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Thank you

Thank you to the whole Fawkham community for your support over Term 1. Your support has helped to make Fawkham a wonderful place, and we are very grateful for the part that families and the wider community play in school life.

The children have come into school with enthusiasm and have shown a love of learning. We will continue to work together to make the Fawkham Family stronger than ever, while giving the children the best education and opportunities we can.

Hire the school

We would like to open our facilities to the community for use and hire. The spaces could be used for a birthday party, sports clubs such as netball, dance or football, or other and regular hire opportunities.

- School hall: £20 per hour
- Outdoor area, including the playground and field: £15 per hour

Please contact the school office to book.

Improving the School Environment

We want to continue making the school a lovely place for all the children. Freshening up areas of the school and completing maintenance is vital, helping us to care for and improve the school environment.

Over the holiday, the front of the school had a new coat of paint. The next project is to paint the school corridors to freshen up the school further.

We are asking for volunteers to help on **Saturday 21 November**. If you can help, please let Mr H or Mrs Fryer know.

Sharing Children's Learning and Achievements

We are going to start sharing children's learning and achievements through the school's social media channels. These regular updates will help families and the wider Fawkham community to keep up with school life.

Instagram: @fawkhamceprimary

Facebook: Fawkham Church of England Primary School



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Sporting Update

The children have already taken part in many sporting opportunities this year, including a range of activities in October.

Highland Games

A group of children took part in the Highland Games festival in Gravesend. The festival included:

- Welly throwing
- Tug of war
- Speed challenges
- Cup stacking



Football news

The school took part in the Year 3 and 4 Champions Trophy and the Year 5 and 6 Small Schools Trophy. We also held our first home friendly games, with children from St Edmands travelling to Fawkham.

The football was played on the school's legendary sloping pitch, and we were pleased to play football again on home ground. More sporting activities are coming up in Term 2.



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Buddies Read Together





Buddies are a wonderful tradition at Fawkham. Each child has a buddy from another year group, helping children to connect across the school.

On the last day of Term 1, the children met with their buddy. Each child or pair chose somewhere to sit, and they shared a story together.

It was a warm way to celebrate reading and the special connections that form across our Fawkham community.

Halloween Fancy Dress Disco



The children who attended the Halloween fancy dress disco had a wonderful time. The event included disco lights, games, decorations and a tuck shop, as well as a playlist made by the children.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to set up, provided balloons and decorations, and stayed to help run the tuck shop.



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Roots to Food



The children enjoyed a recent visit from Chef Darren, who held workshops for each year group. Each year group produced a French dish, working with Darren from Roots to Food. The children made a chicken and vegetable fricassee, giving them the opportunity to take part in a practical cooking experience.

Darren said: "It was once again a pleasure to return to Fawkham. The children were full of excitement and enthusiasm, confident when cooking and demonstrated terrific cooking skills. The French theme was a real success when tasting was involved."

Fawkham Family Wraparound Club

Please do make use of and support our new wraparound offer so it is sustainable for the future.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club operates between the hours of 7:30am and 8:45am for £5.

Afterschool Club

There are four sessions you can choose from as follows:

- 3:05 - 3:30pm £4.00 per session
- 3:05-4:30pm £8.00 per session
- 4:00-6:00pm £15.50 per session (for those days your child is attending a club before joining wraparound club)
- 3:05-6:00pm £17.50 per session

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Staffing Update

Mrs Femi

We are very happy to share the wonderful news that Mrs Femi is expecting her first child. We are delighted for Mrs Femi and her family.

The school will soon search for a wonderful teacher to cover Mrs Femi's maternity leave.

Miss Gould

Miss Gould will leave the Fawkham family at the end of Term 2. We would like to thank Miss Gould warmly for her hard work and dedication since starting at the school as well as wishing her well as she explores new opportunities.

The school is already searching for an experienced teacher to join the Fawkham family as we will update parents as soon as possible.

If you know of anyone who may be interested the vacancies are on UK teach and can be found on our school website.

Friends of Fawkham School Family

The Fawkham School Family PTA has relaunched, with the name **Friends of Fawkham School Family CIO**. We ask parents to nominate themselves to become parent trustees, and Mrs Champion and Miss Macleod were elected after a vote.

There are five new trustees:

- Grace Champion – parent/community trustee
- Paige Macleod – parent/community trustee
- David Harrington – Headteacher and ex officio trustee; Chair
- Kate Fryer – Governing Body-nominated trustee; Treasurer
- Natalie Atkins – Governing Body-nominated trustee

The group discussed priorities for the year, including opening and developing the woodland, technology for the children, outdoor toys and sports equipment, including goals, and improvements to the school environment. These priorities will help the children at the school.



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Fundraising ideas discussed include:

- A bake off
- A sales hatch through the storeroom onto the playground once a week
- Craft nights
- An adult cinema
- An outdoor film night
- A silent disco
- Sip and paint
- Christmas wreath making
- Black tie events
- Selling mulled wine at Christmas shows
- A summer spectacular
- Someone special/ Mother/ father events and sales
- Colour hampers and raffles

The school would like to thank everyone who has given feedback, ideas or help. The group wants to continue hearing people's ideas and can be contacted by emailing **fundraising@fawkham.kent.sch.uk**.

All Fawkham Family members are supporters of the new group. There will be opportunities to help and support at events and around the school, so please let the group know if you can help in any way.

Student Spotlight

Do you do something exciting outside of school? Maybe you take part in sports events outside of school. Please feel free to share any good news stories to be included in our future Student Spotlight news feature. email dharrington@fawkham.kent.sch.uk

Swimming Success for Finley

We are delighted to celebrate Finley Hawkins from Badgers class, who was awarded a 1000m swimming certificate.

Finley swam continuously for 35 minutes, completing an impressive 45 laps in the pool where he learns. This achievement shows tremendous commitment, stamina and determination. Congratulations, Finley, on such a wonderful example of sustained effort and perseverance!



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Amelie Takes Part in Disney's Frozen



Amelie recently performed in a production of *Disney's Frozen* at the Bob Hope Theatre in Eltham, giving Amelie the opportunity on stage performing and doing what she loves. Miss Payne also took part in the production alongside Amelie. Congratulations to them both!



Marley performed in the Disney's Frozen Jr show.



Marley took part in a production of *Disney's Frozen Jr* at The Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks with Rare Productions, the largest UK theatre movement for young people. The photograph shows Marley and the cast together in the production. We are delighted to recognise Marley's participation in this creative experience. Well done, Marley!

Congratulations to Angus, Finley and Chloe

We are delighted to celebrate three achievements from members of the Fawkham community. Angus and Finley were awarded Beaver of the Year in their group.

Chloe was awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award. We are very proud of Angus, Finley and Chloe.



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Upcoming dates for the diary

You can get all the latest dates from our school website. Which we keep up to date throughout the year. You can also subscribe the Calander to add the dates to your own device.
https://www.fawkham.kent.sch.uk/Calendar/

- Monday 2nd November – Staff Inset Day
- Tuesday 3rd November – Start of Term 2 for children.
- Wednesday 4th November - Individual/Sibling Photo Day
- Monday 9th November - Reception visit to Russell Court
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need
- Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying
- Wednesday 18th November - Whole-school flu immunisations
- Wednesday 18th November - Reception 2027 open afternoon
- Friday 20th November - Own Clothes Day for Christmas Fair Donation
- Saturday 21st November – Paint the school corridor (volunteers needed)
- Tuesday 1st December - TAG Day 2
- Friday 4th December - Reception 2027 open morning
- Friday 4th December - Reception visit Russell Court
- Wednesday 9th December - Dormice & Hedgehogs Nativity (morning & afternoon performance)
- Thursday 10th December - Headteacher tea party
- Thursday 10th December – Christmas Disco and tuck shop 3:15pm – 4:30pm
- Monday 14th December – TAG Day 3
- Monday 14th December – Christmas Fair 1pm – 4pm
- Monday 14th December – Carols by Candlelight 4:15pm
- Tuesday 15th December – House Teams Day



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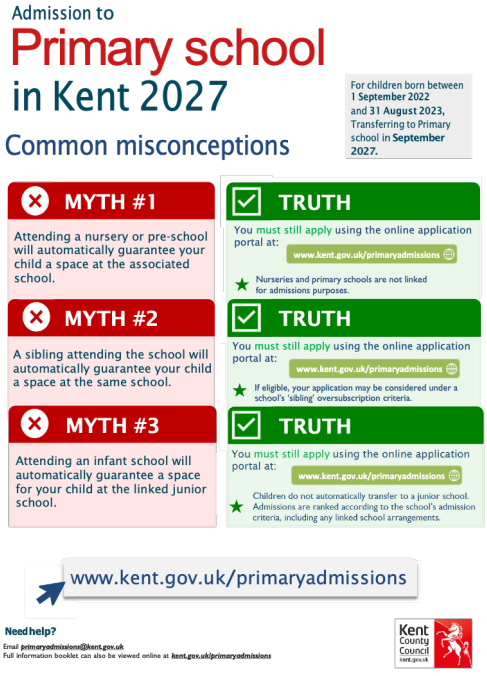
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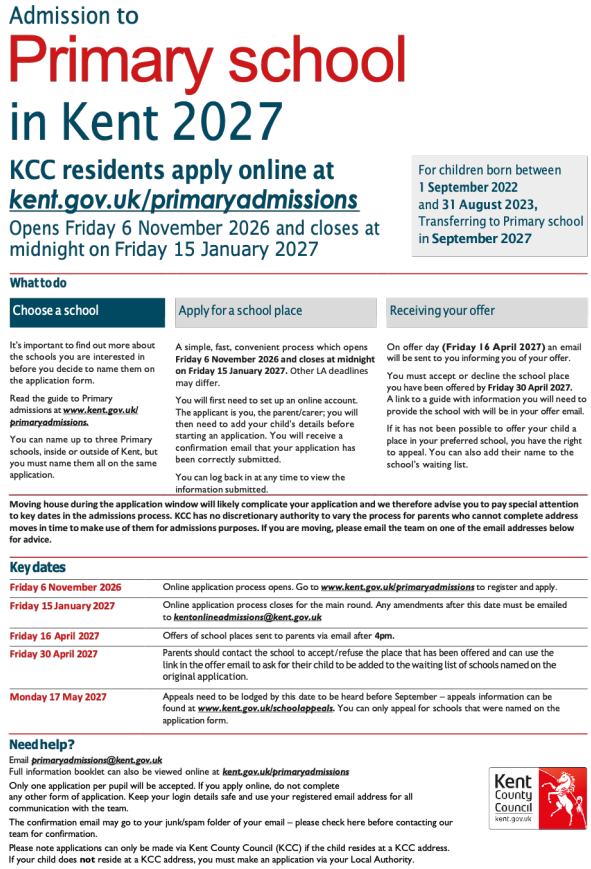
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- Thursday 17th December - Naught Elves Day
- Friday 18th December - Christmas Service - St. Mary's Church 9am – 10am
- Friday 18th December - Carol Singing at Russell Court 10:20am
- Friday 18th December 2026 - Last day of Term 2





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