



Hadlow Primary School 11.09.26

Happiness, Progress, Success!

Friday 11th September 2026

Term 1, Issue 2

Special Announcement

I'm very excited to share some special news with our Hadlow families – I'm expecting a baby, due in February 2027!

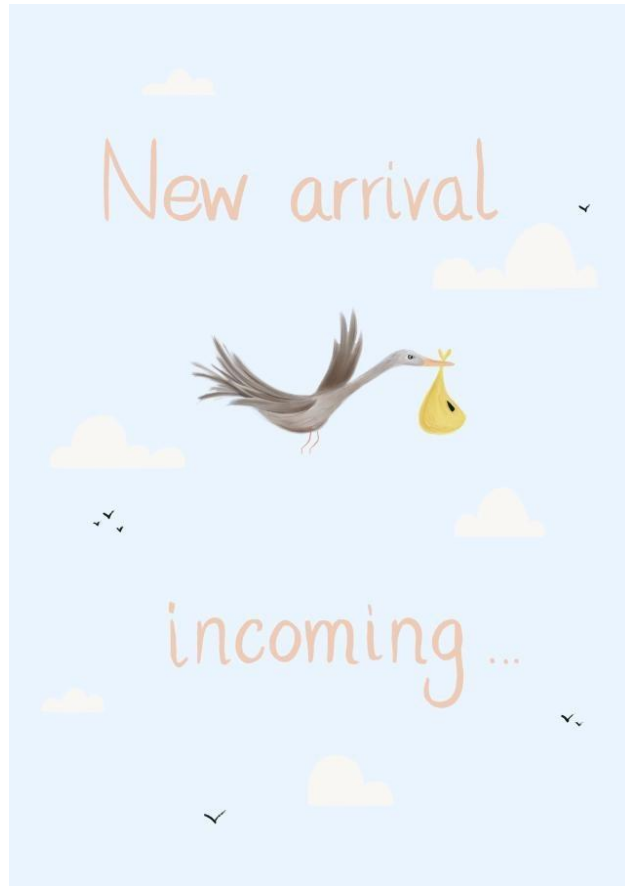
After 11 very happy years at Hadlow, it feels particularly special to be sharing this news with the children and families who have been such a big part of my life. I've had the privilege of looking

after and watching so many wonderful children grow over the years, so I'm incredibly excited to now have the chance to raise a little one of my own!

I know that a Headteacher having a baby will naturally bring some questions about what this will mean for school, so I wanted to reassure everyone that careful plans will be put in place well ahead of my maternity leave. I am already working with the Governors and Local Authority to make sure there is strong continuity for the school, and I'll share more details about arrangements and cover with families once everything has been confirmed.

I feel incredibly lucky to work alongside such an amazing staff team and I have every confidence that Hadlow will continue to thrive while I'm away. The strong culture, routines and values we have built together over many years are firmly embedded and the children will continue to receive the same care, support and high-quality education that they always do.

For now, I'm looking forward to enjoying the next five months with everyone at Hadlow, while also getting very excited about the rather big adventure waiting for me in February! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. At 17 weeks pregnant, I'm so pleased to finally be able to share this very happy news with you all.



Welcome: New Child

We would like to extend a huge and heartfelt welcome to **Katara**, who has recently joined us in **Year 1**.

We are delighted that Katara is now part of the Hadlow Primary School community and hope that the first few days have been filled with new friendships, exciting learning experiences and a positive start to life at Hadlow.

We are thrilled to have Katara and family with us and look forward to seeing Katara flourish over the years ahead.

Welcome♥

Smart Phone Free at Hadlow Primary

A quick reminder that Hadlow Primary School is a smartphone-free school. Smartphones should not be brought onto the school site. Where children need a device for communication before or after school, we recommend a basic non-smart mobile phone, which must be handed to staff at the start of the day and collected before leaving. Thank you for supporting our shared commitment to children's wellbeing and healthy technology use.



The Kent Test

A huge well done to our eight Year 6 pupils who completed the Kent Test this week.

The children were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and our school throughout what was a long and demanding day. They approached the experience with maturity, resilience and determination, remaining calm, focused and positive from start to finish. We could not be prouder of the way they responded.

Whatever the outcome, every child should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. They have worked hard, shown perseverance and given their very best effort, which is all we could ever ask.

Kent Test results are due to be released on **15th October 2026**. Whatever the outcome, these pupils will go on to great things beyond the big blue Hadlow gates.

"I found the test a little bit challenging but I really enjoyed it – Miss Chapman had loads of biscuits for us! It really helped!" – Tilly

"I really enjoyed it, it was nice to be in the classroom and to get biscuits. I felt relaxed and ready. Thank you for helping us" – Jeffrey

Rowan Class 'Trips and Treats' Meeting

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join Mr Gilder at 5:00pm on Thursday 17th September for our Rowan Class Trips & Treats Meeting. During the session, we will share exciting information about the events, visits and enrichment opportunities planned for the year ahead; including locations, activities and important dates.

We look forward to welcoming you and giving you a glimpse of the memorable experiences in store for Rowan Class!

PTA AGM: A Reminder

PTA Annual General Meeting – Everyone Welcome!

Our PTA plays such an important part in school life, helping us to provide those extra experiences and opportunities that make such a difference to our children. We are incredibly grateful to the small group of parents who give their time and energy to make this possible.

However, many hands make light work, and at the moment there is a lot of demand on a small number of parents. We would really love to welcome some new faces and spread the load a little!

Our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on:

 Thursday 24th September

 5.00pm

 Hadlow Primary School

Whether you are a new family to Hadlow or have been part of our school community for years, you are very welcome to come along. You don't need to have lots of spare time or any previous PTA experience; every contribution, however big or small, makes a difference. We would love to get together and start planning some of this year's events, including **school discos, film nights, fairs** and other exciting opportunities for our children.

If you've ever thought *"I'd love to help, but I'm not sure what I could do"*, this is the perfect opportunity to come along, meet the team and find out more.

We'd love to see you there – together, we can make a real difference to our school and our children!



You are invited to
Hadlow Primary School
PTA's AGM

When: 5PM 24th September 2026

We would love you to join us to celebrate our
recent achievements and forward plan for this next
academic year!



Upcoming PTA Events: Save the Date!





Swimming Pool Conversion: An Update

Over the summer holidays, significant progress has been made to the development of our two new classroom spaces and we are delighted to share an update with families.

The changing room buildings have been transformed and are now almost complete. Both spaces have been insulated, plastered, levelled and decorated, with new windows, doors, lighting and electrical fittings installed throughout. Internal alterations have helped to create larger, more functional learning spaces, and new toilet and sink facilities are currently being fitted. Externally, new fascias have been added and a concrete pathway has been laid to improve accessibility and safety.

The final stages of the project include the installation of flooring and the completion of the new facilities, after which the remaining outdoor areas will be tidied and prepared for use.

One of the spaces will be occupied by Barnies Nursery, whose rental of the building will provide a valuable source of ongoing income for the school, helping to support future developments and opportunities for our children.

The second space will become Hadlow's dedicated nurture and wellbeing provision. This exciting new area will provide a flexible space for a range of support services, including lunchtime nurture groups, NELFT interventions, family meetings, play therapy, social worker visits and other targeted provision designed to support our pupils and families.

We feel incredibly fortunate to be gaining such a valuable additional resource. These developments represent a significant investment in both the wellbeing and future opportunities of our children, and we look forward to sharing photographs and revealing the finished spaces very soon.

This exciting project would not have been possible without the incredible support of our school community. We are extremely grateful to our PTA, who have committed funding towards the development of these spaces, as well as to the many families, staff and supporters who have contributed to fundraising efforts over the years. Your generosity is helping us create a lasting legacy that will enhance the wellbeing, support and opportunities available to our children for many years to come.

I will share before and after photos when the project is complete.

Macmillan Cake Sale

The School Council are holding a Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 2nd October from 3.15pm onwards in The Hub and invite families to come along at the end of school and purchase a cake (or a few!) to help raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

Any cake donations are very gratefully welcome- please may parents/carers please bring in their donated cakes to school on the morning of the 2nd and please CLEARLY label any allergens- please remember we are a **nut free school**.

Last year we raised over £200 so it would be wonderful to top that this year! We look forward to seeing you there.



Atom Learning

A reminder that earlier this week we shared information about our partnership with **Atom Learning**, which provides free online Key Stage 2 learning support and 11+ preparation for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

Atom Learning offers personalised English, maths and science practice, alongside verbal and non-verbal reasoning activities, video tutorials and mock tests. This normally costs £575.90 per year, but eligible families can access it free of charge. If you think your child would benefit from additional KS2 learning support or 11+ preparation, we encourage you to take a look at the information that was sent home and complete the application form if appropriate.

Please contact Mrs Wright if you have any further questions.



Free 11+ Preparation and KS2 learning support

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We're pleased to let you know that **Hadlow Primary School** has partnered with [Atom Learning](#), the UK's leading online learning platform, to provide completely free KS2 learning and 11+ preparation support to children eligible for pupil premium. (Atom Home normally costs **£575.90 per year**).

What is Atom Home?

Atom Home is an online learning and exam preparation platform for children aged 7–11. It supports Key Stage 2 English, maths and science, as well as verbal and non-verbal reasoning, Year 6 SATs and 11+ preparation.

Children can access adaptive questions tailored to their level, clear explanations, video tutorials, and mock tests, helping them learn independently, build confidence and strengthen their skills.

How to apply for your account

If you or someone you know has a child who would benefit from extra Key Stage 2 learning support or is preparing for the 11+, please complete the form in the link below:

https://app.atomlearning.com/public/pupil_premium/pupil_premium_intro

Once an application has been submitted, the child's primary school will be asked to confirm their pupil premium eligibility. Once confirmed, their free Atom Home account will be activated.

Kind regards

Mrs Wright

Kent Family Hub: Free Support for Families

Kent Family Hubs offer a wide range of support for children, young people and families. Click on the images below to enlarge them and explore what is available in our local area.

Information



Portage Focused groups delivered by the Kent Portage Service. Invite Only Please see the Kent Local Offer for more information.	Understanding Your Child Together: understanding your child. A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions from toddler to teen years. Booking Required	Talking Walk-ins Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions for pre-school aged children where you can speak to a speech and language therapist for advice and support. Just turn up – no need to book!	Childminders Drop in for childminders Community lead group for local childminders to meet and for the children in their care to play and socialise together. Led by local childminders.		
NCT Infant Feeding drop-in Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents.	Health visiting drop in Child Health Visiting A drop in clinic, where you can get your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team.	Perinatal Mental Health Specialist support group for women and their babies who need ongoing support for their well-being. Invite Only	Health Visitor Services Booked appointments for 6-8 week checks, 9-12 month development reviews and 27 month development reviews.		
Stepping Up A 6-week programme for 5-11 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends. Booking Required	Adult Education Adult Education who have a great selection of courses available. Next term: Supporting your teen with their mental health. 12 online. Understanding Autism and ADHD in the Home 9.11 - 20.11 East Malling Family First Aid 17.11. Swindland Booking Required	Online Safety 11 - 19 years 6 fun interactive sessions for children aged 11-18 years covering key online safety support. Booking Required	Read, Play, Grow Monthly story-themed drop-in for 0-5s and their parents, with fun activities, support, and signposting for families.		
Healthy Start Vitamins Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins? It's important that your family receives your vitamins. 	Free for 2 Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. 	Useful Contact Numbers: Health Visitor 0300 123 3077 Let's Chat text service 07112 261368 Mental Health 01227 884712	Please Note: For Health and Safety reasons, there are room capacity limits in place.	For more information above opening times give your local Hub a call!	SEND Roadshow If your child or young person has (or may have) special educational needs or disabilities, come along to meet local services. Get advice, support and guidance from partners who help deliver our SEND offer.



Tonbridge and Malling Family Hubs
Timetable
14 September 2026 - 23 October 2026

Our Family Hubs:
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Tonbridge FH
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	Longmead Family Hub	Tonbridge Family Hub	Saturday
Monday	Stay and Play (0-5s) 9:30 - 10:30 11:00 - 12:00 Perinatal Mental Health 1:00-2:30 Baby Group 1:30-3:00 Baby Massage 10:00 - 11:00	Health Visitor Services 14/9 - 19/9 4:00 - 5:00 Online Safety 11-19 years 14/9 - 19/9 4:00 - 5:00 Compass 21/9 - 30/11 6:00 - 8:00	Read, Play Grow Larkfield Library 19 th September 10:00-12:00
Tuesday	Health Visitor Services Understanding Your Child 15/9 - 24/11 12:30 - 14:30 Stepping Up 15/9 - 20/10 3:45 - 5:15	Stay and Play (0-5s) 10:00 - 11:30 Little Talkers 15/9 - 20/10 1:30 - 2:30	
Wednesday	Talking Walk-in 4th Wednesday 9:30-11:30		
Thursday	Health Visitor Drop-in 9:15 - 11:15 NCT Infant Feeding Drop-in 9:30-11:30 Introducing Solid Foods 24/9 & 4/10 1:00 - 3:00		
Friday	Portage 9:30-11:00	NCT Infant Feeding 9:30 - 11:30	

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts. www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Information



Stay and Play (SEND) A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5. For children with additional needs such as disabilities or social communication needs. Invite Only	Introducing Solid Food 1 Session Course A parents & carers session, suitable just before you introduce solid food for your baby from 6 months old. Advice and techniques to support your child through their journey. Booking Required	Baby Massage 5 Week Course A 5-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 0-6 months. Booking Required	Baby Group A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are pre-walking.
Stay and Play A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5. Stay and Play (Dads) as dedicated Stay & Play for male carers and their children 0-5.	'Baby, Family and You' A supportive course for expectant and new parents to build positive routines and confidence in baby's first year. Booking Required	Little Talkers 6 Week Course A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills. Booking Required	The Communication Tree 4 week course A 4-week course to understand how communication develops. For children aged 2 years plus, including fun activities to boost your child's communication skills. Invite Only
Healing Together 6 Week Course A 6-week trauma informed programme for children aged 3-10 to support emotional wellbeing and recovery. Invite Only	Compass 10 week course A 10 session course helping children 11+ manage emotions and develop skills to cope with life's challenges. Invite Only	SOP: Speak Out Parents Join other parents to share feedback and help shape Family Hub services. Keep an eye on our social media for more information!	Strengthening Family Relationships Workshop: 2 sessions A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships. Booking Required

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[@TonbridgeMallingFamilyHubs](https://www.facebook.com/TonbridgeMallingFamilyHubs)  [@TonbridgeMallingFamilyHubs](https://www.instagram.com/TonbridgeMallingFamilyHubs) 

Kent Fire and Rescue: Be Safe With Us

Kent Fire and Rescue Service has launched a brand new YouTube Kids mini-series, *'Be Safe with Us'*.

We know children love watching their favourite programmes and videos, so we've created something that's both fun and educational!

Our short videos are designed to help teach children important safety skills including understanding fire engines, what to do in an emergency, and the importance of smoke alarms.

They're a great way for the family to learn together about staying safe at home. We hope you enjoy them!

You can watch the videos here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/besafewithus>



Achievement Award



Apple Class: **Iylah-Rose** for self-regulation after a tricky start this week. You are now showing us your bubbly personality and kind and caring nature. You are like another class assistant. Well done!

Plum Class: **Lena** for a brilliant positive attitude! We have loved seeing your big smile and you have put in such a fantastic effort this week. Well done, Lena.

Cherry Class: **Neve** for working super hard in all lessons this week and supporting your friends when they needed help.

Oak Class: **Rowen** for entering Oak Class with a confident, positive and calm attitude. You always follow the instructions and approach every lesson with a super mindset.

Chestnut Class: **Mabel** for spotting a trick during our reasoning and problem solving questions, and for always giving everything 100%. Well done!

Maple Class: **Ethan** for showing a fantastic attitude to learning and always challenging yourself.

Rowan Class: **Maddie** for your kindness and respect towards both adults and children. You went out of your way this week to make your friend feel very special!

Sports Star

Mason (Chestnut Class) has been chosen as Sports Stars of the Week by Mr Velvick.

Mason kindly joined the girls football club when they needed an extra player, and he was amazing!

Well done Mason, you are a sports star!



Caught Being Kind...



Leonidas (Cherry Class) has been caught being kind by **Mrs O'Neill**.

He has started the school year well; taking care of his friends and cleaning up without being asked. Mrs O'Neill has spotted his bright smile and kind nature.

Well done Leonidas; thank you for making the world a better place :)

Diary Dates

Please note that parents are invited to all dates highlighted in **bold**.

Term 1

Monday 14th September: Apple Class move to full days

Wednesday 16th September: Maple Class visit to Tonbridge School

Thursday 17th September (5.00pm): Rowan Class trips and treats meeting

Monday 21st September: Apple Class Baseline assessments to begin

Wednesday 23rd September: Maple Class visit to Tonbridge School

Thursday 24th September (5.00pm): PTA AGM

Tuesday 29th September: Oak Class village fieldwork

Thursday 1st October: School Council visit to the Royal Courts of Justice

Friday 2nd October: Maple Class visit to Greenwich Maritime Museum and Planetarium

Monday 5th October: Open Morning for new entrants

Tuesday 6th October: Flu vaccinations for all registered pupils

Wednesday 7th October: Chestnut Class fieldtrip to Rochester

Friday 9th October: Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church

Monday 12th October- Wednesday 14th October (3.30-4.00pm): Classroom 'Happiness' drop ins

Monday 12th October: Plum Class village fieldwork

Wednesday 14th October: Chestnut, Maple and Rowan partnership sports afternoon with Shipbourne

Thursday 15th October (1.15pm): KAE Calm Together workshop for registered families

Friday 16th October: PTA school disco

Monday 19th October: Maple Class fieldtrip to Canterbury

Monday 19th October (2.45pm): Plum Class red carpet event

Tuesday 20th October: Oak Class fieldtrip to Tunbridge Wells

Friday 23rd October: Term 1 ends

[Term Dates 2026-2027](#)

Term 1

INSET DAY: Tuesday 1st September 2026

First day of term: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Last day of term: Friday 23rd October 2026

Term 2

First day of term: Monday 2nd November 2026

Last day of term: Friday 18th December 2026- 1.15pm finish

Term 3

First day of term: Monday 4th January 2027

Last day of term: Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4

First day of term: Monday 22nd February 2027

Last day of term: Thursday 25th March 2027– 1.15pm finish

Term 5

First day of term: Monday 12th April 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Last day of term: Friday 28th May 2027

Term 6

INSET DAY: Monday 7th June 2027

First day of term: Tuesday 8th June 2027

Last day of term: Friday 16th July 2027– 1.15pm finish



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