



Headteacher News

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Undoubtedly, rather a lot has happened in the last couple of weeks to share with you. Last week we received the anticipated Ofsted call which we had been waiting almost a year for as our previous inspection was in May 2021. The children, staff and governors were determined to show the spirit of Hunton- how we 'live life in all its fullness' and strive outside of our comfort zone. And for 3 days we certainly did! The support of parents at the gate on the Tuesday made me feel quite emotional and thank you for your wonderful feedback in the parents' survey which was very much part of their evidence. I have to thank the staff who always work incredibly hard; during the inspection everyone was eager to show the good provision we have here. The children were proud to talk about their learning, their retrieval of past learning and present plus their books, whilst the staff demonstrated utter commitment and their hard work. The scrutiny was rigorous and as soon as we receive the final report we will of course share it with you. Please do refer to the letter I sent previously explaining the new framework and the Ofsted Report Card.

Aside from this, the children have been benefitting from all sorts of extra-curricular activities. Years 3-5 had the chance of a lifetime being invited by the Williams F1 Team to their Headquarters in Oxfordshire. This was all free to us and generously funded by Williams so we could take part in a hands-on day of learning aimed at inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators.

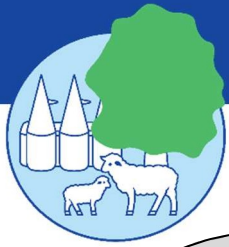


We explored key areas of the Williams technology campus, including the team's world-famous heritage collection, where they got up close to legendary race cars driven by the likes of F1 champions Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill, and Alain Prost. We even got to hold a £50,000 steering wheel and a £250,000 side panel from the present driver's car - Alex Albon. The highlight for many was a chance to race in state-of-the-art simulators and take on a real-world design challenge: dividing into teams to design, build and crash-test a model F1 nosecone.

Hot off the press are some photos from Devas' trip to London yesterday which brought alive their class text, 'Katie Goes to London'. We were especially lucky to watch the rehearsals for 'Troop in the Colour' and saw so many soldiers, horses whilst listening to the military bands. It was a real treat to see the children's sense of wonder and amazement; special memories were certainly created. Devas have been learning about London and its special landmarks so it really enriched their learning seeing it all for real. What a fabulous day we had.

Porteous Class visited the 'Living Land' experience at Detling.

All of these opportunities along with clubs after school dovetail with the statutory assessment window which starts next week.



I am sure you will join me in wishing our Year 6 children all the very best: they will be taking their National Tests next week from 11th May along with all other Year 6 children in England. There will be tests in: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. These are very important tests so please ensure your children are in school on time and every day. We will be keeping an extra special eye on them and will be providing a special breakfast to make sure they are as relaxed, prepared, confident and happy as possible during this time. They always work so hard and achieve so well: we are all very proud of them already! We also know that these assessments do not measure all of the wonderful qualities that make them unique and are only a snapshot of a much bigger picture.

I know that Year 4 are busily learning their times tables and Year 1 are practising their phonics ready for the tests next term.

Whilst we are anticipating the arrival of the Ofsted Report I can only reiterate that your children are at the centre of everything we do at Hunton.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Makey

Life in all its fullness



As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, The Big Future. Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your child should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner

Attendance

Every School Day Counts

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

For the past week these were the class attendance totals:

Devas: 99% Bannerman: 98%

Porteous: 95% Borton: 96%

Well done to DEVAS who achieved the highest attendance for 27th April – 8th May 2026.



Dates

Please note that dates are subject to change. Where possible, we will always try to give as much notice as we can if we need to change a date.

After-school clubs

Mondays 11/18 May	French Club 3:20-4:00pm
Tuesday 12/19 May	Choir Club 3:20-4:20pm
Tuesday 12/19 May	FT Kids Club 3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday 13/20 May	HotShotz Tennis 3:15-4:15pm

Diary dates

Mon 11 th May – Fri 15 th May	Year 6 SATs
Fri 15 th May	Cricket tournament
Fri 15 th May	Bring a bottle" Non-uniform day"
Fri 15 th May 1:30pm	Year 1 visit to Coxheath Library
Sat 16 th May 12-3pm	May Fayre
Thurs 21 st May	Borton football tournament
Fri 22 nd May	Last day of term 5
Mon 1 st June	First day of term 6
Mon 1 st June	Class photos
Mon 1 st June	Year 5 applications open for Kent Test – September 2026
Weds 3 rd June	Tennis tournament
Weds 3 rd – Fri 5 th June	Year 6 bikeability
Weds 24 th June	Sports Day 12:30pm (Reserve: 26 th June)
Tues 30 th June	Bannerman trip
Thurs 2 nd July	Porteous trip
Thurs 2 nd July	Year 6 production to parents. 5pm TBC
Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th July	PGL
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term 6. Finish at 1:30pm. 9:15am – Leavers service at St Mary's Church. Everyone welcome!



PTFA News & Events
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May Fayre – Saturday 16th May, 12pm–3pm

Our much-loved May Fayre is now just one week away and we can't wait to welcome everyone for a fantastic afternoon of fun, games and community spirit!

There's still time to volunteer and help make the day a success. We are currently looking for more people to sign up to our stall rota. Even an hour of your time makes a huge difference and helps ensure the event runs smoothly for everyone.

Please sign up here if you can help:

<https://volunteersignup.org/JCQMY>

Bring a Bottle Non-Uniform Day – Friday 15th May

Next Friday (15th May) we will be holding a "Bring a Bottle" non-school uniform day to help stock our ever-popular Bottle Tombola stall.

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for donating a bottle. These can be anything from squash and soft drinks to wine or other treats for adults.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Teddy Tombola Donations

We are also collecting donations of clean, good-quality soft toys for our Teddy Tombola. If you have any teddies looking for a new home, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Inflatable Assault Course Sponsorship Opportunity

One of the biggest highlights of the May Fayre each year is the inflatable assault course, which is always hugely popular with the children.

Last year we were incredibly lucky to have this attraction sponsored, helping us make it possible for everyone to enjoy. We are currently looking for a sponsor for this year's inflatable assault course.

If you own, work for, or know of a local business that may be interested in supporting this, we would love to hear from you.

Supporting Our School

Finally, thank you as always for your continued support of the PTFA. Every penny raised at the May Fayre goes directly back into projects that benefit our children.

As shared a few weeks ago, our current ambition is to create a beautiful sensory garden within the playground — a space that reflects the wonderful rural environment of our school and provides a calm, engaging area for all children to enjoy.



We look forward to seeing you at the Fayre!



Stamps

Thank you so much for the stamps you have been bringing in. It is unbelievable how many we have collected so far.



The RNIB raise £20 for every kilogramme of stamps they receive.

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/do-your-own-fundraising/save-your-stamps-for-rnib/>

From a Devas parent via email:



"Just a quick message to say thank you so very much for taking Devas to London today! My child has already said that he wishes he could do it all over again,

he had such a lovely time. How lucky we are that you all put so much work into enriching our children's learning and making school such a special experience for them."

Clothing/textile bank

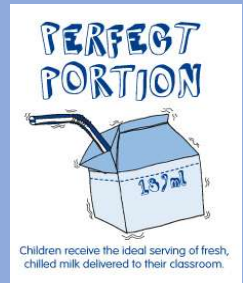
Reminder! It's spring and that time of year when many of us have a clear out. Please remember to bring unwanted clothing to our recycle bin as we receive money in relation to the weight of textiles in the bin. Our PTFA also collect (and re-sell) pre-loved uniform with the Hunton logo on.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WE TAKE	<input type="checkbox"/> WE CAN'T TAKE
Clothes	Duvets or Cushions
Shoes	Off Cuts
Bed Linen	Carpet or Curtains
Accessories	

Milk

If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning please register them on the website:



<https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>



Take a look at our [Facebook page](#) which shows you life at Hunton Primary and the opportunities your children have.

Teddies needed



Do you have any soft toys at home that need re-homing? Please consider donating them to us for the May Fayre to go on our teddy. Please ensure teddies are in a clean condition.



Hunton Village Club

Plants, Produce & Refreshments Afternoon

Saturday 9th May
12 noon - 3pm

All Welcome!

Plants • Produce • Homemade Cakes • Toasties
Drinks Available

New this Year - Artwork & Crafts
+ Kent Scouts - Wildlife Conservation Appeal

Bring Friends & Family
for a relaxed Community Afternoon

FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY!
WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN.
A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!

RC RACE AND DISPLAY

10AM-4PM

ADULTS: £3
CHILDREN: £1.50
EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY

OPTIONAL ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

30TH & 31ST MAY 2026

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

MARDEN MOTOR CLUB PRESENTS!

MARDEN MOTOR SHOW

SATURDAY 23 MAY
1PM - 3.30PM • SOUTHONS FIELD, MAIDSTONE ROAD, MARDEN

BURGERS **TEA & CAKES** **ICE CREAM**

A great afternoon for the whole family

CARS • BIKES • TRUCKS

TEA • COFFEE • CAKES • BEER • WINE • BURGERS
HOT DOGS • ICE CREAM

ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY

NO PARKING ON SITE UNLESS DISABLED
PLEASE USE LIBRARY CAR PARK IF YOU ARE NOT SHOWING YOUR VEHICLE

Free Entry, donations most welcome

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

Five Acre Wood School
VS
STAFF & VOLUNTEERS
of Stones in the Community & Maidstone United FC

Scan for tickets

Maidstone United Football Club Gallagher Stadium	Friday 12th June 2026 Doors 6pm Kick off 7.15pm	£10 Adult £5 under 16 £28 Family
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DRINKS & FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

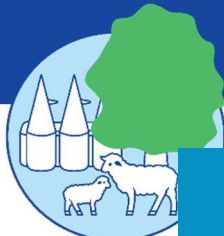
Raffle prizes to be won, tickets £2 on the night or from FAW School.

For tickets visit Eventbrite & search Five Acre Wood School

FIVE ACRE WOOD SCHOOL
Growing and Learning Together

FAWILLING FUTURES

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Kent Cynophobia Assistance Group



Is it hard for you or your child to go to the park, beach or visit friends and family in fear there may be a dog there?

'What is Cynophobia?'

Cynophobia means 'a fear of dogs'.


Come along to Fremlin Walk on Saturday 9th May 9:30am - 4pm to meet us and find out more



We meet Monday 5.30 to 6:30pm at Kingswood and Broomfield Village Hall Maidstone ME17 3PX. We have a lovely group of dogs that are calm, gentle and fully assessed. Our volunteer group has been running for almost 10 years and has 90%plus success rate.

For more information contact us on:



 Kent Cynophobia Assistance Group

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2026

Maidstone

Dads go free

Mote Park | Sunday 21 June

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