Newsletter - 12/11/2026

Headteacher's Message

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you have had a great week! In school, we have had the following successes:

- Governors have completed monitoring visits for both Safeguarding and Inclusion, working with staff and pupils. Our thanks go to our Governors for their huge efforts in this important role.
- Our Phonics Leads have completed monitoring, visiting lessons and looking at the children's achievement in early reading. Our thanks go to the staff and pupils for their dedication to learning to read.
- We have held our first Parents' Evenings of the year, where families can hear more about the children's learning so far this year! Our thanks go to our parents and carers for their commitment to their child's development.

Looking ahead, pupils are able to wear PJs for Children In Need tomorrow (there will be a donation bucket at the school gate), lesson observations are scheduled for next week and our school tours continue (check our website for booking information).

Thank you for your continued support of our development.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is CAMHS: https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/mental-health-support/

CAMHS promotes the mental health and emotional wellbeing of all children, young people and their families/carers. Find your local service by clicking the link.

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 - 93.7%

Hamilton Class - 96.0%

Lovelace Class - 95.7%

Rosen Class - 89.7%

Simone Class - 95.3%

Westwood Class - 93.1%

Goodall Class - 96.4%

Blake Class - 94.8%

Parks Class - 91.1%

Attendance matters - ***The whole school attendance this year is 93.9%.*** *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

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

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.

ROAD CLOSURES

We have been advised that the A225 from the Farningham Road roundabout to Station Road will be closed for three months commencing 4th January. This is for the last stage of the SGN gas maintenance upgrade that needs to be completed.

In addition to this closure, Eglantine Lane from Eglantine Villa to the crossroads with Lombard Street will also be closed for the same duration.

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, Poppy, Iris

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 - Ava

Lovelace Class - Reggie

Rosen Class - Seppie

Simone Class - Leo

Westwood Class - Roman

Goodall Class - Leo L

Blake Class -

Parks Class - Annabel

Skills Academy - Karter

House Points

Knole - 90

Chartwell - 120

Penshurst - 195

Ightham - 105


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