

Newsletter - 10/09/2026

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you have had a great week! The start of a school year is an exciting time! Since our last newsletter, we have had the following successes:

- Governors have met for their first meeting of the year, setting out development priorities for the school, including nominating new Co-Chairs: Mr Cooper and Mrs Muckle! Congratulations on your appointment.
- Our School Improvement Advisor visited for our first meeting of the year, with huge congratulations for our most successful to date and a look ahead for the year to come!
- A group of our Year 6 children have taken the Kent Test, helping them discover options for secondary school. Well done to these pupils for the effort and dedication it takes to do this! Thank you for showing our value of perseverance.
- Staff have hosted their 'Meet The Teacher' events, outlining details and arrangements for the year ahead – thank you to families for your engagement (you can also find the resources on Dojo).

Looking ahead, Year 6 will be taking part in some assessments next week to help teachers plan for secondary readiness and our Enrichment Programme starts tomorrow!

Volunteering

We love to welcome volunteers to our school to help practice things like reading, handwriting, timetables and play other learning-based games with our children. If you, or anyone you know, has a regular slot of time available and would like to volunteer at our school, contact the Office (office@anthony-roper.kent.sch.uk) and we will be in touch. It takes an incredible amount of teamwork to achieve highly, so the support of our volunteers is invaluable: it's good for the soul and helps to give you an idea of the day-to-day workings

of a school. For clarity, volunteers do not work in the same class as their children and they must consent to a full DBS check.

Thank you for your support of our development!

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Swanley Food Bank: <https://swanleydistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

Located at 50 High Street, Swanley, Kent (BR8 8BQ), they provide emergency food and practical support to people in their hardest moments.

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

Suni Class -

Hamilton Class -

Lovelace Class -

Rosen Class -

Simone Class -

Westwood Class -

Goodall Class -

Blake Class -

Parks Class -

Attendance matters - 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 1: Wednesday 2nd September – Thursday 22nd October

Term 2: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3: Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4: Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5: Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6: Monday 8th June – Tuesday 20th July

Inset Days

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Parent's Evenings

Monday 9th November 2025, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday 12th November 2025, 4:00pm -7:00pm

Monday 22nd February 2026, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 25th February 2026, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

PTA Events

Autumn School Disco - Thursday 15th October

Notices

SWIMMING

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

Term 1 – Park's (commencing tomorrow)

Term 2 – Blake

Term3 – Goodall

Term 5 – Westwood

Term 6 – Simone

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 - IMPORTANT

We have noticed an increase of parents attempting to/parking on site, especially when the weather is bad. Please can we remind you of the below.

- 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
- If your child travels to and from school by bike or scooter, please remind them to be mindful of other road users, particularly when entering and leaving the school grounds. These times can be especially busy, with a high volume of vehicles accessing the premises

PICK UP

Can we please remind blue badge holders that they are only allowed entry into the car park from 3:20pm. Pedestrians should also remain on the pathways at drop off and collection

WEATHER

As the weather can be changeable at this time of year, please ensure that your children come to school dressed appropriately. This may include applying sun cream **before coming into school**, as well as bringing a sun hat and a waterproof coat.

YEAR 5/6 WALKERS

To ensure the safety of our older pupils who walk to and from school by themselves, we require that you complete a parental consent form.

Please understand that you need to accept full responsibility for your child's safety on their journey to school and once they have left the school at home time.

If you wish your child to walk alone, please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

[The Anthony Roper Primary School Consent For Walkers - Year 5 or 6 – Fill out form](#)

If you do not return the form, it may be necessary to contact you for your permission.

SNACKS, PACKED LUNCHES & ALLERGIES

The safety of all of our children is important to us, particularly those living with allergies. Ideally, we would like to request simple healthy snacks that do not contain nuts or nut products. Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a snack through the government sponsored fruit and vegetable scheme.

We also ask that packed lunches that are brought into school are healthy, nutritionally well balanced and do not contain sweets or fizzy drinks.

Children must not share or swap food or snacks with other pupils.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation with this. For a child with allergies, something that may appear very small can present a significant risk, so it is important that we all work together to keep our school community safe.

KS2 - SCHOOL TRIP - KNOLE HOUSE

KS2 will be going on a school trip to Knole House on the following dates:-

Simone Class - Tuesday 20th October

Westwood & Goodall Class - Wednesday 21st October

Blake Class - Thursday 22nd October

Further information will follow shortly

PTA UPDATE

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **21st September at 7.30pm** at **The Castle Pub, Eynsford**. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you're already involved with the PTA or simply interested in finding out more about what we do and how you can help support the school.

Autumn School Disco

Please save the date for this term's school disco on **15th October**. Further details will be shared closer to the event.

[Awards](#)

[Numbots Champions](#)

Suni Class -

Hamilton Class -

Lovelace Class -

Rosen Class - Rhiaan, Barnaby, Brody

Simone Class - Chloe, Iris, Lara

Westwood Class - Theodore, Hudson, Fenton

Goodall Class - Lydia, Rory, Faith-Evelyn

Blake Class - Edison, William, Sophia

Parks Class - Rudy, Harry, Olivia

[Times Tables Rock Stars Champions](#)

Suni Class -

Hamilton Class -

Lovelace Class -

Rosen Class - Brody, Dougie, Oliver

Simone Class - Chloe, Iris, Elliott

Westwood Class - Alina, Jack, Karter

Goodall Class - William, Edie, Jake

Blake Class - Belle, Jude, Edison

Parks Class - Owen, Harry, Oscar

[Achievement Awards](#)

Suni Class -

Hamilton Class - Ellis

Lovelace Class - Francesca

Rosen Class - Arthur

Simone Class - Lennox

Westwood Class - Hudson

Goodall Class - Scarlett-Marie

Blake Class - Ellison

Parks Class - John

[House Points](#)

Knole -

Chartwell -

Penshurst -

Ightham -





