

Newsletter - 24/09/2026

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you have had a fantastic week! Since last week's newsletter, we have had the following successes and celebrations:

- Mr Nicholls has welcomed his first child! He has been on leave to settle into his new adventure as a dad. As he mentioned on Dojo, he will share more details about his new arrival when he is ready. In the meantime, I know you will join me in congratulating him and wishing him and his family all the very best!
- I have met with our Co-Chair of Governors as part of the support package for deputising for Mr Nicholls during his absence.
- The ARPS PTA held a very successful AGM. We are looking forward to their exciting fundraising events throughout the year and remain incredibly grateful to them for everything they do to support our school.
- Mrs Khatib has hosted professionals from the Local Authority to discuss how our new reception children have transitioned and settled into school. We are thankful to her and the Reception Team for this.

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>

Tomorrow we will be celebrating our Teaching Assistants 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,

Miss Kelsie Gibson

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Barnardo's: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

Barnardo's protect and support vulnerable children and young people, offering practical and emotional support so they can enter adulthood with confidence.

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, Miss Kelsie Gibson, Mrs Bouchera Khatib, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Suni Class - 97.0%

Hamilton Class - 96.4%

Lovelace Class - 97.3%

Rosen Class - 92.9%

Simone Class - 89.0%

Westwood Class - 92.7%

Goodall Class - 96.5%

Blake Class - 92.1%

Parks Class - 96.5%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this year is 94.4%.** 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.

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.

PTA UPDATE

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 - Oliver, Brody, Dougie

Simone Class - Chloe, Iris, Edie

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 - Hazel

Lovelace Class - Teddy

Rosen Class - Poppy

Simone Class - Delphi

Westwood Class - Molly

Goodall Class - Samuel & Lucy

Blake Class - Auden & Thomas

Parks Class - Isabella

MDS - Jenson B & Freddie

Skills Academy - Arlo L

[House Points](#)

Knole - 212

Chartwell - 357

Penshurst - 385

Ightham - 334





