



Crockham Hill CE Primary School News

03/07/26



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our school community.

This week, staff have been busy evaluating pupil achievement data and holding Pupil Progress Meetings to celebrate successes and identify next steps for learning. We are very

much looking forward to sharing this information with you through your child's end-of-year report, which will be sent home next Friday.

We have also been delighted to see some of our Key Stage 2 pupils writing letters to children at Queen Esther School in Tanzania. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about life in another country, share information about themselves and our school, and strengthen the links between our school communities. We look forward to hearing back from them in the future.

Dance for Rights Morning – Tuesday 7th July

On Tuesday morning, the children in **Conkers and Dandelions** will be taking part in a **Dance for Rights Morning**. Through fun dance activities, the children will explore children's rights and learn about equality, respect and inclusion.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their **PE kit and suitable trainers**.

We look forward to an enjoyable morning of dancing and learning together!

Lost Property

We currently have a huge amount of lost property in the Reception area, including coats, jumpers, water bottles and other items. Please take a few moments to check for any belongings that may have found their way there. We will also be placing the lost property out on the playground over the coming days to make it easier for families to identify and collect any missing items. Any unclaimed items will be dealt with in line with our school policy.

Family Service at Church

Please see the flyer below for details of the Family Service taking place at church **this Sunday**. It is always a lovely opportunity for families to come together and be part of our wider community, and everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Higgs

Well done!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Acorns: : **Isla A**

Bluebells: **Raf**

Conkers: **Isabelle**

Dandelions: **James**

Elders: **Tailyn**

School Highlights!



Dance Club Performance at the Village Fete

A huge well done to our amazing dancers who performed at the Crockham Hill Village Fete last Saturday. We received so many wonderful comments and positive feedback from everyone who watched their performance.

We were incredibly proud of the children and amazed by how well they learned and remembered the long dance routines. They performed with great enthusiasm, confidence and energy, and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

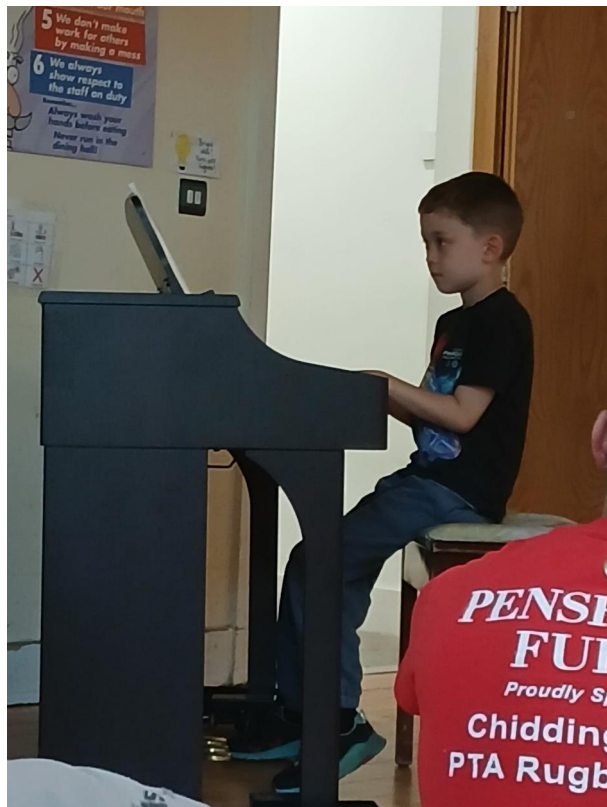
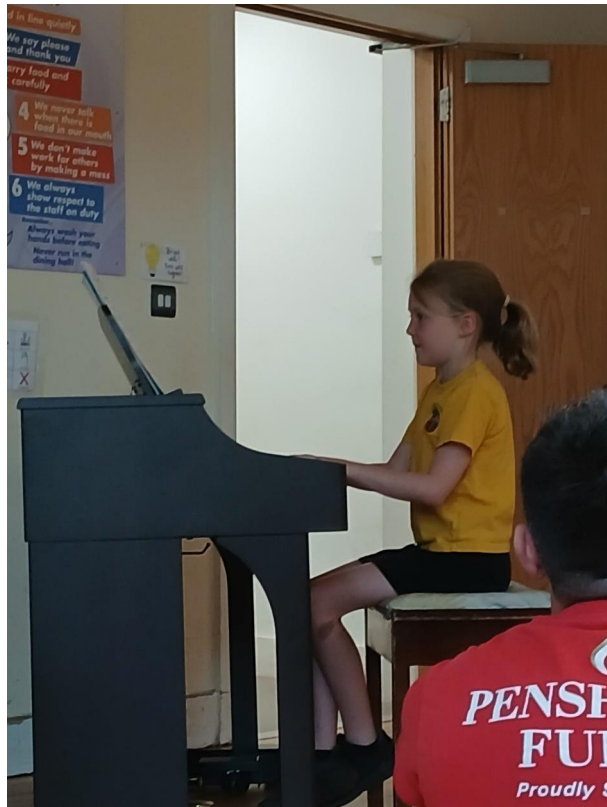
Thank you to all the families who came along to support them, and congratulations once again to our talented dancers on such a successful performance!

Music Concert

















On Monday, our talented musicians performed for their parents and the whole school at our end-of-term music concert. It was wonderful to see so many children learning instruments and showcasing the incredible progress they have made. Their confidence and the time they have dedicated to practising truly shone through in every performance. A huge congratulations and well done to all of the children who took part – you should be very proud of yourselves!

New Reception Transition Afternoon



This week, we welcomed our new Reception class who will be joining us in September in to school. The children, with their parents, started with a teddy bear's picnic on The Meadow followed by time spent in their new classroom. This was a way for the children to meet their new friends who will be in their class as well as familiarise themselves with their surroundings.

(A reminder, that the whole school move-up afternoon will take place next Monday).

KS2 Netball Competition

Our team recently took part in a netball tournament that was full of excitement, determination, and teamwork. In our first game, we faced a strong opponent and unfortunately lost. Although the result was disappointing, we stayed positive and focused on improving for the next match. Our second game was much closer. Both teams played well, but we managed to secure a narrow victory. Everyone worked hard on court, and our teamwork helped us earn the win. The third game was another tough contest. We battled hard and created several scoring opportunities, but we narrowly lost 2–1. Despite the defeat, the team showed great resilience and never gave up. In our final match, we played one of our best games of the tournament. The score remained close throughout, and as the final seconds ticked away, we were trailing 1–0. In the very last play of the game, we scored an equalising goal, resulting in a thrilling 1–1 draw. The goal sparked celebrations from the team and was a fantastic way to finish the tournament. Although we did not win the tournament, we learned a lot from the experience and showed determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship in every match. We were proud of our effort and enjoyed competing together.

Rocksteady Concert





The school enjoyed more musical performances at the end of the week with the final Rocksteady concert of this year. It was lovely to see the children perform some rock classics. Each band played amazingly well, supported by Tommy who has been fantastic this year. A huge well done, keep on rockin'!

Making us proud!

We love celebrating what the children have been getting up to outside of school and would love to start including some of these success each week. Please do send over any pictures and information on what your little humans have been up to, to the school office - we would love to share this in school and with the wider school community!



Well done Keira!

Last week, Keira competed in Spain representing the UK in an international tournament VI Grand Premium Platja de Aro where she came 1st in her category.

A huge well done!

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](#)

Woodland equipment needed!

As the warm weather is set to stay, the children have been incredibly creative with making food, creating cafes, using sticks for various things and getting thoroughly grubby! If anyone has any of the following at home we would really appreciate having these to give the children more things to play with:

pots, pans, cooking items, crockery, plastic plates, muffin and cake tins, baking trays, whisks, ladles, etc.

Please pop these in to the school office if you have anything hidden at the back of your cupboards that you no longer use.

Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl Applications

Dear Year 5 Pupils,

As you prepare to move into Year 6, we are delighted to invite applications for the important leadership roles of **Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl** for the 2026–2027 academic year.

These roles are an excellent opportunity to represent our school, act as role models for younger pupils and contribute to the life of our school community.

Your Application

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please submit a written application explaining:

- Which role you would like to apply for.
- Why you would make a good Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy or Deputy Head Girl.

- What qualities and strengths you would bring to the role.
- Examples of how you have demonstrated leadership, responsibility or kindness in school.
- Any ideas you have for helping to improve our school or support other pupils.

Applications should be neatly presented and should be no longer than one side of A4.

Deadline

All applications must be submitted to Mrs Higgs by **Monday 6th July 2026**.

Interviews

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview later that week, where they will have the opportunity to discuss their application and share their ideas for the school.

Successful candidates will be announced at our end-of-year Prize Giving.

We encourage all pupils who are interested in making a positive contribution to school life to apply and look forward to reading your applications.

Good luck!

Mrs Higgs

Headteacher

Reminders



Performance

Please can all KS2 performance costumes be in school, in a **named** carrier bag, on Monday.

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!



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

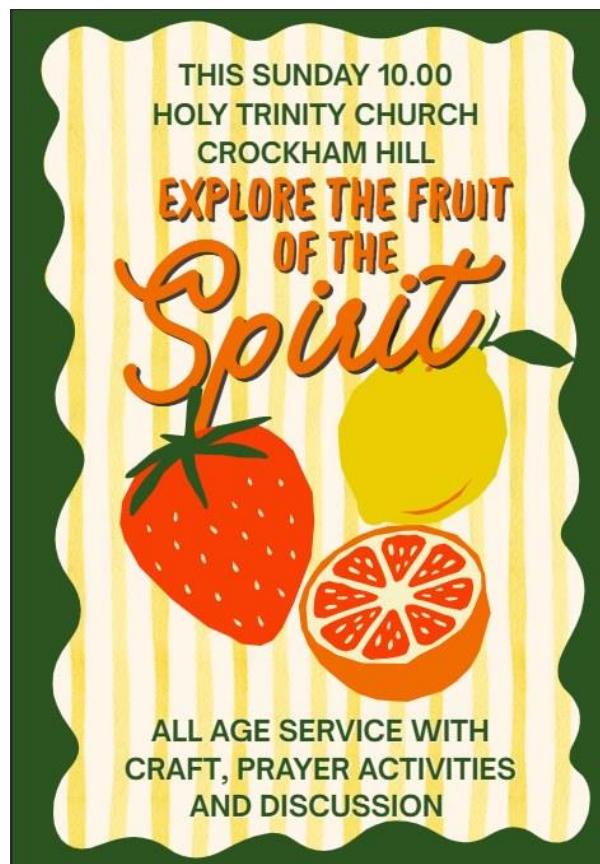
- Monday 13th July:** All of KS2 - rehearsal all day at Hazelwood
- Monday 13th July:** 1:30pm & 6pm - Year 6/KS2 production
- Tuesday 14th July:** 2:30 – 4pm – Parent afternoon for all current Parents
- Thursday 16th July:** 5:00pm - Prize Giving/Leavers' Ceremony
- Friday 17th July:** Leavers Church 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 27th June
14:00-17:00

Monday 22nd X PE Acorns Elders Own clothes (old ones for painting sets in) Trainers in a bag Bluebells	Tuesday 23rd X PE Bluebells Conkers Elders (Hoodie) Trainers in a bag Dandelions	Wednesday 24th X PE Conkers Dandelions Elders (Hoodie) Hand in Art competition entries for Fete
Thursday 25th X PE Elders (Hoodie) Forest School Conkers Woodwind lessons Trainers in a bag Dandelions	Friday 26th X 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



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 faeries, 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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CROCKHAM HILL AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

FRIDAYS 3:15 - 4:15PM | **10 WEEK TERM** £90.00

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Develop tennis skills through fun games and engaging activities.
- BUILD CONFIDENCE**
Improve co-ordination, agility and confidence in a positive environment.
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GRAEME LIVINGSTONE
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- 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

Scan for Tickets From £10



Saturday 5th September (camping available)
12:00pm - 22:00pm
Coakham Farm, Pootings Road, Kent TN8 6SB



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CASCADE DANCE

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Tunbridge Wells ★ Tonbridge ★ Sevenoaks

Get ready for an unforgettable summer of movement, creativity, and fun with Cascade! Our exciting August workshops are designed for young dancers of all levels, whether they want to try something new or take their training further.

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★ 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

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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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Message: 07540 724 027
Places are limited per workshop!