

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As always the first week of term has been very busy and has absolutely flown by! (Although I have quite enjoyed a 4 day week for a change!!) ☺ Our Launch Pad weeks are notoriously busy with children having launch pad workshops and special visits out. I was lucky enough to be available to help the two reception classes get on board their coach to Faversham to spend the morning at Role Play Rascals. The excitement of being on a 'high up coach' as one child put it was enough to ensure the day was a hit! It really was! They really enjoyed their time there. Our Year 1 and 2 classes found out all about Mary Queen of Scots, had a special visit from Lady Page and completed observation drawings of Scottish thistles.

Unfortunately, and unusually the company we had approached to complete a VR Launch Pad about Egypt cancelled on Bank Holiday Monday evening. So on Tuesday morning, 'Team Year 3 & 4' were exceptionally busy to re-plan a Launch Pad event and did an excellent job in doing so – the children attended 4 workshops including making Egyptian Flat Bread, learning about Hieroglyphics and making Pharos head dresses. I am sure they have told you all about it!

Year 5 and 6 launched their theme by researching mountain ranges and famous explorers. They then presented their new learning to their class-mates. I was lucky enough to visit a classroom when the children were doing this and was really impressed by all the information they had learnt.

Some of the pupils in Year 5 have also been on a visit to Three Hills to learn how to skateboard this week. The remaining Year 5s will be going along next week for their visit.

Looking ahead to Thursday 8th May – which is VE Day – we would like to celebrate VE Day in school too. The children will be learning about VE Day in school and we thought it would be great to add to the celebration by asking the children to come to school wearing the patriotic colours of red, white and blue on that day too. We wanted to link this in with the Royal British Legion and would ask that the children make a donation of 50p - £1 for the privilege of doing so! We really try to avoid asking for money for anything in school, however we thought days when you can wear clothes other than school uniform often leave lasting memories for children and we thought celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day was something we would really like the children to remember whilst raising money for a special charity. The bubble machine might even come out!!!!

Dates for your diaries for Term 5 re as follows:

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| • 30 th April | Cross Country Running Event |
| • 30 th April | Parent Workshop - Understanding and Empowering your Anxious Child – 6:00pm - 7:30pm |
| • 1 st May | Second Year 5 group to go to the Skate Park |
| • 5 th May | Bank Holiday Monday |
| • 12 th May – 18 th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| • 16 th May | Parent Workshop Friendship First Aid – 9:00am – 11:00am |
| • 23 rd May | Last day of Term 5! |

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Parent Workshops

Come along to one of our Parent Workshops for an opportunity to share your experiences with other parents, to access resources & advice to help your family towards improved wellbeing.
Complete the reply slip below & return to school to book your place.

"Understanding and Empowering Your Anxious Child"

Parent Workshop

Wednesday 30th April 2025

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Does your child worry a lot about day-to-day events?

Does your child find it hard to cope when trying something new?

From separation and social anxiety to health anxiety, an increasing numbers of children are now struggling to manage everyday situations, making the life feel overwhelming, complex and scary. This workshop is an opportunity to consider the current thinking around children's anxiety and ideas to support young people to manage their worries more effectively.

Join us for this workshop where we will explore –

- Common triggers and what happens in the brain when children are anxious
- Physical signs of anxiety as well as the less obvious symptoms to look out for
- Age appropriate anxiety & how to support your child to manage this
- Managing your own anxieties about your child's experience
- Building your child's resilience to anxious thoughts



PLEASE



I/we would like to attend the Understanding & Empowering Your Anxious Child workshop on
Wednesday 30th April 2025, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Name/s:

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: