

# Newsletter - 27/11/2025

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you've had a great, although chilly, week! Since last writing, we have had the following successes:

- We completed our school tours for September 2026 entry, with huge thank you to everyone that booked on! Although the 'proper' dates have now gone, we always welcome visits by appointment, so please don't hesitate to contact the school if you, or anyone you know, missed an opportunity.
- We have started a summative assessment period in school, where children are taking some tests to help capture their progress from the year so far and to help teachers plan ahead! Well done to our pupils for their perseverance.
- We had a group of pupils represent the school in a football match, to great success. Thank you for showing our values!

Looking ahead, we have crazy-hair day for pupils tomorrow (Friday 28th November, in return for chocolate for the PTA Christmas Event), festive productions for EYFS and KS1 pupils next week (check your Class Dojo posts for specifics) and Years 3 and 4 are going on a trip on Tuesday!

Thank you for your continued support of our development.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

## Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Hope Again: <https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/>

This website offers advice for young people dealing with bereavement. It includes videos and helps parents/carers understand the grief journey of their children.

***As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Bouchera Khatib, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.***

## Attendance

Storey Class - 94.0%

Disney Class - 95.9%

Earhart Class - 98.9%

Peake Class - 96.0%

Pankhurst Class - 94.4%

Frank Class - 92.5%

Anning Class - 90.7%

Middleton Class - 92.1%

Coco Class - 87.6%

Moore Class - 93.6%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this year is 93.7%.** We aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.*

## Key Dates

### Term Dates

Term 2: Tuesday 28th October – Friday 19th December

Term 3: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

Term 4: Monday 23rd February – Wednesday 1st April

Term 5: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

### **Inset Days**

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

### **Exhibition Afternoons**

Thursday 12th February 2026, from 3:20pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday 20th May 2026, from 3:20pm - 4:00pm

### **Parents' Evenings**

Thursday 6th November 2025, 4:00pm -7:00pm

Monday 23rd February 2026, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 26th February 2026, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

### **PTA Events**

Friday 28th November 2025 - Crazy hair day

Friday 16th January 2026 - Cinema night

Thursday 5th February 2026 - School disco

### **Christmas Show/Nativity**

Tuesday 2nd December - Earhart & Peake Class Nativity - 2p.m.

Friday 5th December - Disney & Storey Class Christmas Show - 1.30 p.m.

### **Christmas Church Service**

Thursday 18th December - KS2 - 9:30am

Thursday 18th December- KS1 - 10:30am

## Notices

### **SWIMMING**

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term 2 – Coco (Commencing on Friday 7th November)

Term3 – Middleton

Term 4 – Anning

Term 5 – Frank

Term 6 – Pankhurst

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

### **PAYMENT FOR CLUBS**

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.

### **PARKING**

- Unless you are dropping your child to Breakfast Club you must park offsite and walk your child into school
- Parking within the school grounds is not permitted at drop off or collection time unless it is for exceptional circumstances
- When parking around the school you must park considerately, not blocking pedestrian access, driveways etc
- Animals are not allowed on the school site at any time
- Please refrain from turning in the entrance

### **PARENTS COFFEE MORNINGS**

Mrs Khatib will be hosting Parent Coffee mornings which will run from 9:30am to 10:30am on the following dates:-

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Tuesday 24th March 2026

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Tuesday 7th July 2026.

### **ACCIDENT FORMS**

From Monday 1st December paper accident forms will no longer be sent home. Parent/carers will be informed via e-mail if your child has an accident at school.

### **CHRISTINGLE & CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH**

Rev Trudi warmly invites you to a Christingle service on Sunday 30th November 4pm in St Peters and St Paul's Farningham. Also Christmas Messy Church on Saturday 6th December, 4pm in St Martins Eynsford. Lots of other Christmas things happening so follow them on Facebook!

### **PTA UPDATE**

#### **CRAZY HAIR DAY**

Don't forget **TOMORROW**, Friday 28th November, will be Crazy Hair Day, where children can come to school with their funkiest, most colourful or just plain messiest hair and we ask in exchange for a chocolate donation for the Christmas event tombola if possible or a £1 donation please.

### **CHRISTMAS FUN DAY**

We are excited to share details of our upcoming Christmas Fun Day on **Tuesday 16th December**, a full day of festive activities taking place during the school day. It promises to be a wonderful celebration for the children, and we wanted to let you know what to expect.

#### **Here's what's planned:**

- A whole day of Christmas fun for the children, taking place entirely during school hours • Please note: this is a pupil only event, no grown-ups allowed to join us on the day!
- Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers, party outfits or other own clothes/festive wear • Christmas crafts in the morning • Christmas game stalls and tuck shop in the afternoon • Every child will have the chance to visit Santa's Grotto, going along as a class group • Visiting Santa is completely free

To help children enjoy the game stalls and treats in the afternoon, parents may purchase a Christmas Fun Day ticket priced at £5.00, £7.50 or £10.00.

These tickets will be converted into “Christmas money” for the children to spend on game stalls, edible treats and drinks. Tickets must be bought in advance via the PTA website.

([https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofanthonyroper/;!!OepYZ6Q!7ZLb4am\\_qEQsjnyfyiWETsOsCTDjxhA-kFpBCvNmRELTIFKYZX6Geqo\\_12FBYSI2\\_vBM-qKtd6VxDeU6t2ZxSv4Z2I3bzg\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofanthonyroper/;!!OepYZ6Q!7ZLb4am_qEQsjnyfyiWETsOsCTDjxhA-kFpBCvNmRELTIFKYZX6Geqo_12FBYSI2_vBM-qKtd6VxDeU6t2ZxSv4Z2I3bzg$)) They will be available to purchase from Friday 28th November until Friday 12th December.

Your child will receive their Christmas money/voucher on the day of the event.

We want every child to feel included.

- Any child who does not have a ticket will still enjoy a lovely day, including a visit to Santa, free colouring/craft activities and a Christmas film in their classroom.
- If your child does not wish to visit Santa, or if you would prefer them not to take part in Christmas Fun Day activities, please let both their class teacher and the school office know. This helps us keep an accurate list and ensure we are supporting all families appropriately.

We look forward to a magical day filled with fun and festive cheer for all the children.



Show us your craziest hairstyle!  
Colourful, Messy, Funky - we can't  
wait to see them all!

You just need to bring in a donation  
of NUT FREE chocolate (box,  
packet or bar) on the day.



Chocolate is our top pick to help us spread  
some sweetness... But if you're unable to  
bring chocolate, a £1 donation is a great  
backup!



## Awards

### Numbots Champions

Storey Class -

Disney Class - Robyn

Earhart Class - Rhiaan, Harrison, Oliver

Peake Class - Chloe, Lara, Iris

Pankhurst Class - Theodore, Hudson, Karter

Frank Class - Edison, Juno, Fenton

Anning Class - Lydia, William, Rory

Middleton Class - Sophia, Harry, Olivia

Coco Class - Robert, Rudy, Lucienne

Moore Class - Sienna, Elliot, Maisie

## Times Tables Rock Stars Champions

Storey Class -

Disney Class -

Earhart Class - Dougie, Brody, Oliver

Peake Class - Chloe, Iris, Elliott

Pankhurst Class - Jenson, George, Arabella

Frank Class - Emily, Edison, Jacob

Anning Class - Belle, William, Edie

Middleton Class - Jude, Harry, Owen

Coco Class - Jessica, Rudy, Lucienne

Moore Class - Poppy, Arissa, Carter

## Achievement Awards

Storey Class - Arabella

Disney Class - Nancy

Earhart Class - Callum

Peake Class - Sidney

Pankhurst Class - Grace

Frank Class - James M

Anning Class - Will

Middleton Class - Oscar

Coco Class - Evie

Moore Class - Poppy

Skills Academy - Ruby

MDS - Annabel & Eva

Superstar - James G, Julia, Elsie D, Jake C & Mrs Clark

## House Points

Knole - 708

Chartwell - 947

Penshurst - 941

Ightham - 964





