



MEET THE TEACHER

Elder Class 2026-27

Elders Teaching Staff:

- Mrs Hutchinson– Mon, Tues & Wed
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- Mrs Taylor – Thursday & Friday
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- Mr Lawrence – Wednesday – Ukeleles

Mr Robertson
Mrs McCaffrey
Mrs Mayo

Timetable

PE days – Tuesday

Forest School – Thursday (Term 1 only*)

*PE will then replace on Thursdays from Term 2 onwards.

Please send children in dressed in their PE kits on their PE day.

Learning and trips

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Early Islamic Civilisation	Local area study	South America: The Amazon Basin	Second World War	Black and British	Coasts
Trip to Tunbridge Wells Mosque	Fieldwork trip: Edenbridge + singing carols at Edenbridge Manor Care Home	Virtual fieldwork, using Oddizzi's exploration of the Amazon Basin	Celebration of learning assembly: parents & grandparents invited in to show artefacts/share family stories of involvement in the war – 24 th March (date TBC)	SATs – 10 th – 13 th May Bikeability – w/c 24 th May (TBC)	Trip to Dorset (7 th – 11 th June), including fieldwork study on beach (Studland Bay)

Long term planning (for the year) and medium-term planning (for this term) are all on our class page on the school website.

Dorset – School Journey

- Cumulus – Dorset – 7-11th June 2027
- Letters will be sent out from Mrs Waghorne in the office, regarding payments and forms to complete.
- Kit lists will be sent out and there will be a parent information evening closer to the time.

Important Dates:

Transition to secondary school

- Closing date for secondary school applications – Saturday 31st October.
- Secondary school place announcement – Monday 1st March 2027, after 4pm.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2025 and 2026

Leavers – July 2025

Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys – 3

Skidders – 2

Hugh Christie – 2

Bennett Memorial – 5

Hillview – 1

Tonbridge Grammar School for Girls – 1

Weald of Kent – 1

Oxted – 3

Kent College (private) – 1

Sackville (private) – 1

Leavers – July 2026

Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys – 2

Skidders – 1

Hugh Christie – 3

St Gregory's – 1

Hillview – 3

Sackville – 1

Trinity - 1

Tonbridge Grammar School for Girls – 1

Weald of Kent – 1

Oxted – 5

Lingfield (private) – 1

General Reminders

- **Water:** please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day.
- **Snack:** fresh fruit/vegetables only (or dried fruit, e.g. raisins)
- **Personal hygiene:** Keeping good personal hygiene.

Homework

- **Reading** – every day

HOMEWORK SET: Every Friday

- *Reading comprehension*
- *Grammar task*
- *Maths consolidation task*
- *Spellings (**tested the following Friday**)*
- *Times tables (**tested the following Friday**)*

Due in on Wednesday the next week

Reading

- There is such a huge correlation between reading for pleasure and success across the curriculum.
- Children's writing is vastly improved when then they read avidly – it allows them to be immersed in the language and vocabulary.
- Children also love it when an adult reads to them - there is obviously a time issue with this!
- It will make a huge difference if you are able to hear them reading or read to the children regularly – not every time they read but weekly.

Behaviour and rewards:

We follow our school's positive behaviour policy:

- We operate clear class rules and routines
- We use praise, house points and special responsibilities as rewards.
- We will continue to award merits and headteachers awards in celebration assembly on Fridays.

Online safety

- The internet is a wonderful place but it was not designed with children in mind.
- Online safety and the activity our children get up to when using the internet is an area which has a lot of press/ media interest.

Risks of social media

- Oversharing
- Sharing their location
- Talking to people they don't know
- Sending or receiving inappropriate content
- Unrealistic sense of body image or reality
- Obsessive focus on likes and comments



Supporting your child



- ✓ Check the age ratings before they sign up
- ✓ Setup new accounts together
 - Support with choosing profile pictures and usernames
 - Educate children about what info isn't needed (look for the*)
 - Make sure accounts are set to private
 - Turn off location settings
 - Adjust who can contact your child
 - Remind them some things are always public
- ✓ Talk about only accepting friend requests from people they know and have met before
- ✓ Get to know the tools together

Useful tools:



On pages or posts to **report and block**



Use the **take a break feature** to pause someone who you are connected with



Limit who can see different parts of your account, like stories



Use the **unfriend button** to remove any unwanted followers

Any questions?