



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,

It seems hard to imagine that we will soon be coming to the end of our first half term of this academic year. Wow! We have had a great start to the year and I have been impressed at how quickly our pupils settle back into school life and approach their learning with confidence. It is great to see. We have a busy week ahead as the first half of this term comes to a close.

On Wednesday there is the opportunity for parents of pupils in Years 2 – 6 to come along and see their child's work. The Open Afternoon starts at 2.15pm and classrooms will be open until 4.30pm. I look forward to welcoming you.

We are holding our Harvest Service at the Church on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 9.15am. All parents and carers are welcome to come along – each class has something to contribute to the service so I think you are in for a treat. We will also be presenting our pupils new to our reception year with their Bible Story book. I believe that Rev'd Lisa is arranging refreshments for parents and carers after the service. I do hope you will be able to come along. Please bring any food items to school on Thursday – we will then arrange for them to be taken to a local foodbank. Rev'd Lisa informs me that the Church are also collecting for Mary's Meals a global charity that provides meals for school children across the world. There will an opportunity to donate when you are at the Church.

Sue Elliott, Headteacher.

Born to Run!

As a keen runner myself, I am always very pleased to hear about the fundraising endeavours of our pupils. It is wonderful that they have the running bug so early on in life – I hope they are still running when they reach my age!!

Well done to **William** in Year 5 who recently took part in the Hospice Run, raising money for the Hospice in the Weald.

Leo and Harry

(Years 3 & 1) have also been raising money through their running efforts. They ran their park-run in their PJs! So far they have raised £50 for the Children's Hospital Pyjama Charity. I am incredibly proud that our pupils are able to live out the school's vision beyond the school day.



Going for Gold



Maple Class: Vinnie, Mila, Archie, Ettie, Luca, Olwen, Bella, Deni and Harry

Elm Class : Amelia, Alina, Amelie, Tilly, Ffion, Annabelle, Tommy, Theo, Gabriel, Raffy, Inara, Teddy and Teddy W

Beech Class : Lily, Tabby, Elwyn, Harrison, Thea, Rocky, Leo, Imogen, Lukass, Freddie, Poppy, Jacob, Freida and Aurora

Oak Class: Franki, Hattie, Layla, Max, Zachary, Willow, Oscar, Gilbert, Ava-Grace, William, Amelia, George, Sammy, Henry, Noelle, Maria and Taylor
Well done to them all



STARS OF THE WEEK



MAPLE CLASS

Reception and Year 1

Henrietta for being a wonderful role model to our new pupils in reception.
Bella for working so hard on her writing.

ELM CLASS

Year 2

Alina – for great focus and determination to always do her best.
Annabelle: for an amazing effort and achievement with her handwriting.

BEECH CLASS

Year 3

Leo for a great attitude to learning.
Thea for superb diary writing ; her piece included all the ingredients for success!

Year 4

Lily for being a superstar speller!
Tabby for amazing DT work and making everyone around her so happy !

OAK CLASS

Year 5

William for showing kindness and compassion to the younger children
Max for always extending his learning and demonstrating ambition.

Year 6

Maria for great team work.
Willow: for great talk partner contributions.

Congratulations to each of them.

Weeks 5 & 6
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Year 6 House Ambassadors

Last week pupils from Year 6 who wanted to represent their house were given the opportunity to make a presentation to their house mates and the wider school community. They detailed why they wanted to be considered for the role. There were some very effective presentations. I am delighted that these pupils wanted to 'step up' to go the extra mile. They all put their points across well and my reflection was that they all did such a great job (and the votes were very close) I felt it more appropriate that they are all 'house ambassadors' with the children who received the greatest number of votes as the 'captain/leader' and the others who put themselves forward, taking up a role which will be similar to a 'vice captain/leader'.

Bayley; Luca and Tilly

Yarnold: Ava-Grace & Theo; Amelia, Taylor & Maria

Holmes : Henry



School Uniform

When we return after the October half term break pupils should wear winter uniform. Second-hand items are always available via the PTA. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct items – our uniform brings us together as a community and is an important part of school life.



Thursday 16th October 2025

Penshurst Church at 9.15am

We warmly invite you to join us for our Harvest Service on Thursday – food donations to be brought into school and will be donated to a local foodbank.

Thank you for your support .