



## Crockham Hill CE Primary School News

19/06/26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by at Crockham Hill!

We are pleased to be able to share staffing arrangements for next year and hope this provides families with an opportunity to start preparing for September (please see below). We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Purvis will be joining our team in September. In addition, Mrs Cresswell, who has been completing her teacher training with us this year, will

officially join our teaching staff. We are also looking forward to welcoming another trainee teacher to the school in the autumn term as part of our commitment to developing future teachers.

At the same time, we are sad to let you know that Mr Bonner will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the school and wish him every success and happiness for the future.

This week, I had the opportunity to meet with some of the team who will be redeveloping our playground over the summer holidays. We are very excited about the plans and the opportunities they will provide for our children. As the final designs are still being refined and, as is often the case with such projects, much depends on what is discovered once work begins on site, the plans may change slightly. This is why we have not shared specifics more widely at this stage.

A reminder that our Parent Council provides an opportunity for parent representatives to meet with school leaders, share ideas and provide feedback on school life. The next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Friday 26th June at 8:45am**. We greatly value the views of our parent community and look forward to welcoming representatives to the meeting.

As always, thank you for your continued support. With transition events and end-of-year celebrations on the horizon, the remainder of the term promises to be just as busy and exciting!

Kind regards,

Mrs Higgs

Well done!



#### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Acorns: **Esme**

Bluebells: **Flynn**

Conkers: **Bella**

Dandelions: **Ben**

Elders: **Milly**

## School Highlights!

### Sports Day



A huge thank you to all of our children for taking part in Sports Day with such enthusiasm and determination. It was wonderful to see everyone giving each event their best effort, demonstrating great sportsmanship and encouragement towards one another throughout the day.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Rowland and Mrs Gibson for all their hard work in organising such a successful event. Finally, thank you to Emily and the PTA for providing refreshments afterwards, which were greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thank you to all who helped make the day such an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

## Staffing Details 2026-2027

I am pleased to announce the staffing structure for next academic year.

The staffing team will be as follows:

**Acorns:** Mrs Purvis (Mon, Wed–Fri) & Mrs Gray (Tuesdays)

**Bluebells:** Mrs Manson (Mon-Fri)

**Conkers:** Mrs Gray (Monday) & Mrs Gibson (Tuesday–Fri)

**Dandelions:** Mrs Rose (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Cresswell (Wed-Fri)

**Elders:** Mrs Hutchinson (Mon–Wed) & Mrs Taylor (Thurs–Fri)

Teaching Assistants will support across the school and information on how these are utilised will be shared in the Meet the Teacher meetings during the first week of Term 1.

We know that this time of year can feel a little daunting for some children, particularly when it comes to moving to a different part of the school or meeting a new teacher. To support the transition process, we have decided to enhance our transition opportunities this term. Every Friday, children enjoy Golden Time as a reward for their hard work throughout the week. For the 10 minutes before Golden Time, children will spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom. This will provide an opportunity to play games, get to know one another and ask any questions they may have.

We hope that, alongside the longer scheduled transition afternoon, these additional sessions will help children become more familiar with their new classroom environment and feel confident and excited about September.

This arrangement will begin next week, so please do talk to your child about it over the coming days.

## 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.

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.

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](#)

Parent and Carers School Age  
Childcare Survey



Parent & Pupil Survey - 'What helps me feel ready for school?'



**Parent and pupil voice is incredibly important to us here at Crockham Hill.** We greatly value the feedback we receive from our families, as it helps shape our next steps and informs the support we put in place for our children.

As we approach the end of the school year, we know that coming into school can sometimes feel more challenging. Busier weekends, sunnier days, extra-curricular activities and simple tiredness can all affect children's resilience in the mornings.

We have an opportunity to secure funding for additional resources to support children's wellbeing, particularly as they arrive at school each morning. However, your views and experiences are central to this process.

If you think this is relevant to you, please complete the attached form **with** your child. Your responses will help us understand what further support may be beneficial and will also contribute to our funding application, enabling us to expand the resources available to our children.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and support this important work.

[Emotional wellbeing resources – Fill in form](#)

SEND Drop-in Day: Friday 3rd July



On Friday 3rd July, we will be holding our termly SEND Drop-in Slots. This is an opportunity for you to come in to school to discuss your child's learning, development and progress. Your child does not need to be currently identified as having special educational needs in order to attend, slots are open to all parents wishing for more information or advice.

Slots are booked on a first come first served basis and are now available via Arbor.

If no slots are available with your preferred time, please do email Mrs Taylor directly to book one outside of this time.

[Changes to Free School Meals \(FSM\) from September 2026](#)

The Government has announced changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, which will take effect from the beginning of the 2026–27 academic year.

Under the new arrangements, all children living in households that receive Universal Credit will be entitled to receive free school meals. This is a significant extension of the current eligibility criteria and means that more families will be able to access support.

### Eligibility Categories

There will be two categories of Free School Meal entitlement:

- **Targeted FSM** – for families receiving Universal Credit with an annual household income of **£7,400 or less**.
- **Expanded FSM** – for families receiving Universal Credit with an annual household income of **more than £7,400** per year.

Children in both categories will receive free school meals. However, only pupils eligible for **Targeted FSM** will attract additional school funding through the **Pupil Premium (PP)**.

Eligibility for both categories will be reviewed annually.

If you think your child may now qualify for Free School Meals, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible to ensure arrangements are in place for the start of the new school year in September.

Applications can be made through the Kent County Council website:

[Apply for free school meals - Kent County Council](#)

### Reminders



### Village Fete

As many of you will already know, the Crockham Hill Village Fete is taking place on **Saturday 27th June from 2pm - 5pm** at the

Crockham Hill Playing Fields. If anyone would be willing to make a cake for the Refreshments Tent it would be amazing. Also

anyone willing to give a hand making and serving tea and cake, please contact Carole Feakes on 07905234023.

Many Thanks

Carole

### **Forest School Days – Next Term**

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate Forest School clothing and footwear on their allocated day. Even when it is warm, children **must be** wearing long sleeves, waterproof trousers and wellies as the woodland is covered in brambles and is still muddy under the canopy of trees.

**Thursday 25th June** – Conkers

**Thursday 2nd July** – Bluebells

### **ParentPay**

Please take a moment to check your child's ParentPay account and ensure that any outstanding balances for school lunches, trips, clubs or other activities are cleared as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

### **Prize Giving Evening**

**Thursday 16th July – 5:00pm**

This event is for the whole school community and is always a highlight of the year.

Children across the school will receive awards recognising their achievements, effort and contribution to school life. It is also a special opportunity for us to celebrate our Year 6 pupils and recognise their time at Crockham Hill as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

We look forward to welcoming families to this wonderful celebration.

## Important Dates!



- Wednesday 24th June:** *Reminder: Top Car Park busy as last Wednesday of the month*
- Thursday 25th June:** **Forest School - Conkers**
- Friday 26th June:** 8:45am – Parent Council Meeting
- Friday 26th June:** 1st Transition session for current and new Year Rs Teddy bear picnic (1:30 – 2:30pm)
- Saturday 27th June:** Crockham Hill Fete (Dairy Lane)
- Tuesday 30th June:** 2pm - Woodwind/Piano concert
- Wednesday 1st July:** 2nd Transition session for Year Rs starting in September/parent presentation in the hall (1:30 – 2:30pm)
- Thursday 2nd July:** **Forest School – Bluebells**
- Friday 3rd July:** EDSA Cricket all day at Four Elms (TBC)
- Friday 3rd July:** 10am Baby & Toddler Coffee Morning
- Friday 3rd July:** 2.30pm - Rocksteady Concert
- Monday 6th July:** 1:15pm – 2:45pm – Whole school transition afternoon (CHANGE OF DATE)
- Monday 6th July:** 1:30 – 2:30pm – 3rd Transition session for Year Rs starting in September & PTA/uniform/advice for parents (CHANGE OF DATE)
- Wednesday 8th July:** 11am – KS2 District Sports (chn TBC)
- Thursday 9th July:** Year 6 production rehearsal all day at Hazelwood
- Thursday 9th July:** Year 5s – Hever Triathlon
- Friday 10th July:** Year 6 production rehearsal all day at Hazelwood
- Friday 10th July:** Reports due out

**Monday 13th July:** All of KS2 - rehearsal all day at Hazelwood

**Monday 13th July:** 1:30pm & 6pm - Year 6/KS2 production

**Tuesday 14th July:** 2:30 – 4pm – Parent afternoon for all current Parents

**Thursday 16th July:** 5:00pm - Prize Giving/Leavers' Ceremony

**Friday 17th July:** Leavers Church Service – 2pm

**Friday 17th July:** End of Term 6

**Monday 20th July:** INSET DAY

**Tuesday 21st July:** INSET DAY

## PTA Events

**School Planner**  
**Crockham Hill Fete Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
**14:00-17:00**

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> X</b> PE Acorns Elders Own clothes (old ones for painting sets in) Trainers in a bag Bluebells	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> X</b> PE Bluebells Conkers Elders (Hoodie) Trainers in a bag Dandelions	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> X</b> PE Conkers Dandelions Elders (Hoodie) Hand in Art competition entries for Fete
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> X</b> PE Elders (Hoodie) Forest School Conkers Woodwind lessons Trainers in a bag Dandelions	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> X</b> PE Acorns Bluebells Elders (Hoodie) 08:45 Parent council All welcome to come and discuss school life 13:30-14:30 Teddy Bears picnic for year r & Incoming reception	

## Local Events



Join Us For

# CROCKHAM HILL SUMMER FETE

Crockham Hill Playing Fields  
**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
2PM - 5PM

Entry £2  
per car

**Live Music • Bake off • Dog Show • Art Competition •  
Classic Cars • Silent Auction • Raffle • Tombola •  
Bric-a-Brac • Arts & Crafts • Games • Obstacle Course •  
BBQ • Beer Tent • Pimms • Tea & Cakes •  
AND MUCH MORE!**

*All Proceeds go to Local Charities & Our Village Fund to support the community*

### FETE PROGRAMME

2 p.m.	Opening Of Fete
2.20 p.m.	Crockham Hill Ukuleles
2.30 p.m.	Crockham Hill Bake Off Judging
2.45 p.m.	Children's Fancy Dress Competition
3.00 p.m.	CH School Dance Performance
3.10 p.m.	Dog Show
3.30 p.m.	Art Competition Judging
3.45 p.m.	Welly Wanging Final
4 p.m.	Raffle Draw
4.15 p.m.	Children's Obstacle Course Final
4.30 p.m.	Bale Tossing Final
4.45 p.m.	Tug Of War
4:55 p.m.	Final Dance
5 p.m.	Fete Closes

JOIN US FOR LOTS  
OF FUN FAMILY  
GAMES, ARTS AND  
CRAFT, BBQ AND  
TRADITIONAL FETE  
FUN!

### COMPETITIONS

Don't forget your entries for the competitions!

**Crockham Hill Bake Off - Back To School Theme**  
Think Gypsy Tart, Victoria Sponge, Tray Bake, Butterscotch Tart, Cupcakes.  
Age Groups up to 12, 13 to 18 and 18+.

**Art Competition - Just Create Something You Love**  
Age groups up to 6, 7 to 11, 12 to 18 and 18+.

**Children's Fancy Dress - Straight From The Enchanted Forest**  
Think faires, elves, woodland sprites and little festival hippies. There will be prizes for creativity, colour and charm, so let imaginations run wild.

### DOG SHOW

Entry £1 per class, registration from 2pm

1. Best Groomed	5. Best re-homed dog
2. Waggiest tail	6. Golden Oldie
3. Best 6 legs	7. Dog the judge would most like to take home
4. Dog most like its handler	

### DONATIONS

Please support the fete with donations of plants, toys, bric a brac, books, clothes, accessories, cakes and bottles for the tombola. Drop off on the day at Crockham Hill playing fields between 10am and 12 Noon.

Any questions, please contact Marnie (07795 570536) or Chitra (07791 463486).



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- BUILD CONFIDENCE**  
Improve co-ordination, agility and confidence in a positive environment.
- MAKE FRIENDS**  
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**GRAEME LIVINGSTONE**  
LTA LEVEL 5 PERFORMANCE COACH

- Owner and founder of Matchpoint Tennis Club
- Over 30 years' experience coaching players of all ages
- Passionate about helping children develop and enjoy tennis



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**CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!**  
Places are limited - secure your spot for the term.

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK**  
and for more information



# MERI FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 5TH SEP  
CROCKHAM HILL, KENT



Join us for our family farm festival celebrating local live music, artists and produce in the heart of Kent.

- 10 hours of local live music
- Award-winning Kent food & drink
- Artisan market, farm & wellness
- Activities for all ages
- Camping available

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### ★ SPECIALIST AERIAL WORKSHOPS

### ★ DANCE INTENSIVE

### ★ HIGH-ENERGY WORKSHOPS



## SUMMER SCHEDULE

### WORKSHOP INFORMATION

#### SUMMER WORKSHOP – SEVENOAKS

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th August:  
9.00-3.30pm  
Held at: Knole Academy, TN13 3LE

For 5-13 years  
Early Bird: £35 per day / £60 for 2 days  
Cost: £42 per day / £72 for 2 days

KPOP ★ Street ★ Musical Theatre Jazz  
Contemporary ★ Circus ★ Acro ★ Crafts

#### SUMMER WORKSHOP – TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th August:  
9.00-3.30pm  
Held at: St. Gregory's School, TN4 9XL

For 5-13 years  
Early Bird: £35 per day / £60 for 2 days  
Cost: £42 per day / £72 for 2 days

KPOP ★ Street ★ Musical Theatre Jazz  
Contemporary ★ Circus ★ Acro ★ Crafts

#### DANCE INTENSIVE – TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Wednesday 26th August:  
9.30-3.00pm  
Held at: Camden Centre, TN1 2SW

For 11-19 years  
Early Bird: £37.00  
Cost: £42.00

Commercial ★ Contemporary/Lyrical  
Condition & Stretch ★ Musical Theatre Jazz

#### AERIAL & ACRO WORKSHOP – TONBRIDGE

Wednesday 19th August:  
9.30-3.00pm  
Held at: Tonbridge Rugby Club, TN9 1HR

For 7-16 years  
Cost: £46.00

Specialist Aerial Hoop ★ Silks Acro ★ Circus



**BOOKING INFORMATION**  
Early Bird offer ends 29th June!  
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