Newsletter - 05/11/2026

Headteacher's Message

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you had a great half term and I want to start with a quick thank you for such a warm welcome back! My family are very grateful for your kindness and support – what a mad ride! That said, it's a joy to be back with you all, where we have had the following successes:

- Our term started with our Values Day, where – this time – pupils learnt about our value of Teamwork, engaging in a range of activities and challenges that tested their ability to work together.
- Our Governors have completed a monitoring visit, centred around the school's achievement.
- Our Inclusion Lead, Mrs Khatib, held a Speech & Language workshop for families – many thanks to those who were able to attend.
- Our entire pupil body was unbelievably impressive with their Fire Drill practice today, with particular praise for our youngest children!

Staffing

Miss Beaumont, one of our Teaching Assistants, will be leaving us next week as she starts a journey to study Law! Thank you Miss Beaumont for your hard work and dedication to our pupils. We wish you the very best of luck with your next chapter! (As a result, we have a TA/MDS Vacancy. If someone you know may be interested, head here: https://www.ukteach.com/job/151837/teaching-assistant-and-midday-supervisor-at-the-anthony-roper-primary-school)

Looking ahead, we have Parents' Evenings next week (Monday and Thursday), as well as a Diwali workshop (Tuesday) and learning focus on Anti-Bullying Week (Thursday).

Thank you for your continued support of the development of our school.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is from the NSPCC: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/

This NSPCC video supports primary aged children to keep themselves safe from inappropriate sexualised touching.

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 - 95.7%

Hamilton Class - 87.7%

Lovelace Class - 99.1%

Rosen Class - 90.7%

Simone Class - 89.7%

Westwood Class - 93.7%

Goodall Class - 88.4%

Blake Class - 88.2%

Parks Class - 94.5%

Attendance matters - ***The whole school attendance this year is 91.9%.*** *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: 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

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

Christmas Fun Day - Tuesday 15th December

Notices

SWIMMING

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

Term 2 – Blake (commencing tomorrow)

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

PICK UP FROM CLUBS

Could we please ask that, when collecting your children from after-school club, you park in a designated parking bay and switch off your engine while waiting for the club to finish.

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

Farningham WI Coffee Morning Christmas Fair

The Farningham WI will be holding a Coffee Morning Christmas Fair on **Saturday 14th November**, from **11.00am to 1.00pm** at **Farningham Village Hall**. It's the perfect opportunity to start the countdown to Christmas!

We're also delighted that the **Farningham WI** has very kindly offered to make a donation from the event profits to the **Anthony Roper PTA**, so every purchase will help support the school.

Please do go along if you can and show your support.

Christmas Fun Day

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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, Poppy

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 - Gylve

Lovelace Class - Emilia

Rosen Class - Dougie

Simone Class - Edie

Westwood Class - Jenson

Goodall Class - Mia

Blake Class -

Parks Class -

House Points

Knole - 579

Chartwell - 976

Penshurst - 1,218

Ightham - 947


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