



Hoath Primary School

July 2026 - Newsletter

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Dear All,

I can hardly believe we are at this point already! A year flies past and we are nearly ready to wave goodbye and good luck to our wonderful year sixes who have come so far.

Yesterday, the children spent time in their new classes. It was a lovely day and all children and classes were settled and calm. Children went out of their new classes smiling and adults too! Well done everybody!

Just in case, they didn't tell you:

- Class 1 will be taught by Miss Mogg with Miss Boulding and Mr Edwards to support for forest. On Wednesday morning, Miss Lupton will teach the children until breaktime to support lesson continuation before forest school.
- Class 2 will be taught by Mrs Gall (who will teach Monday - Wednesday) and Miss Lupton (on Thursday and Friday). In Class 2, there will also be Mrs Marshall, Miss Davison and Miss Stokes.
- In Class 3, Mrs Pask will teach Monday to Thursday, with Mrs Gambino covering on a Friday, supported by Miss Southby and Miss Cope in the mornings. We also have Mrs Cartwright staying with us until January as part of her teaching placement.
- In Class 4, I will teach, with support from Mrs Bean and Mrs Gambino. On Fridays, Mrs Gall will teach science in the morning.
- Miss Cope continues with the responsibility of the sports coach for the school and Mr Edwards will continue to lead beach and forest school. They will lead most PPA sessions for the year.

Goodbyes:

Mrs Carmen will be leaving at the end of term for her exciting first teaching position. We are so sad to see her go - she's been amazing for the children, the parents and the staff too. We all wish her the best of luck with her new teaching position and will miss her dearly. Thank you Mrs Carmen for everything you have done for us. Good luck with the new job!

We also say Goodbye and thank you to Mrs Brown who has taught in Years R, 1 and 2 for the past three years. She is off to a new position at Reculver Primary School and we wish her all the best with this. Don't forget us Mrs Brown - please come back and visit! Good luck!

Other important stuff!

Before reminders and other things you need to know, I would like to thank the PTA for the hard work that they are putting into organising our amazing Summer Fayre which we will have on Saturday the 11th of July. It will be a great success as ever and we look forward to raising money for our little but loved school. Thank you again PTA and please tell everyone you know about it too!

On Sunday, the year sixes go off to residential. We look forward to hearing their exciting stories very soon. We will be booking next year's residential for our current year 5 soon - please look out for an email soon.

On Monday the 13th July, we will be having Sports Day on the field from 1pm. The gates will open from 12.30 with the PTA providing refreshments. Come and celebrate our final event of the year with a GOLD performance!

On Friday 17th July in the evening, the school will have their gold and black-themed Film Premier-style party from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Please see the PTA for tickets.

By Friday 17th July, we will send home everything that needs to go home so please ensure children have a carrier bag with them or plenty of room in their bag! This means they will NOT need to bring bags in on **Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July**, while we tidy and only need their lunch bags/bottles as appropriate. Please take home any medicines from the office or classrooms on the last day, your child is in school, so they can be refreshed ready for the next academic year.

On Tuesday 22nd July, Year 6 will have their Leavers' assembly from 10.30 - 12.00 noon. All children in year 6 are allowed up to 4 adults to come and support them and children in year 5 are allowed up to 2 adults - please see us if there any special requests. The school gates will be opened at 12.00 noon for our annual picnic on the grass. Please bring the family and enjoy your picnic lunch on the field before taking your children home for the holidays. Please note that there will be no school meals on this day. School ends at 1.15 pm.

Hopefully, that all makes sense. As always, please come and ask if there is anything else you need to know. I wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you back in school on Thursday 3rd September (Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd are staff only training days).

Happy Summer everyone,

Kind regards,

Mrs Maria Phillipson - Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diaries

05/07/2026 - 08/07/2026	Year 6	Residential Trip	Year 6 children are off to PGL. We hope you all have an amazing time!
06/07/2026	New Yr R - Sep 2026	Stay and Play	Please see letter for more information.
09/07/2026	Whole School	Wimbledon Menu	See menu below.
10/07/2026	Year R	Pirate Party	See letter emailed 02.07.2026.
11/07/2026	Whole School	PTA Summer Fair	See posters below.
13/07/2026	Whole School	Sports Day	Sports Day will start at 1pm. The gates will open at 12:30pm with the PTA providing refreshments. Please note that refreshments will not be served while the races are on.
14/07/2026	Years 5 and 6	Wingham Wildlife Park	Letter sent out 05.06.2026 with more information
17/07/2026	Year 6	Westwood Cross - Bowling and Cinema	We are just finalising the details - please look out for a letter very soon.
17/07/2026	Whole School	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	5:30pm - 7:30pm - More information to follow soon.
21/07/2026	Class 4	Leaver's Assembly	Year 6 Leavers' assembly from 10.30am - 12.00 noon. Year 6 children are allowed up to 4 adults to come and support them and Year 5 children can have a maximum of 2 adults to support them .
21/07/2026	Whole School	Last Day of Term	The school gates will be opened at 12.00 noon for our annual picnic on the grass. There will be no school meals on this day. Please bring the family and enjoy your picnic lunch on the field before taking your children home for the holidays. All children will need to be collected by 1:15pm.

Arbor Parent App!

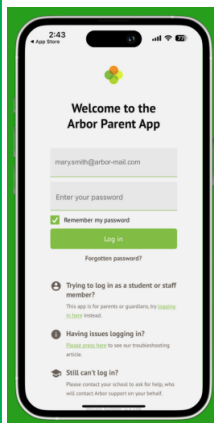
Dear Parents and Carers of children in Years R - 5 and children starting Reception in September.

We are excited to announce that we will shortly be moving our MIS to Arbor.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

As an example, with Arbor you will be able to:

- receive in-app messages and reminders on your phone,
- report absences,
- sign up for breakfast and afterschool clubs,
- book parent evenings.



We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all of our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

We will send further communication about the parental app and how to register soon, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

If you have any queries please contact the school office.

School Lunches - Please note that the cost of a school lunch from September 2026 will be £3.48.

If your child is currently in Year 2, please be aware that their universal infant free school meals will come to an end so you may need to pay for lunches from September unless you qualify for free school meals due to being on certain benefits.

You can check to see if you qualify by applying online via the link below.

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent>

Breakfast Club Costs for 2026 - 2027

We are planning to have a booking system set up on Arbor ready for September 2026. As soon as we have the details we will share this with you. Payments will still need to be made by bacs to the school bank account.

- For sessions booked and paid for in advance, **the cost will be £3.50 per child, per day**
- For sessions booked but not paid for in advance, **the cost will be £4.00 per child, per day**
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For full information including timings and termly costs, please contact the school office. Thank you.



HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

12.30-4PM

- INFLATABLE AREA
- FIRE ENGINE
- FACE PAINT
- FUN AND GAMES
- FOOD AND DRINK
- RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA
- SWEET STALL
- CANDY FLOSS
- LOCAL HONEY
- STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM
- AND MUCH MORE!

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

COME ALONG FOR A GREAT DAY OUT AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!



WIMBLEDON MENU

Thursday 9th July 2026

CHICKEN NUGGETS
OR
VEGGIE HOT DOG
WITH BBQ OR TOMATO DIP

POTATO WEDGES
PEAS & RAINBOWSLAW
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- FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT WORTH £170
- FAMILY TICKET TO MONSTER SLAM 26TH JULY
- £15 VOUCHER LUCY'S LITTLE LIBRARY
- MINI GOLF FAMILY OF 4
- AND MUCH MORE!

TICKETS £1 ON SALE NOW!

EVERY TICKET HELPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets are now on sale and will cost £1 per ticket.

They can be purchased in the usual way of cash in a named envelope in the pink PTA bin or by bank transfer to the PTA account, please do not send payment for this to the school account.

Tickets will also be available to buy at the fair.

Tickets will then be assigned electronically.

If paying by bank transfer, please make sure that you include your name and state that payment is for the raffle. The PTA account details are below.

Account Name: Hoath Primary School PTA

Account Number: 14880601

Sort Code: 52-10-19

HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2026 – JULY 2027

First Day - Term 1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Last Day – Term 1	Friday 23 rd October 2026

First Day - Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Last Day – Term 2	Friday 18 th December 2026

First Day - Term 3	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Last Day – Term 3	Friday 12 th February 2027

First Day - Term 4	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Last Day – Term 4	Thursday 25 th March 2027

First Day - Term 5	Tuesday 13 th April 2027
Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Last Day – Term 5	Friday 28 th May 2027

First Day - Term 6	Tuesday 8 th June 2027
Last Day – Term 6	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

School will be closed on the following Staff Development Days and Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September 2026 & Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 Monday 4th January 2027
 Monday 12th April 2027
 Monday 3rd May 2027 (Bank Holiday)
 Monday 7th June 2027

Attendance for 2026 - 2027

As you may already know, we are no longer able to authorise requests for leave/holidays taken during term time, unless the absence is for exceptional circumstances.

Please be aware that from September 2026, in line with recommendations from KCC, we will be issuing penalty notices for unauthorised leave/holidays taken during term time.

This decision has not been taken lightly and there has been much discussion about the best way to bring our practice in line with the new national requirements.

Our term dates are included on this page for your information along with the 'Attendance Matters' grid below.

To put this into context, if a child has attendance of 90%, this means that they have missed the equivalent of ½ a day of learning every week.

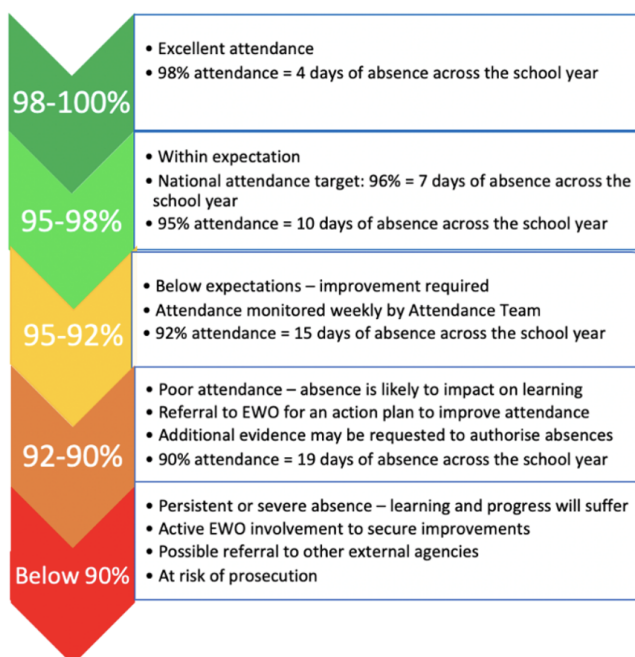
Children with attendance of 80% equates to missing a whole day of learning each week. In a school year there are 38 weeks (190 days) of learning. An attendance level of 80% means a child has missed the equivalent of 38 school days - or a whole term!

The new guidance means that unauthorised leave/holiday of 5 days (10 sessions), or longer, during term time will receive a penalty notice from KCC:

- The first penalty notice issued to each parent for a child will be charged at £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid between days 22 and 28.
- Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent(s) for the same pupil within 3 years of the first offence, the second notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 and is payable within 28 days. There is no reduced sum available in this instance.
- When a third or subsequent period of unauthorised absence occurs during a 3 year rolling period, a penalty notice will not be accepted by KCC. Instead they will look to involve court proceedings.

It is important to note that none of the funds raised through penalty notices go to the school.

Attendance Matters



School Age Childcare Survey

The need for childcare does not stop when children reach school-age, we know that families continue to need childcare before and after school, and during the school holidays. As a result, the Department for Education is taking a strategic approach to the future of School Aged Childcare (SAC) which builds on the successes of programmes such as the National Wraparound Childcare programme, the Holidays Activities and Food programme (HAF) and the national rollout of the Free Breakfast Club programme, to ensure families are supported, year-round, by an outstanding SAC system.

Parent and Carers School Age
Childcare Survey



The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents and carers to determine their term time and holiday childcare requirement for children aged 0-14 and up to 18 for disabled children.5

The information will help us assess if there are any gaps in provision and how best to meet the needs of all families. Please find below the link and QR Code. We would be very grateful if you could please complete by 17 July 2026.

[Parent and Carers School Age Childcare Survey – Fill in form](#)

Are you a working parent?

Do you need support with childcare costs for your primary school aged children before and after the school day? You may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare.

Scan the QR codes for more details.



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Universal Credit
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Or call the Kent Children and Families
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Or email:
kentcfis@theeducationpeople.org



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Canterbury

Mon 27th - Fri 31st of July
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th of August
Mon 10th - Fri 14th of August
Mon 17th - Fri 21st of August
Mon 24th - Wed 26th of August
09:00am - 16:00pm
Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School

Canterbury

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th of August
Mon 10th - Fri 14th of August
Brand new venue with some
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09:00am - 15:00pm
The Kings School

Thanet

Mon 27th - Fri 31st of July
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th of August
Mon 10th - Fri 14th of August
09:00am - 15:00pm
Monkton Church of England
Primary School

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Outstanding Debts

Please could we ask that all outstanding
payments are cleared by the end of term.

Please contact the school office if you are
unsure of how much is outstanding.

Thank you in advance

After School Clubs Final Dates

Chill Out Club & Rounders	Monday 6th July
First Aid & Multi- Skills	Tuesday 7th July
TSC Football & Baking Club	Wednesday 8th July
Netball & ECO Club	Thursday 9th July
Performing Arts	Friday 10th July

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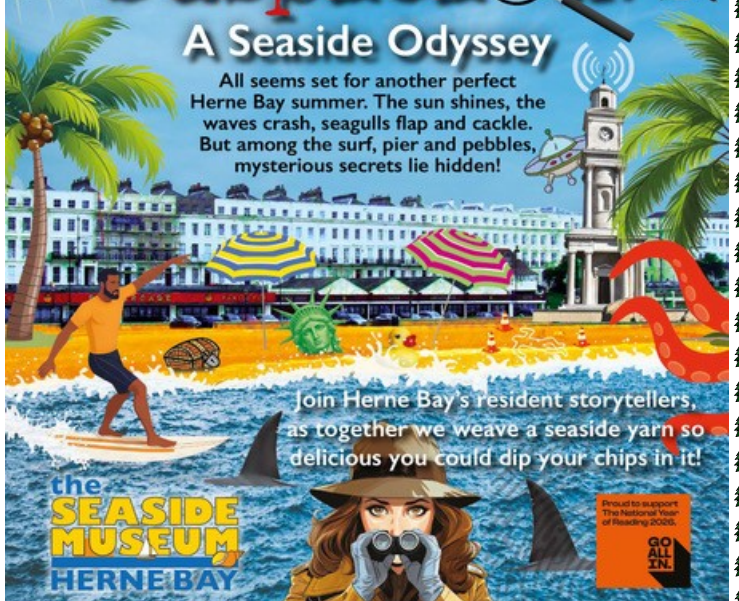
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