

Newsletter - 17/09/2026

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you have had a great week! Since our last newsletter, we have had the following successes:

- Our new EYFS children have started full-time in school and are busy learning about the rules and routines that their school experience relies on.
- Our Year 6 pupils have been taking some KS2 assessments to help identify gaps for secondary readiness.
- Our Co-Chairs of Governors have met with staff to share more about the year ahead, where we work to develop our Achievement, Curriculum and Inclusion strategies.

School Tours – Entry 2027

Although the year has only just started, it's already time to consider school entry for September 2027! As a result, we have a series of tour dates available.

- Friday 2nd October, 10am
- Friday 9th October, 10am
- Friday 16th October, 10am
- Friday 6th November, 10am
- Tuesday 10th November, 10am
- Friday 13th November, 10am
- Tuesday 17th November, 10am
- Friday 20th November, 10am
- Tuesday 24th November, 10am

Head to the website to book your place and feel free to share with family and friends whose child will be starting school next year! <https://www.anthony-roper.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=9>

Looking ahead, we are celebrating our Teaching Assistants on Friday 25th September, to recognise National TA Day – I know our community join us in saying thank you to our amazing support staff, who we rely on so much!

Thank you for your continued support of our development.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is: <https://www.fearless.org>

This website provides non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality, for example county lines (criminal exploitation). It also allows children and young people to report crime anonymously.

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 - 98.7%

Hamilton Class - 92.9%

Lovelace Class - 99.4%

Rosen Class - 94.9%

Simone Class - 91.1%

Westwood Class - 94.8%

Goodall Class - 97.9%

Blake Class - 90.4%

Parks Class - 98.2%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this year is 95.1%.** 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

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 with 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

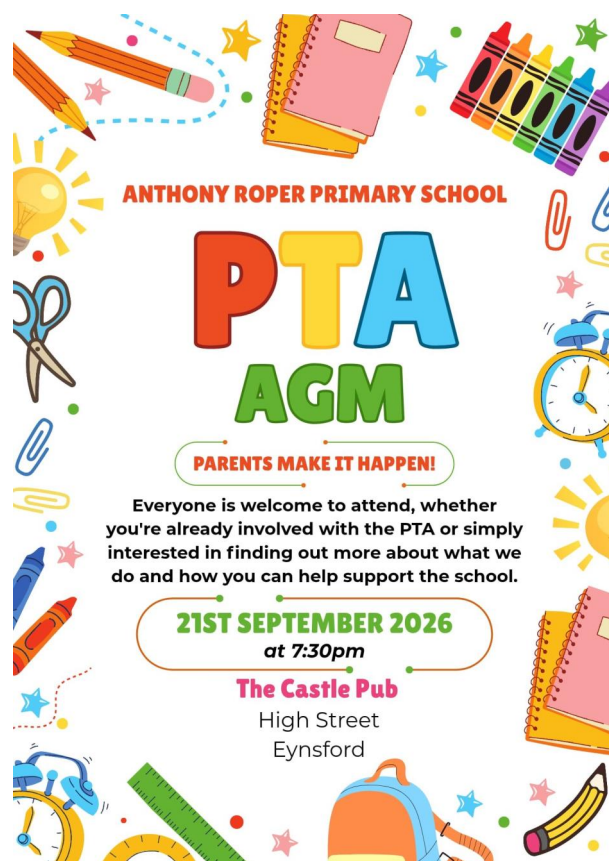
PTA UPDATE

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, Oliver, Dougie

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 - Nancy A

Lovelace Class - Samuel

Rosen Class - Callum

Simone Class -

Westwood Class - Renae

Goodall Class - Dolly

Blake Class - Daisy

Parks Class - Eva

MDS - Delphi & Vivienne

Skills Academy - Micky

[House Points](#)

Knole - 68

Chartwell - 128

Penshurst - 137

Ightham - 88





