



Hoath Primary School

October 2026 - Newsletter

Happiness
Opportunities
Achievements
Together
Honesty

A message from Mrs Phillipson

What an amazing start back to school we have had! Everyone has settled well and is working hard. Walking through the classrooms and lessons today, all children were learning well and were fully engaged. Well done everyone. Class 1 have particularly amazed us with how well they have adapted to Primary School and we welcome all of their families to the Hoath School community.

All our clubs are up and running now. Lunchtime clubs are run by teachers, who can support children with homework if necessary.

The library is now open at lunchtime and is run by our excellent school librarians who applied for their positions by writing a CV. Children can take a book out from the library for 3 weeks at a time but we ask that you please support your child in returning this at the end of this time.

Our librarians for 2026 – 2027



The sports ambassadors are already introducing our children to five different sports a week. Competitions for sport are starting with Year 5 and 6 representing us in football on Wednesday – good luck Hoath!

Harvest time comes soon. Please read the letter with this newsletter from The School Council who are collecting for Porchlight (the homeless charity in Canterbury) and The Canterbury Food Bank.

Next week, we welcome Chislet year 3 and 4 to our school when they embark on their Stone Age workshop day with our Class 3. Watch out for photos next newsletter! Year 6 will also be taking up their high-vis vests and helmets as they learn to safely ride their bikes around the village during their bikeability sessions. Please be aware that bikes will be stored at school so there will be a need to keep children away from these please. Happy riding everyone!

As you can see from the newsletter and class emails, there are many interesting and exciting activities happening over the next few weeks. If you find your email box full, then letters and newsletters can be found on our school website linked [here](#). As ever, we are here to help you. If you do have anything that you would like to discuss, please see a member of our staff on the gate in the morning or, if it requires an appointment, Mrs Bertram in the office to arrange.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Phillipson - Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diaries

Date(s)	Year Group(s)	Event	Additional Information
06/10/2026	Class 3	Stone Age Workshop	Please click here for more information. If you have not yet made the £7 payment on Arbor or returned the face paint permission letter, please could you do this as soon as possible.
07/10/2026 - 09/10/2026	Year 6	Bikeability	Year 6 parents, please don't forget to bring your child's bike and helmet to school on Wednesday 7th September. There will be spare bikes if your child needs to borrow one. Children will need to wear trousers and footwear suitable for riding.
09/10/2026	Whole School	Hello Yellow Day (Wear yellow)	Please wear yellow and bring in some loose change to donate. Please see more information below..
19/10/2026	Class 2	Wingham Wildlife Park Trip	Please click here for more information. If you have not yet given consent and made payment on Arbor, please could you do this by Monday 12th October.
22/10/2026	Whole School	Harvest Assembly (Wear purple)	Wear purple for Porchlight. Please see full information from our School Council below.
23/10/2026	Whole School	Last Day Term 1	School will finish at the normal time of 3:15pm.
02/11/2026	Whole School	First Day Term 2	Gates open at 8:35am.
05/11/2026	Reception & Year 6	School Health	The School Health Service will be in school to deliver the National Child Measurement Programme for Reception and Year 6 children. I have linked the letters sent on 07.09.2026 below. Reception Letter Year 6 Letter
02/11/2026 06/11/2026 13/11/2026 20/11/2026	Reception - September 2027	Open Sessions	For more information and to book a place please click here .
03/11/2025 10/11/2025 17/11/2025 24/11/2025 01/12/2025	Class 4	Forest School	More information to follow.
09/11/2025 16/11/2025 23/11/2025 30/11/2025	Year 4	Swimming	More information to follow.
09/11/2025 16/11/2025 30/11/2025 07/11/2026	Year 5	Swimming	More information to follow.
23/11/2026	Class 4	Kent Life Trip	More information to follow.
23/11/2026 & 26/11/2026	Whole School	Parents evening/ afternoon	More information to follow.
30/11/2026	Whole School	Photographs	Braiswick Photographers in for individual and sibling photos.

KENT AUTUMN / WINTER MENU 2026-2027

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:  Whole grain  Plant based  Added plant protein  Chef's Special
WEEK ONE 02.11.2026 23.11.2026 14.12.2026 18.01.2027 08.02.2027 08.03.2027	Option One	 Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread 	 Pork Hot Dog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	 Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	  Beef Tortilla Stack with Rice 	 Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option Two	 Autumn Vegetable Lasagne With Garlic Bread 	 Veggie Hotdog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	 Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	 Vegetable Pasta Bake 	 Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	 Green Beans & Sweetcorn	 Baked Beans & Peas	 Carrots & Swede	 Vegetable Medley	 Baked Beans & Peas	
	Dessert	 Cheese and Crackers	 Apple Crumble with Cream 	 Fruit Medley	 Syrup Sponge With Custard	 Jelly With Mandarins	
WEEK TWO 09.11.2026 30.11.2026 04.01.2027 25.01.2027 22.02.2027 15.03.2027	Option One	 Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes 	  Spaghetti Bolognaise	 Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	 Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 	 Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option Two	 Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice 	 Veggie Spaghetti Bolognaise	 Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	 Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice 	 Veggie Sausage with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	 Baked Beans & Peas	 Sweetcorn & Green Beans	 Cabbage & Carrots	 Vegetable Medley	 Baked Beans & Peas	
	Dessert	  Gingerbread Cookie	 Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	 Fruit Salad	 Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard 	  Golden Syrup Snap	
WEEK THREE 16.11.2026 07.12.2026 11.01.2027 01.02.2027 01.03.2027 22.03.2027	Option One	 Macaroni Cheese	  Chicken Wrap with Paprika Wedges	 Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	 Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Crushed Potatoes & Gravy	 Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option Two	  Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Rice 	 Vegetable Wrap with Paprika Wedges	 Veggie Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	 Tomato Pasta	 Cheese & Bean Puff with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	 Green Beans & Sweetcorn	 Vegetable Medley	 Carrots & Cabbage	 Peas & Swede	 Baked Beans & Peas	
	Dessert	  Oaty Cookie 	 Fruit Crumble with Custard 	 Fruit Salad	 Ginger Cake with Custard	 Jelly with Mandarins	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

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If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



Thank you to everyone that has signed up to Arbor. More than 93% of our parents have now logged in.

If you have not yet signed up, please click on the following link and select forgot password. Your username will be the email address that we have on record. <https://hoath-primary-school.uk.arbor.education>

If you would like help with this, please speak to Mrs Bertram in the school office and she will be happy to help you.

WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK

Class 2 from Hoath and Chislet CEP schools are off to Wingham Wildlife Park on Monday 19th October.

Class 2 - Please see the letter emailed on Wednesday 30th September for more information. This is also linked in the 'dates for your diary' section above.



Class 3

On Monday 6th October, we welcome Class 3 from Chislet CEP school to join Class 3 at Hoath for a Stone Age Workshop.

Children will be dressing up as Stone Age people for the day.

Class 3 - please see the letter emailed on Monday 21st September for more information. This is also linked in the 'dates for your diary' section above.



Hoath Primary School

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark
award for their commitment, engagement
in the School Games for 2025/26.



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**WE
DID
IT!**

**WE EARNED THE
GOLD
2025/26 SCHOOL
GAMES MARK**

**THANK
YOU!**

**TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
US ACHIEVE THIS AWARD**

Spare Uniform

We currently have a small selection of uniform available.

These items are being offered free of charge (a small donation can be made to the PTA account if you would prefer) and will be allocated on a first come - first served basis.

If you would like an item, please email Mrs Bean, our Parent Support Advisor (PSA) at the following email address karen.bean@hoath.kent.sch.uk with the size you would like and she will let you know if this is available.

We have a selection of grey trousers, skirts and shorts in various sizes and also jumpers and cardigans in sizes:



24" (age 3/4),
26" (age 5/6),
28" (age 6/7),
30" (age 7/8),
32" (age 9/10),
34" (age 11/12)



Next Friday is Hello Yellow day!

We would like you all to wear yellow where possible to celebrate this wonderful cause. Please wear yellow and bring in some loose change to donate to this wonderful charity. Mrs Bean will be taking happy, sunshiny pictures of all the children on the day being together and showing our school values, particularly happiness!

Wear yellow and say hello as we celebrate 10 years of standing out, starting conversations and raising funds – so no young person feels alone with their mental health.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

But we can change this. By taking part in Hello Yellow you're starting a conversation about mental health wherever you are and by funding our support – you're ensuring we can be there to pick it up where you left off.

Stand out, wear yellow on **9 October** and donate what you can. Together we can support young people's mental health, when they need it – no matter what. Hello yellow supports the Young minds charity.





Class 1 Newsletter

The children have settled brilliantly into school this term. They have enjoyed learning our routines and golden rules. Our Forest School sessions have been amazing, we have built dens, created mini fires, used tools to make necklaces pencils and have enjoyed exploring our school grounds.

We have begun teaching our phonics scheme. The children are doing amazingly well at remembering the sounds we have introduced so far. Our first phonics book will be going home this Friday, we have been reading this all week, so the children are excited to show off their new reading skills with you.

We have been busy practising our Nursery rhymes ahead of our upcoming Nursery Rhyme Challenge performance on the 23rd October 2026. We have made props for each rhyme, which we send home after. We will open the doors at 2.30pm and invite you in to watch our performance. This will also be a fundraiser to raise money to develop our outside area. We will be serving cakes and even pumpkin soup! We hope to see as many of you there!



Class 1 we will be participating in World Nursery Rhyme Week with... **The Rhyme A Day Challenge**

We intend to learn the 5 official rhymes for 2026.

Class 1 Parents are invited to come along at 2:30pm on Friday 23rd October (the last day of term) to watch our sponsored nursery rhyme performance, look through books and enjoy tea and cake.

The official rhymes for 2026 are:

Dr Foster

1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive

Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat; where have you been?

Row, row, row your boat

Hickory Dickory Dock

Class 3



PICCOLLO

Class 4

World War II learning

Class 4 have been having lots of fun learning about World War II. The children have been involved in drama activities, have explored what it was like to be in the Battle of Britain and have enjoyed listening to the tales of pilots. Benji has been building models of the different planes at home with Grandad, which we are proudly displaying in class.





Hoath Primary School



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Hoath,

We need you! Do you have 2 hours a week you can spare on a fairly consistent basis? Do you like helping children read? Are you patient and kind? Do you have a love of reading that you could foster in others?

At Hoath, we are prioritising reading and reading resources this year. We want all our children to be confident readers who are able to express their opinions about books. We would like to form a group who come in to school to support the teachers in their mission. You will need to listen to readers, engage with the children about their reading and support children using the library on a Wednesday afternoon between 1.15-3.15.

We have two classes covered and would like to cover the rest too. Please consider this great opportunity and make a big difference to our little school. If you are interested, please make an enquiry at the office or speak to me on the gate as we would love to get everyone reading as soon as possible,

Yours desperately,
Mrs Phillipson
English leader

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are holding a Harvest festival assembly for the school (not parents this time as there are so many of you!) on Thursday 22nd October 2026 – this assembly will be in school and we will be sharing with the children what harvest means to us and linking it to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. As part of this, we will be listening to some testimonies from people who have been homeless and who have received support from the charity Porchlight. You will have noticed our mock-up homeless shelter in the front garden area.

We are asking that, this year, we support Porchlight by wearing purple on the 22nd October 2026 and bring in a monetary donation for Porchlight so that we can help them to continue to do the good work that they do. Please bring this in, in the morning, when you arrive at school and hand to Mrs Phillipson or the School Council on the gate who will be there in the shelter with a bucket!

There is also a box for any dried food donations to help those that we can; you will find this in the shelter.

Thank you,

The School Council x

Porchlight
Changing attitudes • Changing lives



RECULVER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER IS



**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

9.30am St Mary Reculver CT6 6TA

9.30am St Bartholomew Herne Bay CT6 6EB

11am Holy Cross Hoath CT3 4JT

*Please bring urgently needed non-perishable food etc.
for our local food bank as your harvest gift*

**WHATEVER YOUR AGE - ALL MOST WARMLY WELCOME
NO PREVIOUS CHURCHGOING REQUIRED!**

Come Ye Thankful People, Come!

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2027

Key Dates for Year 6 Parents

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - online application process opened.

Thursday 15th October 2026 - If your child sat the Kent Test, you will be notified of the assessment results after 4pm (if the application was made online).

Monday 2nd November 2026 - The online application process closes for the main round.

Monday 1st March 2027 - Offers of school place will be sent to parents via email after 4pm

Monday 15th March 2027 - Parents should contact the school to accept or refuse the place that has been offered.

Information and the online form can be found by going to the following website: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>