



Crockham Hill CE Primary School News

12/06/26



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, excitement is building across the school as we look forward to our Sports Day this afternoon. The children have been eagerly preparing for their events and are looking forward to demonstrating not only their sporting skills but also the teamwork, determination and sportsmanship that we value so highly at Crockham Hill. We look forward to sharing photographs and highlights from Sports Day in next week's newsletter.

I have also been incredibly proud of the resilience our children have shown during their termly assessments this week - making the school a slightly quieter place than usual! Pupils have approached these challenges with maturity, perseverance and a positive attitude. They have demonstrated our school values by trying their very best, supporting one another and showing that success comes from effort and determination. It has been a pleasure to see the confidence and resilience they have displayed, and it makes me immensely proud to be their Headteacher.

I am also delighted to share that all available places for Young Voices 2026–27 have now been filled. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest. We are looking forward to providing another fantastic musical opportunity for our pupils and are excited to begin preparations for what promises to be a memorable experience.

As we move towards the final weeks of the academic year, there are still many exciting learning opportunities, events and celebrations ahead. We have also been carefully reviewing our staffing structure and class organisation for the next academic year and hope to be able to share this information with parents next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure every child continues to flourish and achieve their very best.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Higgs

School Highlights!

YR6 Residential



Year 6 had an amazing adventure in Dorset last week on their residential trip. They took part in a fantastic range of activities from kayaking to bushcraft, mackerel fishing to high ropes and - definitely the children's favourite - the water park! We experienced all weathers during

our week away: torrential rain, gale force winds and glorious sunshine, but the children did not let it spoil their fun and participated in all their activities with energy, enthusiasm and resilience.

EYFS Trip to Bedgebury

Thursday saw our youngest children going on their first school trip to Bedgebury. It was not the glorious sunshine that we had hoped for but the children were amazing! From the coach trip, which caused much excitement, to the enormous number of playgrounds to explore, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even in the rain! They challenged themselves, showing huge resilience and perseverance and also were wonderfully kind, encouraging and supportive to their friends. Well done, Reception - we are very proud of you.



Happy Birthday Rosie!



The children celebrated a very special birthday this week as Rosie turned 6! School Council made Rosie a special doggy friendly birthday cake and she munched this very happily on a wet, Thursday afternoon!

Well done!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Acorns: **Rafa**

Bluebells: **Kingsley**

Conkers: **Grace**

Dandelions: **Clio**

Elders: **Orren**

Assessments

It has been very quiet in school this week as children have been completing their End of Term assessments. This is in preparation for Pupil Progress meetings which will take place to review classes progress across the year in a couple of weeks time.

An extended well done must also go to YR4, who took part in the statutory Multiplication Times Tables Check, and YR1 who had their reading challenges with Mrs Rose and Mrs Manson.

Information Support Session - Bed wetting & Toileting



I am pleased to invite you to an informative and supportive session focused on **bedwetting, daytime wetting, and toileting difficulties in primary school-aged children on Friday 19th June at 2:45pm.**

This session aims to provide practical information, advice, and reassurance for families.

During the session, we will cover:

- Understanding bedwetting and toileting difficulties
- Common causes and when to seek further support
- Practical strategies to help children at home
- Promoting confidence and emotional wellbeing
- Available services and sources of support
- Opportunity for questions and discussion

We want to encourage these discussions to take place in a safe and confidential space but this can be an incredibly sensitive topic to navigate. Therefore, if you wish to gain advice and information without wanting to attend this session please do contact Mrs Taylor directly to organise a separate conversation.

The session is open to all parents and carers of primary-aged children and even to those who extend in to your wider circles. Whether your child is currently experiencing difficulties or you would simply like to learn more, you are very welcome to attend.

Please do get in touch with me directly if there are any questions.

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



Forest School Days – Next Term

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate Forest School clothing and footwear on their allocated day.

Thursday 18th June – Dandelions

Thursday 25th June – Conkers

Thursday 2nd July – Bluebells

Weather

Please ensure that your child brings a suitable coat or waterproof jacket each week, regardless of the weather forecast. Forest School sessions will continue in light rain, and appropriate outdoor clothing will help children to remain comfortable and enjoy the experience.

If your child has a pack-a-mac, it would be a good idea for them to keep it in their school bag, as this can be useful in the event of unexpected showers during the school day.

In the event of severe weather, we will contact parents if any changes to arrangements are necessary.

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

A gentle reminder about the importance of arriving at school on time each day.

Being punctual helps children settle calmly into their learning and ensures they do not miss important instructions, morning activities and valuable learning time. Arriving late can make children feel unsettled and can affect their confidence and readiness to learn.

Late arrivals can also disrupt lessons that have already started, impacting the learning of other children in the class.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day. Working together helps us create the best possible start to the day for every child.

Photo Permissions

As we love to celebrate and share the many wonderful activities taking place across the school, we are keen to include as many children as possible in our newsletters, social media posts and on the school website.

Please could parents check and update their photo consent preferences on Arbor. Images used in newsletters may also appear on the school website and other school communication platforms.

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.

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and for more information

Important Dates!



- Thursday 18th June:** Forest School – Dandelions
- Friday 19th June:** FUDGE – Fathers' Day Gift shop
- 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

Please can anyone help with the gift shop?

Monday 15th X PE Acorns Conkers Elders Trainers in a bag Bluebells Elders	Tuesday 16th X PE Bluebells Trainers in a bag Conkers, Dandelions & Elders	Wednesday 17th X PE Conkers Dandelions Trainers in a bag Elders
Thursday 18th X PE Elders Forest School Dandelions Woodwind lessons Netball at Chiddigstone, children have been notified Trainers in a bag Conkers & Dandelions	Friday 19th X PE Acorns Bluebells FUDGE Gift shop Good condition toys needed for fete, please bring to drop off Trainers in a bag Elders	

Crockham Hill Fete Saturday 27th June

Local Events



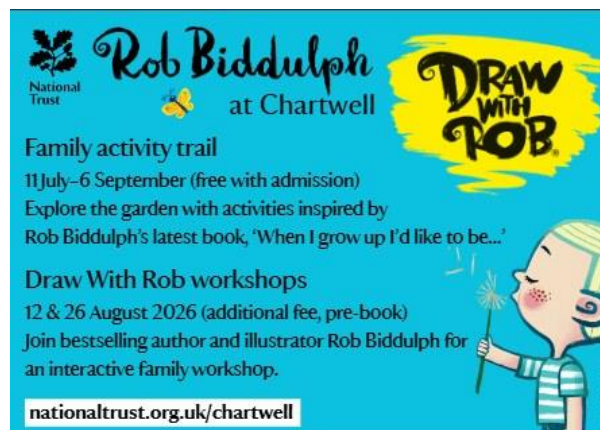
 Join Us For
**CROCKHAM HILL
SUMMER
FETE**



Crockham Hill Playing Fields
Saturday, 27th 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




 **Rob Biddulph** at Chartwell


Family activity trail
11 July–6 September (free with admission)
Explore the garden with activities inspired by
Rob Biddulph's latest book, 'When I grow up I'd like to be...'

Draw With Rob workshops
12 & 26 August 2026 (additional fee, pre-book)
Join bestselling author and illustrator Rob Biddulph for
an interactive family workshop.

nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell



 **Play your way around the world
at Quebec House**

Family activity trail
18 July–31 August
(Wed–Sun +Bank Holiday Mon)
Take part in free activities inspired
by the worldwide history of games.

House tour & kids yoga
7, 14 and 21 August 1.30–3pm
Family-friendly 40-min guided
tour followed by 30-min yoga in
the garden. (free, pre-book)

Soft cup archery
5, 12, 19 & 26 August 11am–2pm
Free, volunteer-led drop-in sessions.

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Summer of Play
at Emmetts Garden

Discover a summer jam-packed with fun!
18 July–6 September

<p>Summer of Play Take part in fun, nature-inspired games and activities as you explore the garden. (free with admission)</p>	<p>Wild Wonder Workshops 23, 30 July & 6, 13 August Reconnect with nature in sessions led by wellness expert Tansy Dowman blending mindfulness, creativity and movement. (additional fee, pre-book, 4yrs+)</p>
<p>Wild play area Discover a climbing frame, balance beams, play net, tunnels and more.</p>	<p>Outdoor theatre Alice's Adventures in Wonderland 16 August 4–5.45pm The Jungle Book 20 August, 3–4.30pm (pre-book)</p>
<p>Toy cupboard Head to the meadow for giant Jenga, hula-hoops, skittles, or invent a game of your own.</p>	

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