



Headteacher News

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

As the term progresses, there's a sense of purpose and progress across the school. Academically, we're all working hard and enjoying lessons. Year 4 are focusing very well on their multiplication tables ahead of the formal DfE check later this year. One of the best ways you can support your child is by helping them learn their times tables by rote, along with related division facts—it's never too early to get started!

Talking of which, your child is never too old to be read to. Next week is National Story Telling Week. Teachers are planning activities and our Reading Ambassadors will be reading aloud to their classes. Some are planning to read poems, jokes, short stories or even recipes!

So please do read to your child or tell them an imaginative story or even perhaps an event from your childhood because the 1 Million Word Gap is a real issue we all need to be aware of and its consequences in learning and life chances.



Have you heard of the 1 Million Word Gap? Key Findings

The Gap: A study using popular children's books found that children who have five books read to them daily hear approximately 1.4 million more words by age five than children who are never read to.

Frequency Matters:

- Never read to: children know 4,600 words by age 5.
- Read daily: children know 297,000 words by age 5.
- Read 5 books/day: children know 1.48 million words by age 5.

Long-Term Impact: This early language exposure builds a strong base for later reading comprehension, cognitive skills, and overall academic achievement.



Here's some children from Bannerman really engaged during our reading fluency group. They practised their decoding, prosody and comprehension skills.



Thank you to the Devas parents who attended the 'Stay and Read' session on Thursday. The children loved sharing a book and their home-made bread with you!

Finally, you may have seen the 'Hellofresh' advert on TV where they are reminding us of the importance of eating together and talking about our days without our phones. 'Phones down, forks up!'

Enjoy!

Mrs Makey



Attendance

Every School Day Counts

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

For the past week these were the class attendance totals:

Devas: 96% **Bannerman:** 95%

Porteous: 95% **Borton:** 93%

Well done to DEVAS who achieved the highest attendance for 19th – 30th January 2026.



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 23 rd Jan	w/e 30 th Jan
Devas	Matilda	Benjamin
Bannerman	Alana	George
Porteous	Elodie	Jack H
Borton	Josh	Peter
House points winner	Bear Grylls	Rosa Parks

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.

Mondays 2/9 Feb	Make & Bake Club 3:20-4pm
Tuesday 3/10 Feb	Ball Games Club 3:20-4:20pm
Tuesday 3/10 Feb	FT Kids Club 3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday 4/11 Feb	HotShotz Tennis 3:20-4:20pm Click here to book
Thursday 5/12 Feb	Science Club 3:20-4:05pm Click here to book

Fri 6 th Feb	Year R & Year 6 Coxheath library visit. Collect at 1:30pm
Thurs 12 th Feb	Hunton "bake off" competition and bake sale
Fri 13 th Feb	Last day of term 3
Mon 23 rd Feb	First day of term 4
Fri 27 th Feb	Devas trip to Kent Life
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day. Dress up as a word.
Fri 13 th March	Year 4 Coxheath library visit. Collect at 1:30pm
Mon 16 th March 2:30pm	Devas Mothers Day tea party



Hunton CEP PTFA

PTFA News & Events
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 FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HuntonPrimaryPTA)

We are pleased to announce that we are running our popular curry & quiz again on Saturday 21st March. So get your friends and family together and come along to what is sure to be a fun evening!

Tickets are £20 per person if paid before 1st March, or £25 per person thereafter.

Teams are 6-8 people but come along even if there are 2 of you as there's always other friendly people to team up with.

Please check out the event on our Facebook page for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/HuntonPrimaryPTA>



Links for you to find all information relating to your child at Hunton school:

School website - <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/>

[Newsletters](#)

[Term dates](#)

[Menu for hot school dinners](#)

[All letters and correspondence](#)

[Uniform](#)

[Curriculum](#) - find out what your child is learning this term.

IMPORTANT Nut Allergies in School

There are a number of children at the school who suffer from severe nut allergies, which in some cases could be fatal. We would therefore be very grateful if parents could avoid sending in food items that contain nuts in their child's snack or packed lunch. Many thanks for your help.



Mobile phones



Just a reminder that children are not allowed to use mobile phones whilst on the school site. Children should leave their mobile phones at home.

Winter playtimes

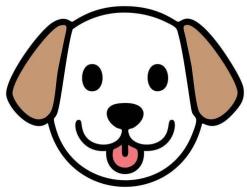


What a damp miserable month this has been. We like to get the children outside as much as we can otherwise it's a long day for them being cooped up and not being able to let off steam.

The new canopy has allowed us to store wellies and therefore use the field. We have spoken to the children and made it clear that if they do not like the rain they can sit in the dry under the canopy, in our beautiful hut, Eden, in the small playground shelter or in the play shop.



Dogs on site



Please can we ask that if you do bring your dog on to the school site, that you wait with them at the hedge away from the footpath and playground.

Not all children feel comfortable around dogs, even friendly ones.

DID YOU KNOW?

DOG Awareness

2,206 posties were injured by dogs in the past year.

That's 42 attacks each week, with some suffering life changing injuries.

PLEASE HELP US PROTECT YOUR POSTIE

- Never open the door to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- Invest in a letter cage or external delivery point to stop bites through the letterbox
- If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises your mail can be suspended

Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2014, an owner or/and a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if that dog attacks anyone, in any place in England, Wales or Scotland.

For more information, please visit royalmail.com/dogawareness

Milk



If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning please register them on the [Cool Milk website](http://coolmilk.com).

St Mary's Church Hunton

'Snowdrop Sunday.'

15th February



From 2pm to 4pm

Refreshments

and an abundance of beautiful snowdrops!

Church Service at 9.30am, all welcome.



TONBRIDGE
ATHLETIC CLUB

Information

Tonbridge 1 miles race

Tonbridge Athletic Club will be hosting 1 mile races on the following dates.

- Sun 1st Feb
- Sun 1st March

Sign Up - On the day entry - Please turn up ready to run and sign up at the pavilion (circled on map)

Results posted on - [https://tonbridgeac.org.uk](http://tonbridgeac.org.uk)

🏃, 🏃 - Ages 7-11 years old (year 2-6)

⌚ Arrive at 09:00am - Race at 09:30am - finish at 10:00am

💷 £5 entry fee - cash or card

⭐ Every finisher will receive a medal

📍 Tonbridge School Centre, London Road, Tonbridge TN10 3AD.



Course map - 2 laps

- Grass flat course
- Toilets are in the sports centre (**)
- parking (black square)
- Sign up (white circle)

Results posted on -



Devas



29th Jan - Devas have been using the Music app on Purple Mash to make their own family call just like penguins do!



27th Jan - Devas have been exploring melting and freezing this week. We put polar animals in different amounts of water in different places to see which environment would make the water freeze! We then explored what could make the water melt and found salt can make water melt quicker!



22nd Jan - Some of the children in Devas enjoyed using their Own Learning Time to be a teacher and teach Phonics to their friends!



21st Jan - In RE, Devas were thinking about the question 'Who were Jesus' friends?' We learnt that Jesus was friends with everyone! We acted out different scenarios that may make our friends sad and thought about different ways we could ask for forgiveness.



Bannerman



29th Jan- In I.T this week, Bannerman have been learning about algorithms. They learnt that instructions are very important in order to complete a task successfully.



27th Jan - Bannerman had fun in their music lesson listening to instruments that made the sound of the sea. They learnt the words and movements to 'Down there under the sea'.



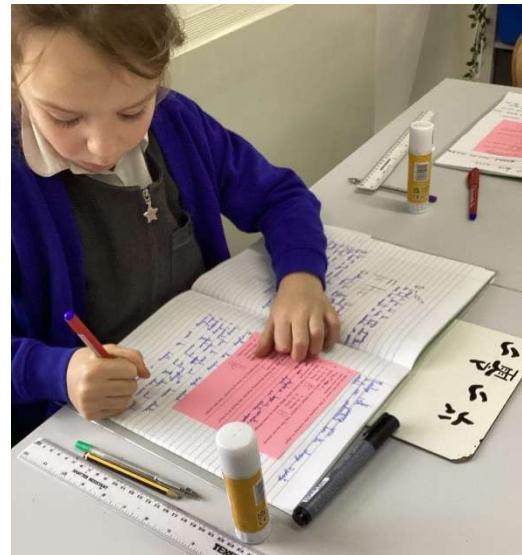
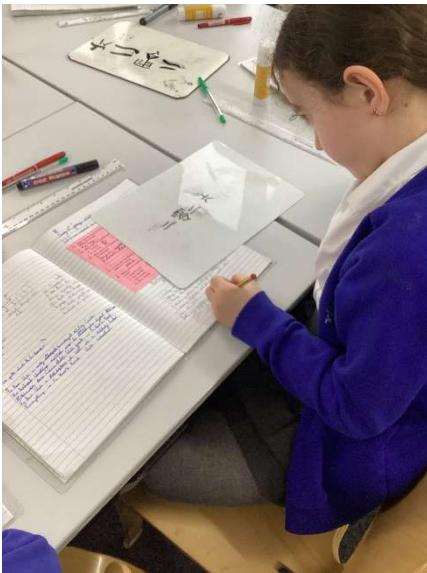
21st Jan - The children were really engaged during our reading fluency group. They practised their decoding, prosody and comprehension skills.



21st Jan - In Maths, Year 2 have been learning to identify, understand and calculate money, using our own little pop up shop selling pizza.



Porteous



Chinese writing – Shang Dynasty

Borton



In preparation for DT week, Borton are experimenting with Levers- making catapults.



AT SPACE 2 BE ME



EMOTIONAL REGULATION & NEURODIVERGENCE

FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF NEURODIVERGENT
CHILDREN AGED 5-11

A new interactive workshop exploring:

- What emotional regulation is and why it matters
- Why it can be more challenging for neurodivergent children
- Practical strategies to support your child
- Theories like the Window of Tolerance & Meltdown Mountain
- Ideas for after-school transitions & more



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL VIA OUR WEBSITE

TICKETS £12.50 EACH

FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY

10:45- 13:00



PADDOCK WOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, TN12 6EB



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Life in all its fullness

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CALLING ALL YOUNG BAKERS!

The Great Hunton Bake Off Fundraiser



Do you love baking cakes, cookies, brownies or bread?

Then put on your apron and join our School Bake Off – you could be a winner!

Who can take part?

All children are welcome – no matter your baking skill level!

What's happening?

- Bake your favourite homemade treats at home
- Bring them into school for our special Bake Sale on **Thursday 12th February 2026**
- Mr Ming and the school council will decide the winners
- All baked goods will be sold to help raise money for the school.

Why join?

- Show off your baking skills
- Have fun and be creative
- Help support your school
- Win a prize!



Start planning your delicious creations now and **let's bake, sell and make a difference together!**





Empowering people on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities.

FREE DROP-IN SESSION



This drop-in session will be held at InfoZone Family Hub in Kent
12-1:30pm

It is for parents and carers of autistic people in Kent (diagnosed or on the pathway).

We aim to help families to learn more about autism and the support available to them by signposting to useful resources and learning.

One of our experienced Aspens Family Support Team will help answer questions about autism, how to access support as well as offer guidance and advice.

We hope to see you there!

The InfoZone Family Hub address is: 3 Palace Avenue, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6NF.

Last Friday of every month.

- We are here to listen to you
- We are here to offer guidance
- Increase your knowledge
- Help you through challenges
- Increase your confidence
- Help you navigate services
- Provide you with skills that last



Supporting children with additional needs and their families in West Kent

FAMILY SUPPORT

Space 2 Talk Maidstone

Space 2 Talk offers friendly support for parents and carers of children with additional needs. Join us for advice, guidance, or a chance to connect with others.

Wednesday 4th February, 10:00 - 11:30
Topic Focus: Communication

❖ **Wednesday 4th March, 10:00 - 11:30**
Topic Focus: Emotional Wellbeing

Wednesday 1st April, 10:00 - 11:30
Topic Focus: Sensory Processing

**Maidstone Community Support Centre,
Marsham Street, Maidstone ME14 1HH**



For full details including all dates & venues please
see our website
<https://space2beme.org.uk/services/space2talk/>



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