

7th November 2025

Reception 2026 intake open days are 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th & 19th November. If you know anyone looking for a primary school for their child please direct them to our website where they can book onto one of our open days.

Headteacher News

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect



Hip, hip, hooray! We are thrilled that our small school won the Summer Reading Challenge held by Kent Libraries. This really is amazing and to celebrate being the best school in Maidstone the children were treated to squash and biscuits with time outside to find a special spot and read with friends. This could not have been achieved without your support as parents and carers. Thank you for helping us instil a love of reading in our

children at a time when screens can take over.







Do you know about the 1,000,000 word gap?

If a child is never read to they will have heard approximately 4,662 words by the time they are 5 years old. If a child is read to 1-2 times per week, they will have heard approximately 63,570 words by the time they are 5 years old.

If a child is read to 3-4 times per week, they will have heard approximately 169,525 words by the time they are 5 years old.

If a child is read to daily, they will have heard approximately 296,660 words by the time they are 5 years old. If a child is read 5 books a day, they will have heard approximately 1,483,300 words by the time they are 5 years old.

Exposure to vocabulary is good for all children.

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Please read them a book today.

You may have noticed some banners and leaflets advertising our open days next week for prospective YR pupils in September 2026. Our school is a little hidden gem and we want to make more families aware of the academic achievement, special opportunities and nurture here. If you know anyone with a 3 or 4 year old please encourage them to visit us.

We look forward to all the activities our Well-Being Warriors and Mrs Evans have organised for 'Kindness Week' next week. Remember to wear odd socks on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Makey



Attendance

Every School Day Counts
Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

For the past 2 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas: 95% Bannerman: 89%

Porteous: 96% Borton: 94%

Well done to PORTEOUS who achieved the highest attendance for 28th October – 7th November 2025.



Star of the Week and House points winners

Every week, each class nominates a pupil as 'star of the week' for an outstanding achievement or learning that has taken place. Their achievement will be linked to the Christian value they show.

A huge well done to the children who got awarded star of the week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

Our house colours are named after people who reflect our vision of 'life in all its fullness' and we are sharing weekly results of house points.

	w/e 31 st Oct	w/e 7 th Nov	
Devas	Brodie	William Joe Hugo & Jack O	
Bannerman	Beau & Billy-Joe		
Porteous	Louie		
Borton	Toby B		
House points winner	Oliver Jeffers	Bear Alessia Grylls Russo	

Dates



Please note that dates are subject to change. Where possible, we will always try to give as much notice as we can if we need to change a date.

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Tuesday	Ball Games Club
11/18/25 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
2 Dec	
Tuesday	FT Kids Club
11/18/25 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
2 Dec	
Wednesday	Street Dance
12/19/26 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
3 Dec	
Thursday	Tennis Club
13/20/27 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
4 Dec	

Monday	Swimming lessons for Year 3
10 Nov	at Mote Park Leisure Centre

Friday 19 th Dec	welcome Last day of term 2
Thursday 18 th Dec	9:15am – Christingle service at St Mary's Church. All
Saturday 6 th Dec 6pm	PTFA Wreath making at Hunton Village Hall
Friday 5 th Dec	PTFA Christmas fayre 2pm-3:45pm
Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th Dec	Class chocolate competition
Friday 28 th Nov	Non-uniform day "bring a bottle"
Sat 22 nd Nov 3:00pm-5:30pm	Hunton Christmas market at St Mary's Church
	2:15pm – Refreshments 2:30pm – Quick meeting
Friday 21 st Nov	PTFA AGM – Coffee & Cake
1:30pm pick-up	library
November Friday 21 st Nov	photos Year 5 visit to Coxheath
Wednesday 19 th	Individual & sibling school
,	to NSPCC
Monday 10 th Nov	Odd socks day – donations





Health and Wellbeing at Hunton

Kindness Week 10th to 14th November

At Hunton we will be participating in The Kindness Challenge and raising money for NSPCC's Childline. We will be having our very own 'Kindness week' to also coincide with Anti-Bullying week. During this week, we will be encouraging the children to participate in different acts of kindness within the school, as well as acts of kindness to family members at home or to people within the community.

On <u>Monday 10th November</u> we will be participating in **Odd Socks**Day to launch Anti-Bullying week and hopefully raise money for NSPCC's Childline charity. We ask children to bring in £1 or a donation for this event please.

As well as Odd Socks Day, we will also be providing various Kindness/Wellbeing activities for the children during their break times. These will be run by the Wellbeing warriors and myself. There will also be whole school activities throughout the week, including fun activities like 'filling the bucket with kindness challenge', 'Love heart' sweet prizes for the best act of kindness' and daily positive affirmations.

It would be great for the children to share any acts of kindness with their class friends and teachers, so if you have any examples of your child being kind or participating in an act of kindness outside of school, please feel free to email me via the office email. I would love to hear about it!

Thank you for your support - Mrs Evans









PTFA News & Events
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Toys, gifts etc needed

We are 4 weeks away from our Christmas Fayre and we are looking for donations of the following items. If you have anything you can spare please drop them into school before 9am on 5th December:

- Children's games, toys, puzzles etc
- Lucky dip toys
- Sweets and other kids items for the children's tombola
- Good quality/new gifts for our Elfridge's shop (candles, toiletry sets, socks, stationery, bath bombs etc)

Class chocolate competition

During 1st – 5th December we will have our annual chocolate competition, whereby we ask for donations of chocolate towards our beloved chocolate tombola and then the class who donate the heaviest amount of chocolate will win a non-uniform day!

The weight will be pro-rated so that Devas (the smallest class) won't miss out.

If you see any chocolate on offer over the next 7 weeks, check the weight and stock up!

Friday 28th November – non-uniform day "bring a bottle"



In exchange for children wearing their own clothes to school we are asking you to please bring in a bottle for our bottle tombola.

Although a bottle of wine or beer is more traditional, we will gladly accept any other bottles that you think people may like to win (remember to check the use-by date on any bottles you are donating).

Please donate what you can.



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Grotto

Santa in his grotto will be back for the Christmas Fayre. The cost is £4 per child and siblings who don't attend Hunton Primary but will be coming along to the fayre are welcome too. Please email

pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk if you would like to book your child's sibling/s into the grotto.

There aren't any timeslots, your child can visit the Grotto anytime between 2pm-3:45pm. If you do book your child into the grotto and they're not in school on 5th their present will be saved for them.

Please pay on SchoolMoney/cash in a secure envelope, clearly named <u>before 26th November</u> to give us enough time to buy and wrap the gifts. We are unable to take any requests after this date.

Rainbow Raffle

We will be running a Rainbow Raffle at our Christmas Fayre and are therefore asking for donations of items that we can use to make colour themed hampers. Each year group has been allocated a colour and we are asking for donations of items in that colour. We ask that items are non-perishable and are well within their use by date. Please pass any donations to the office or a member of the PTFA before 1st Dec.



Above photo – just a few examples of items.





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Following on from last years successful wreath workshop, we will be holding another one this year. We did sell out last year and the evening was enjoyed by everyone so please book early if you would like to come along.







Activities across the Benefice

Weekly

Toybox

Tiny Tots Toybox

Under 5's Stay and play Thursday 1:30 - 3pm Holy Trinity, Coxheath

Bible Brick Builders

KS1&2 After school club Thursday 3:30 - 5pm Holy Trinity, Coxheath





Little Angels

Under 5's Stay and play Friday 1 - 2:30pm All Saints, West Farleigh

Monthly



B&B Youth on Sunday

1st Sunday of every month 7:30 - 9pm Holy Trinity, Coxheath

Occasionally

Messy Festivals

All age alternative worship 3 - 5pmSt Nicholas, Linton



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