Newsletter - 26/11/2026

Headteacher's Message

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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:

- We welcomed STLS (Specialist Teaching & Learning Services) to review some of the school's inclusive practices, with a view to working together further.
- We welcomed a Diwali Workshop and an animal workshop to school, which were absolutely fantastic experiences for our children.
- We welcomed Governors for some training and to complete a monitoring visit for Inclusion.

Looking ahead, the PTA are holding a Crazy Hair Day (27.11.26) in support of their Christmas event (check Dojo for details) and the Young Shakespeare Company are visiting next week (01.12.26).

Please be reminded, you can contribute to our School Feedback form by clicking here: School Feedback – Fill in form

Thank you for your continued support of our development!

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is The Hideout: http://www.thehideout.org.uk/

This website from Women's Aid helps children and young people understand domestic abuse and what to do if it's happening to them.

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 - 94.0%

Hamilton Class - 97.3%

Lovelace Class - 99.6%

Rosen Class - 92.5%

Simone Class - 92.4%

Westwood Class - 96.7%

Goodall Class - 95.8%

Blake Class - 93.4%

Parks Class - 94.7%

Attendance matters - ***The whole school attendance this year is 95.0%.*** *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

Crazy Hair Day - Friday 27th November

Christmas Fun Day - Tuesday 15th December

Cinema Night - Friday 15th January

Spring Disco - Thursday 4th February

Mother's Day Shop - Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th March

Easter Egg Hunt - Thursday 25th March

Summer Disco - Thursday 6th May

Own Clothes Day - Friday 21st May

Colour Run - Friday 18th June

Father's Day Shop - 16th & 17th June

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

- 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

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.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

There will be a Christingle service on Sunday 29th November at 4pm in St Peter and St Pauls in Farningham

PTA UPDATE

Crazy Hair Day – Friday 27 November

Don't forget **TOMORROW** is Crazy Hair Day! Get ready to unleash your creativity, whether it's colourful, messy, funky or completely wild, we can't wait to see all your amazing hairstyles.

To take part, please bring a donation of nut-free chocolate (a box, packet or bar). If you're unable to bring chocolate, a £1 donation would be greatly appreciated instead.

We look forward to seeing everyone's crazy creations!

Personalised Christmas Tree Ornaments - Order Now!

Add a special touch to your Christmas tree this year with one of our beautiful personalised acrylic ornaments. Available in three festive designs and customised with any name, they make wonderful keepsakes and thoughtful gifts for family and friends.

At just £4 each, every purchase helps support the Anthony Roper PTA, with profits going towards activities, events, and resources for our children.

To place an order, please contact Becca on 07584 902914.

Christmas Fun Day

This year's Christmas Fun Day will take place on the 15th December. Following the success of last year's event, it will once again be held during the school day.

Tickets are now available to purchase at £10 per child More information to be shared soon.

Christmas Raffle Prizes

We would be hugely grateful for any prize donations, big or small for this year's Christmas Raffle. Every contribution helps make the raffle extra special for our school community while raising valuable funds to support activities, events and resources for our children.

If you are able to donate a prize, please contact the PTA at anthonyroperpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your kindness and continued support.


Anthony Roper
PTA
Christmas
Raffle
Prizes
We are looking for donations of raffle prizes for our Christmas raffle!
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If you are able to donate a prize, big or small, please contact the PTA by email:
anthonyroperpta@gmail.com
Thank you!
Your support is greatly appreciated!


CHRISTMAS
FUN DAY
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
9AM-3PM
MORE INFO
COMING SOON!
KIDS ONLY
NO GROWN UPS ALLOWED!





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 - Ella

Hamilton Class - Joshua

Lovelace Class - Maxwell

Rosen Class - William

Simone Class - Louie

Westwood Class - Betsy

Goodall Class - Edie

Blake Class - Oliver

Parks Class - Ethan

House Points

Knole - 254

Chartwell - 389

Penshurst - 375

Ightham - 326






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