

Crockham Hill CE Primary School News

17/07/26



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, staff, governors, parents and wider community for their continued support.

This year has been filled with many achievements and memorable experiences. Three particular highlights have been:

- **The continued development of our curriculum**, ensuring that children benefit from rich learning opportunities, exciting educational visits and a wide range of enrichment activities that help every child flourish.
- **The strengthening of our inclusive provision**, with enhanced support for pupils' individual needs, wellbeing and personal development, ensuring that all children feel valued, supported and able to succeed.
- **The ongoing development of leadership and pupil voice**, with children taking on leadership responsibilities across the school and contributing positively to our school community through many different roles.

Alongside these developments, we have enjoyed sporting successes, musical performances, residential visits, collective worship, fundraising events and many opportunities to learn, grow and celebrate together as a school family.

It has been a fantastic year and I am incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved. We are already looking forward to next year and the exciting opportunities it will bring.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. As September can still bring warm weather, children may return wearing either their **summer or winter school uniform**, whichever is most comfortable. As it is such a short week, our first newsletter will be sent at the end of Week 2.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. I wish all of our families a happy, restful and safe summer break.

Best wishes,

Mrs Higgs

School Highlights!

WE WILL ROCK YOU!



There are not enough words to express how AMAZING this year's KS2 production was. From the Year 6 performers to the KS2 choir.

So, let's hand it over to some of the stars of the show for their comments:

'I absolutely love the production this year. As a Year 6 and this being my last production I am so glad that this specific production was chosen. I adore how the production chose perfectly reflected our class energy. I enjoyed it so much and would be so happy if I was given the chance to do it again'.

Saskia

'It was so good! My favourite part was the dressing up. It was so exciting!'

Bailey

'I played Galileo in the production. It had difficult lines but if you learnt them it made it easier. I was really proud of singing in front of everyone as I was the first soloist'.

Milly

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Hutchinson, who led the production, as well as to the parents and staff members who worked so hard behind the scenes to create the set, manage the scene changes, and take care of everything in between. It was a truly wonderful performance to watch, and I'm sure you'll all agree that the children were absolutely fantastic!

Well done to everyone involved for making it such a huge success.

Whole school trip to Chartwell



On Wednesday, the whole school enjoyed our annual trip to Chartwell – always a highlight of the year for both children and staff! It's such a lovely opportunity for everyone to spend the day together, with children from across the school enjoying each other's company, just like on a typical school day.

Our KS2 pupils had to keep a watchful eye on their lunches as some very determined black geese took a keen interest in their sandwiches! Meanwhile, KS1 had a wonderful time exploring and playing beneath the magnificent trees by the lake, making the most of the beautiful surroundings.

Please see the leaflets below giving information on what is on offer for families from our local National Trust sites over the holidays.

Making blood!



'In our final Science lesson of Year 6, we made 'blood'! First, we poured water into a bottle and added salt and yellow food colouring to represent plasma which contains proteins, sugars and salts. Then to represent the blood we added red food colouring along with Cheerios (as red blood cells), white marshmallows (as white blood cells) and raisins (as platelets). Red blood cells carry oxygen around, white blood cells help prevent diseases by fighting them and platelets create scabs'.

Aoife

RSHE and Safeguarding Recognition



During the week, Mrs Taylor received an email celebrating the following:

*We are pleased to let you know that your school has been recognised as being within the **Top 5% of Pol-Ed schools across Kent** for engagement during the **2025/26 academic year**.*

This recognition celebrates the commitment your staff have shown to providing children and young people with relevant, high-quality education around safeguarding, wellbeing and keeping safe.

This is a true reflection on the priority that Crockham Hill have given to educating children on being safe in the community, safety whilst online, what it means to have health friendships and looking after yourself and others.

A huge thank you to our staff for delivering this vitally important element of the curriculum!

Prize Giving 2025-2026

A huge well done to our prize winners this year. The list of these is below:

OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP:

Lenny (Y3), Otti (Y3), Zac (Y4), Beatrice (Y4), Ethan (Y5), Alexandra (Y5), Fawn (Y6), Freddie (Y6)

HILES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP:

Orren

JOAN JOHNSON PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT:

Fearne (YR), Harper (Y1), Herbie (Y2), Bonnie (Y3), Alban (Y4), Ben (Y5), Heidi (Y6)

ROSEMARY PELLEREAU PRIZE FOR PROGRESS:

Charlie (YR), Isla P (Y1), Kiyan (Y2), Bella (Y3), Eli (Y4), Jessica (Y5), Henry (Y6)

CLASS OF 2009 ARTS CLUB:

Sydney

PERFORMING ARTS SHIELD:

Saskia

THE LOGAN CLUB (environmental):

Seth

ARNOLD WHITE SALVER (voted for by the children - embodies school values):

Emily

GOVERNOR'S PRIZE (embodies school values):

Bradley

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT CUPS:

KS1: Sebastian

KS2: Milly

THE INGMAN AWARD FOR CEATIVE WRITING:

Aoife

Good Bye and Good Luck to our Year 6s!



















Enrichment Day - Term 1: September 2026

Following feedback from our Parent Council, one suggestion was to include information in the final newsletter of each term about the transition day that children will take part in after the holiday. We are very happy to include this information in future newsletters, while recognising that some plans may be subject to change, particularly where external providers are involved.³

In September, children will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. During the first two days of term, there will not be a formal Enrichment Day. Instead, children will take part in a range of activities designed to help them get to know their new teachers, settle into their classroom environment, and build positive relationships.

They will also spend time exploring our school values, considering what each value means, why it is important, and how these can be demonstrated in everyday school life.

If you would like any further information about your child's activities during the first week, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher. As classes will be tailoring activities to meet the needs of their pupils, there may be some variation between classrooms.

Head Boy and Girl 2026-2027



A huge congratulations to our new Head Boys and Girls for next academic year.

HEAD BOY: Lucas L

HEAD GIRL: Jessica M

DEPUTY HEAD BOY: Ben

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL: Alexandra

Meet The Teacher: Wednesday 9th September

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our **Meet the Teacher** event on **Wednesday 9th September** which will take a slightly different format to previous years.

The event will begin at **3:00pm in the school hall**, where Mrs Higgs will share some important information about the year ahead, including attendance, uniform expectations, school routines and updates to our approach to reading.

Following this, parents and carers will move to their child's classroom to meet their new class teacher where information will be shared on the curriculum, classroom routines and key expectations.

We know that many families have more than one child in school, so the classroom presentation will be **repeated at approximately 3:40pm**. This will allow parents and carers of siblings to attend the session for each of their children's classes.

Important Dates!



Monday 20th July: INSET DAY

Tuesday 21st July: INSET DAY

Sunday 2nd August: All age service at Crockham Hill - Holy Trinity

Thursday 3rd September:	BACK TO SCHOOL :) New YR children: 9am-12pm 9-10am – Tea and Tissues for New YR parents
Friday 4th September:	New Reception children: 8:45am-12pm 10am Baby & Toddler Group
Monday 7th September:	New YR children: 8:45am-12pm
Tuesday 8th September:	New YR children: 8:45am-12pm
Wednesday 9th September:	New YR children - all day 12:30pm - prayer club (in school for children) 3pm - Meet the Teachers (school hall) 3:20pm - Meet the Teachers #1 3:40pm - Meet the Teachers #2 (for siblings)
Thursday 10th September:	Kent Test YR6 children
Friday 11th September:	Colour Run!

PTA Events

A huge thank you to our PTA for their incredible hard work in organising events and leading vital fundraising efforts throughout the year. Their dedication helps ensure that our children enjoy the very best experiences and opportunities.

A special mention must go to Mrs Keeley, who has pulled all of this together!

We are committed to continuing to provide these opportunities for the children joining us next year, and every donation—no matter how big or small—makes a real difference.

If you would like to support our fundraising, please use the QR code below to make a donation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support.



NAME

CrockhamhillPTA



URL

linktr.ee/CrockhamhillPTA



Local Events



Holiday club Summer

Join us for our a Forest School Holiday Club for another adventurous day of exploring, building, creating, and discovering outdoors!

Limpfield Site: 27th and 28th July **FULLY BOOKED**
4th and 5th August.

Sundridge Site: 23rd July.

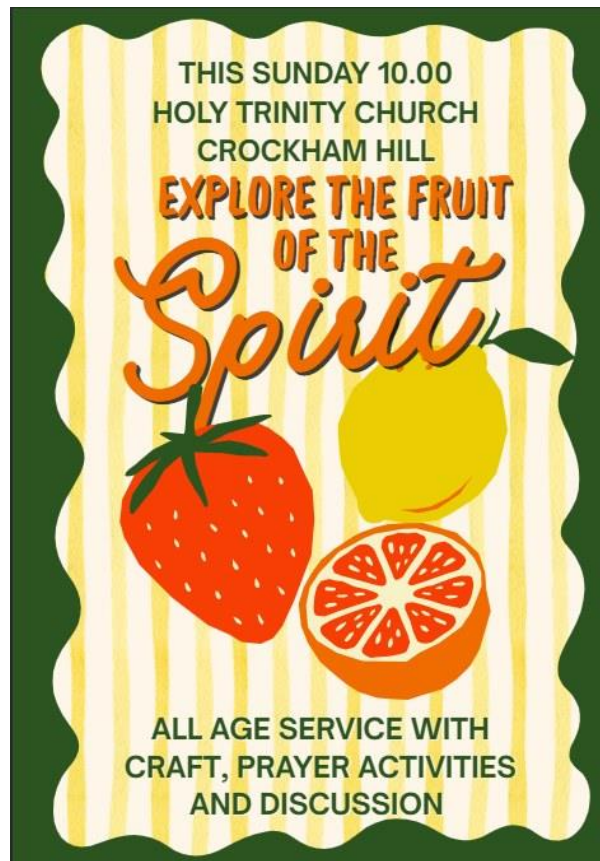
£40 per day, 10% off if you book two days. 15% off if you book three or more days!

🕒 Time: 9am to 3pm

📧 To book a place: wildsidelearning@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES:

- Fire lighting
- Tool work
- Free play
- Group games
- Natural crafting
- Cooking on fire





Rob Biddulph at Chartwell

DRAW WITH ROB

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)



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Soft cup archery

5, 12, 19 & 26 August 11am–2pm

Free, volunteer-led drop-in sessions.

nationaltrust.org.uk/quebec-house



Summer of Play at Emmetts Garden

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

Summer of Play Take part in fun, nature-inspired games and activities as you explore the garden. (free with admission)	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+)
Wild play area Discover a climbing frame, balance beams, play net, tunnels and more.	Outdoor theatre Alice's Adventures in Wonderland 16 August 4–5.45pm The Jungle Book 20 August, 3–4.30pm (pre-book)
Toy cupboard Head to the meadow for giant Jenga, hula-hoops, skittles, or invent a game of your own.	

nationaltrust.org.uk/emmetts-garden



THE FESTIVAL THEATRE at HEVER CASTLE

* CELEBRATING 45 YEARS,
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Welcome to our FAMILY PROGRAMME for 2026, designed for everyone from 4 – 104.

There is more than one event this summer, between July – Sept, which we believe will enthrall your tinys and engage your teens. No screens, no bedrooms, no tantrums (or if there are any of those, there are no walls so you can easily escape). Fresh air, glorious vistas, the chance for everyone to look up, engage with the wider world and be transported somewhere magical.

With ice cream, crepes, coffee (that's for the adults) and glorious gardens to explore, our shows create an easy holiday win. There is plenty of time to enjoy the estates either before or after the performances so everyone gets to engage with nature, and there can be a history lesson thrown in!

Come and join us this summer, we've loads going on...

Details for the events above and the rest of the festival programme are available here:
BOOK NOW | WWW.THEFESTIVALTHEATRE.ORG | 07379 488 477



boxoffice@heverfestival.co.uk The Festival Theatre at Hever Castle Hever Castle Edenbridge Kent TN8 7NG

FETE PROGRAMME

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| 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

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| 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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FRIDAYS
3:15 - 4:15PM



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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



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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

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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.

★ 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!

Book Online:

cascadedance.co.uk/holidayworkshops

Contact: admin@cascadedance.co.uk

Message: 07540 724 027

Places are limited per workshop!

