible artistic 3D paper skills. We can't wait to show you our 3D project later this term.



Class 2



# C L A S S 3



We loved performing our show to the school and to our family members! Thank you for being such wonderful audiences and for all the lovely comments. We definitely have some budding actors in our midst!

## Year 6

Year 6 have worked so hard again this year towards achieving the end of year standards for year 6. They have shown resilience, good spirits, determination to succeed and huge progress as a group. We are so proud of them all and will make sure they complete lots of fun activities in their final weeks at Hoath.

Well done year 6 - good luck for SATS week and you'll all be amazing. We are proud of each one of you – it is the journey you take that makes you and you have all shown real strength this year.



Every day, during SATs week (the 11th – 15th May), year 6 will be welcomed in with a yummy breakfast and time to chill before we get going with the tests.



We will finish the week with some fun activities and then our PTA colour run on Friday.

### Wellbeing ambassador

We would like to introduce you to our new Wellbeing ambassador, the lovely Mrs Bean.

As you know, Mrs Bean wears many hats in school and this is one more to add to her collection. Mrs. Bean has been working hard on this qualification in her own time to strengthen her understanding of mental health and wellbeing in her support of our young people, the staff and the parents.



### Lord Mayor's delight at Ambassador success

Volunteers who joined East Kent Mind's Wellbeing Ambassador initiative attended a special badging ceremony this week.

Two dozen Ambassadors from local colleges, universities and businesses were presented with their Wellbeing Ambassador certificate and badge by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Cllr Keji Moses at an event staged at the Hampton by Hilton Hotel in Canterbury.



We are so proud of her and thank her for her commitment to us.



## Sporting Accomplishments

It has been an exciting and successful time for sport in our school!

### Tennis

Our Year 5/6 pupils performed exceptionally well at their recent tennis event. They won all of their matches to reach the finals - an incredible achievement! Although they narrowly missed out on the overall win, it was a very close match, and the children represented the school brilliantly.



We are looking forward to continuing the tennis excitement over the coming weeks, with opportunities for pupils in Years 3/4 and 1/2 to get involved.

### Football

Our mixed boys' and girls' football team has now completed all of their league matches. They have performed fantastically throughout the season. It has been wonderful training alongside our Year 4 pupils, and we are very excited to see them step into the team next year.

The girls' football team has their final match on Tuesday, and we are all eagerly anticipating it. We wish them the very best of luck!



On Wednesday, we took part in a Federation football tournament. The team played brilliantly, reaching the semi-finals. After a narrow defeat by just one goal, they went on to compete in the third/fourth place play-off, which went to penalties. The team showed great courage, finishing in 4th place - well done to all the children who stepped up to take a penalty, as this is never easy.

### Sports Ambassadors

A special well done to our Sports Ambassadors for their continued support at lunchtime and after-school clubs. They are excellent role models and make a valuable contribution to our school community.

Miss Cope is incredibly proud of all the sporting achievements so far and is excited for what's still to come...

## Parking reminders

Our PPC (Responsible Parking Crew) have been quite quiet recently because you have all been much better behaved!

However, we have been told of some recent near misses on the junction though where people are parked on the corner and then others can't see round them when they pull out. This creates unnecessary hazards.

**Please remember that the law tells us that we should not park within 10 metres of a junction** as this reduces visibility in all directions, increases the risk of collisions and near misses. It also obstructs the view of pedestrians crossing, leading to potential accidents.



Our crew will have to patrol again if this is not remedied!



### Sponsored Read

Thank you to everyone who supported their child in the sponsored read. We raised an amazing **£342.20** which will be used to purchase more books for our lovely library.

Thank you so much

### Do you qualify for Free School Meals?

In Kent, 21% of children receive free school meals. If you are eligible and register your child will get:

- a choice of delicious, healthy hot meals every school day at no cost - this is worth £470 a year per child and recognised to improve behaviour and learning
- meals to cater for cultural, dietary, and religious requirements
- the chance to develop social skills by sitting with friends for a school meal.

If you receive certain benefits, your child's school can also get some additional money to support your child's learning. We encourage you to [check your eligibility and apply online](#) as your child's school can benefit from the additional funding if you apply for the free school meals.

# SCHOOL TREAT DAY

THURSDAY  
21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

## MAINS

Hot Dog & Ketchup  
or  
Veggie Hot Dog & Ketchup

Chips  
Garden Peas  
Baked Beans  
Salad Bar

## DESSERT

Brownie & Chocolate  
Sauce  
or  
Yoghurt  
or  
Fresh Fruit

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Chislet & Hoath PTFA's  
Present Our First Joint Fundraiser

# COLOUR Run

FINISH

JOIN THE **FAMILY FUN!**  
All ages welcome! • Walk, Jog or Run!

Held at Hoath Primary School Field

Colour Stations | BBQ & Refreshments

Scan to Sign Up! <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/chislet-and-hoath-ptfa-colour-run-2026>

**DICE** and The School of Natural Sciences invites you to...

**BioBlitz** 2026  
University of Kent

24 hours of recording and exploring local wildlife through hands-on workshops, surveys, activities and nature trails.

SATURDAY  
**30**  
MAY

Colyer-Fergusson Hall,  
University of Kent, Canterbury,  
CT1 7NB

8:00am-9:30pm  
(Come and go as you please)

**Free Event - Open to all ages**

Scan the QR code to register  
for wildlife surveys.



## More Details

Any questions or accessibility requirements? **Contact us!**

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Check out our instagram for more info on this year's BioBlitz and photos from previous years!



**Bio Blitz** is an interactive, participatory, one-day event bringing together families, school groups, and local community members to engage in nature-based learning with University of Kent students, scientists, and local wildlife experts, including Kent Wildlife Trust, RSPB Canterbury, and Kent Moth Group among others. There is also a Nature Detectives trail designed to allow young children (and their parents or guardians) to explore the wildlife on campus through enjoyable mini challenges.

## Event Details:

- Date: Saturday 30th May 2026
- Time: drop in to surveys running from 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM
- Location: Colyer-Fergusson foyer, Gulbenkian, University of Kent

## Registration:

All surveys and activities offered during BioBlitz are entirely free of charge. It is requested that interested individuals sign-up to surveys in advance via [this Eventbrite link](#), as numbers may be limited.