



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy with Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need – as well as all the other usual school activities and it is only getting busier! Each class is now rehearsing for their end of year Christmas event for our younger pupils in Maple and Elm this will be a more traditional Nativity and for those in Beech and Oak there will be a Carol Service with reading, prayers, poems and much more ! I hope you will be able to come along and enjoy these. We start off the Christmas season with our Christingle Service which will be held in the Church at 2pm on 2nd December 2025 – everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Caroline Sharp, who is a parent and governor of the school has made me aware of the Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Christmas Toy Appeal – I will be speaking with our Year 6 Ambassadors to see if we can participate in this and collect some presents for the appeal. Caroline has kindly offered to take them to the drop off point – further information can be found at <https://www.twmta.co.uk/>. Further information to follow.

Fingers crossed for some warmer weather – whatever you are up to have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Sue Elliott, Headteacher.

Going for Gold

Pupils reaching gold over the last 2 weeks are:

Maple: Olwen, Henrietta, Bella, Archie, Mila, Mia, Deni, Harry, Rupert & Luca.

Elm: Gabriel, Finley, Inara, Amelia, Teddy, Elliott, Alina, Tilly, Parker, Teddy W, Tommy, Theo, Raffy, Alina, Njal, Amelie, Ffion, and Annabelle.

Beech: Fred, Annabelle, Annie, Thea, Tabby, Elwyn, Harrison, Freida, Nate, Aurora, Lily, Lukass, Jacob, Alfie & Rocky

Oak: Amelia, Layla, Luca, Maria, Gilbert, Barney, Max, Sammy, Isla, Willow, Tilly, Ava-Grace, Zachary, Noelle, Coco, George and Bunnirose

STARS OF THE WEEK

Maple Class

Archie for his wonderful contributions and great fascination in all learning
Harry for his great writing skills and being an author!

Elm Class

Amelia for her fantastic RE work
Gabriel for amazing concentration and determination in art lessons

Beech Class

Year 3 **Annie** for always being a great talk partner & **Jacob** for being a super friend and always showing kindness.

Year 4 **Freida** for always demonstrating great behaviour and focus in all she does

Lily for being a good friend and showing creativity at playtimes.

Oak Class

Year 5 **Gilbert** for his growing confidence in discussions

Bunnirose for her enthusiasm when visiting Skinners Kent Academy

Year 6 **Luca** for his super and consistent work ethic

Tilly for courage in singing and progress in both maths and spelling.





The school's values of **Compassion, Determination, Courage and Friendship** are regularly lived out in the school by staff and pupils. Last week we participated in a range of activities linked to Anti-Bullying Week and ended this on Friday with a special assembly to see the work the children had been creating.

There were some impressive things happening across the school. The children also participated in a range of challenges for Children In Need. It is always lovely to see that our pupils seem to understand the importance of being kind and the need to support those who battle a number of daily challenges in their lives. We raised £115 for this very worthy charity.

Thank you for your support.

I am very excited to let you know that Forest School sessions will be starting in January 2026. Each class will have five 2 hour sessions across the rest of the academic year. The sessions will be led by Sportacus Forest School Leaders and will take place on a Friday morning and will be fully funded by the PTFA – thank you so much!



Year 5 & 6 Visit to Skinners Kent Academy

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a taster day at Skinners Kent Academy this week. They experienced a number of Secondary School style lessons. They all had a great time.



Penshurst Knit and Natter Craft Fair
A big thank you to the Knit and Natter group – many of whom have grandchildren attending the school or have had their own children attend at some point – held a Craft Fair last week. They were selling items that they had created in their sessions and/or at home. It was a huge success and they raised £1000 for the school. An amazing amount - thank you so much! Some members of the group came to present the funds to the school this week.



School Uniform and PE Kit

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and PE Kit. If you are unsure of the requirements please check with the School Office or look at the school's website.
I appreciate your cooperation; this is an area that I believe is important and a whole school expectation.