



Lamberhurst St. Mary's CE Primary School

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'Learning for life in the love of God'

What a wonderful first term of the school year it has been! Eight weeks is a long term, and I think it is fair to say that both staff and children are feeling a little tired! However, everyone has shown such determination and resilience, and we have made it to the end of a very busy but rewarding term.

There has been so much enrichment, learning and celebration across our curriculum this term, with children enjoying a fantastic range of experiences both inside and outside the classroom. From our lovely Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church to the High Weald Walk and the exciting team-building challenges with Challenger Troop, there has been so much to celebrate. These experiences have provided wonderful opportunities for children to develop their confidence, resilience and teamwork.

We have also welcomed Imago for an important assembly about young carers, helping our children develop their understanding and empathy for others. Alongside this, we have been raising awareness of allergies, including Benedict's Law, through a whole-school assembly focused on understanding allergies and keeping one another safe.

Reading has also been a real focus this term, including our participation in a Guinness World Record reading event. Looking ahead, I am delighted that carpentry work on our Room 6 library project will begin next term! This is an exciting step towards creating a wonderful space that will inspire a love of reading across our school.

It has also been lovely to continue with our Parent Panel this year. I really value these opportunities to listen to parents, hear different perspectives and discuss ideas for our school. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contribute and share their thoughts. Working together as a school community is so important.

A huge thank you must also go to our wonderful staff team. Despite the long term, they have continued to give so much to our children, providing exciting learning experiences and opportunities beyond the classroom. I am incredibly grateful for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication. I am equally proud of our children, who have worked so hard, embraced new opportunities and shown our school values throughout the term.

I hope everyone enjoys a very well-deserved half-term break, with plenty of time to rest, recharge and spend time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Vickery-Booth



Headteacher Awards★



A huge well done to this terms Headteacher Award winners.

Every week the teachers feedback how hard it is to choose just one pupil!

We are very proud of you all.



AUTHOR VISIT

As part of our school priority to promote reading for pleasure, we were delighted to welcome children's author and illustrator Zehra Hicks to school on Monday 28th September.

Zehra is known for her colourful, humorous picture books, including *The Problem with Problems*, *Who Just Farted?* and *The Worrying Worries*. Her stories often explore feelings, friendships and everyday challenges in a fun and imaginative way.

The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Zehra, hearing about her books and finding out more about the creative process of writing and illustrating stories. Visits like these are a wonderful way to inspire our children, encourage a love of books and bring reading to life. Children who had pre-ordered books were also lucky enough to receive their very own signed copies!

A huge thank you to Burnett's Books in Wadhurst for their support in ordering the books and for kindly donating some additional copies to our school. We are very grateful for their generosity!



Forest School Session Dates – Term 2



Year 4

3rd November 2026

Year 5

10th November 2026

Year 5

17th November 2026

Year 6

24th November 2026

Year 6

1st December 2026



HELLO YELLOW - WORLD MENTAL HEALTH



This term children were invited to wear yellow to raise awareness for world mental health day. As a school we raised over £150 for the charity which is amazing. Thank you for all your support. Our certificate is at the end of the newsletter!

Classroom News



Ruby Class have had an amazing start to their Lamberhurst St.Mary's journey. We are so proud of how quickly and confidently they have settled into school life. We have loved watching their curiosity develop, their confidence flourish and their friendships blossom. In the morning, Ruby Class enter the classroom independently, unpack their bags and begin a morning activity. This provides the children with the opportunity to have a safe and settled start to the day, to greet their friends and teachers, and engage in a variety of activities. The children also show their excellent independence skills at snack time, when putting on waterproof and wellies, and when packing their bags at the end of the school day. We have really enjoyed sharing stories from a variety of authors.

A few of our favourites, this term, have been: The Bad Baby, Gruffalo Granny, Martha Maps it Out, Home Bird Hoot, The Squirrels Who Squabbled, Oi, Frog! and Oi, Cat! The children have confidently participated in helicopter stories and shared their non-worded books. With wonderful enthusiasm, the children have learnt their first 14 phonic sounds and are practising recalling these at speed and beginning to use them to blend. We really appreciate all the support you are providing the children at home. In maths, we have been exploring how to subitise groups of 1, 2 and 3, how to count objects accurately up to 5, and the composition of numbers 2, 3 and 4. The children have engaged in number talk, songs and stories, alongside practical exploration and the Numberblocks programme. The children have been developing their gross motor skills in the upper and lower dens, on the bikes and scooters and in their outdoor play. They have enjoyed their role play in the home corner and, as teachers, we have been invited to some wonderful tea parties and fed well at dinner time. We have been very creative with our mark making, drawing and arts and crafts, whilst exploring different tools and resources.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you how proud we are of each and every pupil in our Ruby Class community and to thank you for all of your support and kindness during our first weeks of school. We hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Mrs. Sturman, Mrs. Hunter & Mrs. Leeke



Classroom News



Emerald Class have thoroughly enjoyed their 'senses' science learning and have asked great questions to extend and deepen their knowledge. We had a very noisy afternoon making musical instruments and understand that sound waves or vibrations can go through air, liquid or solid matter such as walls to reach our ears so that we can hear the sound. We also loved discussing which animals may be able to hear well because of the size of their ears. For exploring our sense of smell we sniffed different foods and a flower - most of us liked lavender but marmite wasn't so popular! When learning about sight we have named the iris and pupil of the eye and learned that our pupil shrinks when it is bright and grows bigger when it is dark to control the amount of light.

In writing we have all made brilliant progress! We have described an alien using adjectives and can also use 'and' in a sentence. Spelling tests are going well and the children are so proud to use these spellings in their writing too!

Forest school was a huge success and the class loved learning outdoors and in particular lighting the fire and using tools to saw wood and drill holes. We are looking forward already to our next forest school sessions!

Mrs. Connors, Mrs. Hunter & Mrs. Green



Classroom News



We had a fantastic start to Year 2 with our Woodland Visit to The Gravel Pit on our first week back, where we built mini shelters, collected interesting items, had our snack and enjoyed being in the outdoors altogether. This visit was the spring board for our English Writing unit and also our art topic.

During our writing unit we have understood the components of a recount and have gone on to write a recount of our Harvest Walk and Church Service. We have loved learning about alliteration and similes during our unit.

In Maths, we have been busy learning all about place value to 100, using lots of manipulatives along the way, we can partition numbers in to Tens and Ones. We have used 100 square to find patterns when we count in 2, 5 and 10. Our shape work has taught us about 2D and 3D shapes where we can name shapes correctly and understand the various properties such as faces, vertices and edges.

We have been scientists this term learning all about the properties of different materials and thoroughly enjoyed conducting experiments to test which bridge could hold the most load and measured the load using Kilograms and grams. There were some pretty impressive bridges built and great team work shown. Testing the stretchiness of different materials allowed us to undertake a test using the science equipment in school.

Computing is where we have learnt how to keep ourselves safe on line by not sharing personal information and learnt about different parts of the computer and whether they are an input or an output.

In RE we have learnt all about the first book in the Old Testament 'Creation' and how Christians believe God made the world in 7 days, we have said thank you to God during our Harvest Service, understand that Christians believe they have a special relationship with God and thought about our special relationships too. We made a thank you card to God for all the things we are grateful for. Our Harvest Poem was delivered with great gusto!

In Geography, we learned all about the world's continents and oceans, defined what a landmark is, and classified them as physical or human features. We enjoyed building the world from scratch on our classroom floor, testing our knowledge with quizzes, and drawing and labelling an OS-style map of our school area.

In Music, we have been having fun with rhythm, performance structure, and dynamics. The children practiced finding the on-beat and off-beat during warm-ups using body percussion to Eye of the Tiger and sea shanties, exploring how changing volume alters the mood of a piece. They also worked beautifully in groups to compose and perform short call-and-response pieces using animal sounds.

Our Art lessons focused on autumn leaves, starting with a lovely woodland walk to collect natural materials for changeable art. The children then took on two drawing challenges: continuous line drawings where they couldn't lift their pen from the paper, and no-look drawings where they had to look only at the leaf and not at their paper. To finish the unit, they used wax-resist techniques to draw chosen leaves and Brusho ink to capture autumn colours. Our work is proudly displayed outside of our classroom for everyone to enjoy.

In P.E we have been working hard on our team building skills and learning how to encourage each other and actively listen to our peers to complete challenges. Our firm favourite warm up has been our museum game, which any Year 2 student can happily teach you if you ask.

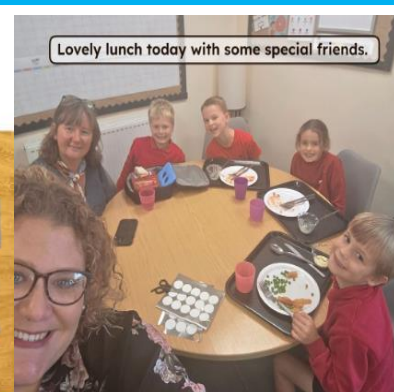
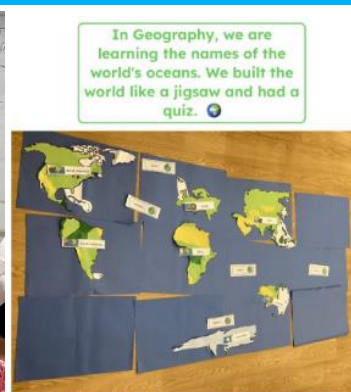
We finished our class reader The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark by Jill Tomkinson and after enjoying the adventures of Plop the book is being taken home to be reread.

The class are developing a real love of reading and love spending some of their choosing time reading in the book area.

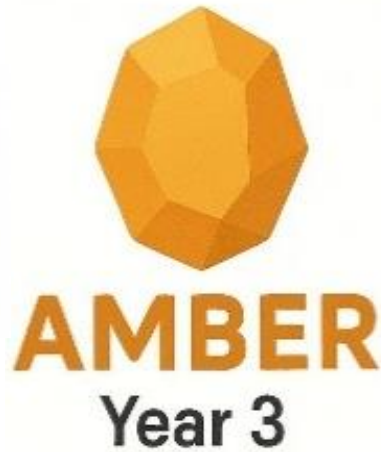
It has been a real pleasure seeing how well each and every pupil has settled in Topaz Class and has risen to the increased academic demands. They are incredibly hard working and such keen learners.

Have a lovely half term break.

Topaz Team Teachers (alliteration in action!)



Classroom News



Amber Class (Year 3) have been busy exploring, creating and discovering lots of exciting things this term! We have been getting to grips with place value and building our number knowledge in Maths, while in English, *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth* has inspired some wonderfully imaginative writing. The children have loved creating their own instructions for washing all sorts of other creatures, with some fantastic ideas shining through in their Big Write pieces.

We have also been exploring the world around us, going on a network safari to discover how our school's computers and devices connect, and heading off on an imaginary expedition to Antarctica, following in the footsteps of Ernest Shackleton around our school! Our creative side has been flourishing too, as we have experimented with charcoal and expressive drawing, taking inspiration from Jean-Michel Basquiat's graffiti art and Maya Angelou's poem *Life Doesn't Frighten Me* as part of our Black History Month learning.

In R.E., we have enjoyed bringing much-loved Bible stories to life through drama and thinking about what it means to be a Christian. It has been lovely to see the children's imaginations, curiosity and confidence shine through in so many different ways, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

It has been a wonderful first term of Key Stage 2, and we are so proud of how well the children have settled into Year 3, embraced new challenges and grown in confidence. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for Amber Class!

Miss. Richards, Mrs Panteney & Mrs. Skews



Classroom News



Wow, what a term to start the year! Our learning this term has been full of creativity and reflection. Our English has focused on exploring Sicily and it's wonderful landscapes/amazing foods. The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own holiday brochure for a place of their choice. Science and Geography have linked well together this term and pupils have loved learning about the Amazon Rainforest and the importance of protecting it - they all wrote a very persuasive letter for change to the President of Brazil. Science has looked at conservation and how we can look after our wonderful world. During our Maths we have been increasing our confidence in place value to 10,000 and started practicing our times tables.

In Music, the children explored body percussion, using different sounds and rhythms to recreate the noises of the rainforest before composing their own short rhythmic patterns. This linked beautifully with Art, where they created vibrant tiger artwork inspired by the jungle paintings of Henri Rousseau. Our main project in Art has been developing our illustrations, using a variety of materials (graphite, fine liners, pastels) to tell a story. We then all created some amazingly detailed illustrations inspired by the poem Jabberwocky. In RSHE, we have been learning about the importance of looking after ourselves, from caring for our teeth to supporting our emotional wellbeing. These discussions connected well with the school's support of the Hello Yellow campaign, encouraging us all to talk about mental health and celebrate the importance of kindness and wellbeing.

We've enjoyed an author workshop where we created comic style dinosaur stories, joined an online lesson about the Bayeux Tapestry and looked at Lubaina Himid during Black History Month. The first forest school group had a wonderful time at Scotney, making some apple doughnuts - yum! We look forward to another busy term with such a wonderful class and hope you all enjoy your break!

Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Belling, Mrs. Moger & Mrs. Jones



Classroom News



Garnet Class has settled in well and has had a very busy start to the year.

In PE we have been using our map reading, problem solving and cooperation skills to complete tasks in our Outdoor and Adventurous Activities topic, as well as practising and honing skills in football.

This term in Science we have been exploring the properties of materials. We have tested materials for electrical conductivity, magnetism and their insulating properties. We have investigated whether materials are solutes or not and have devised our own experiments to test saturation points.

We've really enjoyed learning about Emperor Penguins and writing a non-fiction text about the incredible challenges they face surviving in the Antarctic. We're now researching our own animal to enable us to write an independent non-fiction text.

In Art we have been experimenting with typography. We have created our own lettering by cutting up black paper and arranging it into letter shapes and words.

We have also used words to create animal shapes and used different fonts to make word art representations of ourselves.

In our Music lessons we have used untuned percussion instruments to compose music inspired by nature.

We enjoyed our visit from author Zehrha Hick's who gave us ideas on how to get ideas and create a sketchbook for writing stories and also our live lesson from the British Museum teaching us about the Bayeux tapestry.

Mrs Fairburn & Mrs McNamara



Classroom News



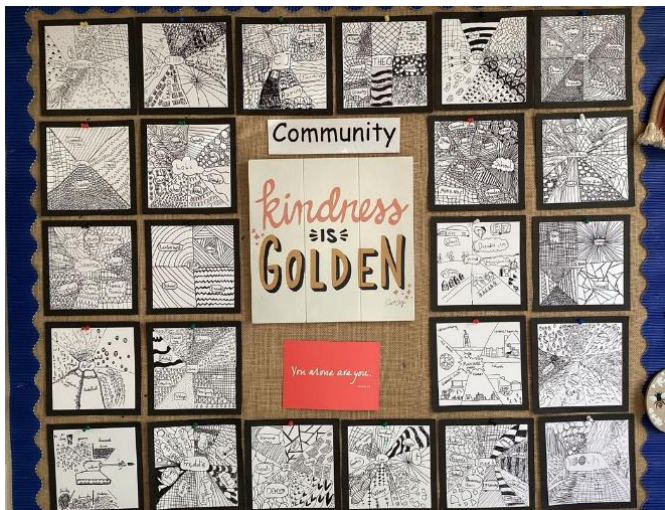
DIAMOND Year 6

As we arrive at the October break, it is time to reflect on a such a positive first term for Diamond Class. In mathematics, we have been working hard to secure our knowledge of place value and the four operations. Our writing has been centred around Everest, exploring every aspect of the mountain, from geographical features to the legends surrounding the Yeti! The reports produced contain fascinating and surprising facts. Our art, based on Lubaina Himid, saw the class scale up sketches of Everest using the grid method and add colour to create a bold display. Elsewhere we have investigated Bletchley Park, learnt about classification and the work of Carl Linnaeus, conjugated regular verbs in French and explored why populations change.

Year 6 have become kind and thoughtful buddies to Ruby class, both in school and on the walk to church. For Harvest, our readers spoke so clearly throughout the service, and the singing was joyful. We have taken part in a team building day run by Challenger Troop, walked with the High Weald to learn how our local area was impacted during wartime and joined a special schools broadcast about the Bayeux Tapestry. We're also waiting to see if we are Guinness World Record holders having taken part in "Take 10 to read" with Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Our love of reading has also been supported by an inspirational author visit from Zehra Hicks.

Time to rest and recharge, ready for all that comes next, including our Forest school sessions and, of course, the festive season!

Madame Denham, Mrs. Belling & Mrs. Cottrill



Sporting Events

It has been a pleasure to attend some of our sporting events this term. Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in a cross-country event 'Rawli Run' at Dulwich School, where I saw fantastic determination, resilience and teamwork, with children encouraging and supporting one another throughout.

I was equally proud of our Year 6 football team at the Sandhurst tournament. They played brilliantly and came away with an impressive 4th place! Well done to everyone who represented our school so wonderfully.

We are continuing to develop our sporting opportunities, and next term we are looking forward to hosting a KS1 dance workshop, welcoming pupils from other schools, as well as welcoming back the Chelsea FC coaches. More information to follow!



We celebrated Black History Month through assemblies and lessons across the school. Pictured is Year 4's fantastic artwork inspired by British artist Lubaina Himid.



KS2 pupils joined a special live broadcast from the British Museum to mark the 960th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. Children explored the Bayeux Tapestry and discovered how it tells the story of 1066.



HISTORY



Our wonderful PALS have been working incredibly hard to raise funds for the school and organise fun activities for our pupils. A huge thank you to all our volunteers, families and supporters who give their time, energy and enthusiasm to help make these events possible. Your support makes such a difference to our school community!

A big thank you to everyone who attended our AGM. It was lovely to see people getting involved and supporting PALS as we continue to plan exciting activities and raise valuable funds for our pupils.



Back in September, our fantastic Duck Race raised over £900! What an amazing achievement! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event, and a special thank you to The Chequers pub for generously donating the prize money.

We really appreciate your support!



Our school disco was a huge success, and the children had a brilliant time! From glitter tattoos and the bubble machine to dancing and having a good boogie, there was plenty of fun to be had. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves and making happy memories with their friends.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support these events. We couldn't do it without you!

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME



AND SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS



Well done to Harry who participated in a LTA youth tournament at Canterbury Indoor Tennis centre this weekend, representing Brenchley and Matfield tennis club. He played a mixture of singles and doubles against 4 other club's over 3 hours! He did really well and the best part was that he really enjoyed it.



Violetta who was awarded her Level 2 swim certificate! She told us in celebration assembly she had to float for 20 seconds as a star fish as part of the assessment! Well done.



Tilly shared her medal for competing in a sponsored ride. She said it was really fun and she loves riding her horse.



Please park considerately around Spray Hill and in our village, ensuring that cars, buses and lorries can pass safely at all times.

We kindly ask that you avoid parking in Pearse Place and help us to be respectful and considerate neighbours.

Where possible, please consider walking to school. Every little bit helps to reduce traffic, ease congestion and keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and continued support!

House Points Totals – Term 1



730



986



744



714



991



You will get to choose a lucky envelope treat for next term!



LAMBERHURST ST. MARY'S PUPIL GOVERNORS



**Children leading
change in our
school!**

Pupil Governors

A big welcome and congratulations to our newly elected Pupil Governors!

They have already been busy with their first important task this term which was gathering pupil voice about the proposed changes to our school hours. Our Pupil Governors spoke to their fellow pupils, listened carefully to their views and fed back their findings to help inform the decision-making process.

Well done, Pupil Governors!

Next term, they will be turning their attention to our exciting library development project, finding out which books and authors children would love to see on our shelves.

We look forward to seeing the difference our Pupil Governors make as they continue to represent the voices of children across our school!



RESILIENCE COMMUNITY ASPIRATION KINDNESS

FANTASTIC FOREST SCHOOL





SAFEGUARDING CORNER

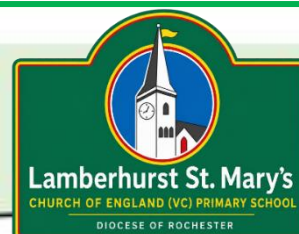
The Kent Family website provides information, advice and guidance on a range of areas relating to children and young people's health, development and wellbeing.



Lamberhurst St. Mary's CE Primary School

FLOW CHART FOR STAFF ACTIONS

What to do if you have a concern about a child



SAFEGUARDING TEAM INFORMATION



Mrs Vickery-Booth
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Mitchell
Deputy DSL



Mrs Belling
Deputy DSL



Mrs Connors
Deputy DSL

Concerns about how the organisation deals with safeguarding issues? E.g. concerns not taken seriously?



NSPCC Whistleblowing
Advice line 0800 028 0285



If a Teacher discovers **Female Genital Mutilation** appears to have been carried out on a girl **under the age of 18**, the Team **MUST** report this to the **POLICE**.

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 9 OCT

You're inspiring!

This is to certify that

**Lamberhurst St. Mary's CE
Primary School**

has helped show young people they're
not alone with their mental health by raising:

£ 157.16

Date:

9.10.2026



Nas Morley, Director of Income Generation



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Weekly Reminders Week Commencing 02.11.2026

Term 2 Dates

- 4th & 5th November - 9.15am September 2027 Open Days
- 4th November – Family Trust Assembly
- 9th November - Network Rail Workshops (in school)
- 19th November - Whole School Clay Project Day
- 19th November – Cocoa Evening (more details soon)
- 25th November – Local School Ks1 Dance Workshop (more info soon)
- 1st December – iRock concert (communication from iRock to follow)
- 8th & 9th December EYFS/ KS1 Nativity Performance
- 9th December – Court Lodge Christmas Carols Year 4
- 11th December – Christmas Church Service at St. Mary's Church 9.30am
- 15th & 16th December – KS2 Christmas Performance
- 17th December – Family Trust Christmas Pantomime
- 17th December – Pupil Christmas Lunch
- 18th December - Last day of term, school finishes at 2pm

Future Dates

- 27th May 2027 – Sports Morning
- (17th June 2027- Sports Morning bad weather back up date)
- 28th-30th June – Year 6 Bowles residential trip

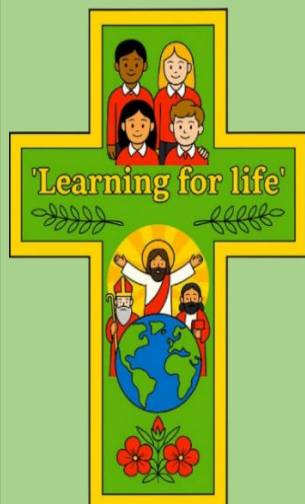
Inset Days 2026-2027

- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027



*** The new school start time of 8.35am-8.45am will start on Tuesday 5th January 2027.**

School Vision Statement- Parable of the Sower



Inspired by The Parable of the Sower, all children and adults in our inclusive Christian community are able to thrive and flourish. Like seeds on good earth, all are nurtured with supportive loving care.

WONDERSKIES

Family friendly event to celebrate our star-studded dark skies and to show the importance of limiting light pollution.



anytime between
Monday 26 October from 4-8.30pm



Ticehurst and Flimwell CE Primary School
Steellands Rise, Ticehurst, East Sussex, TN5 7DH

Adults £2.50 Children Free

What's on?
Indoor Planetarium
Owl Adventures
Storytelling and much more !

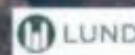
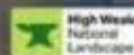


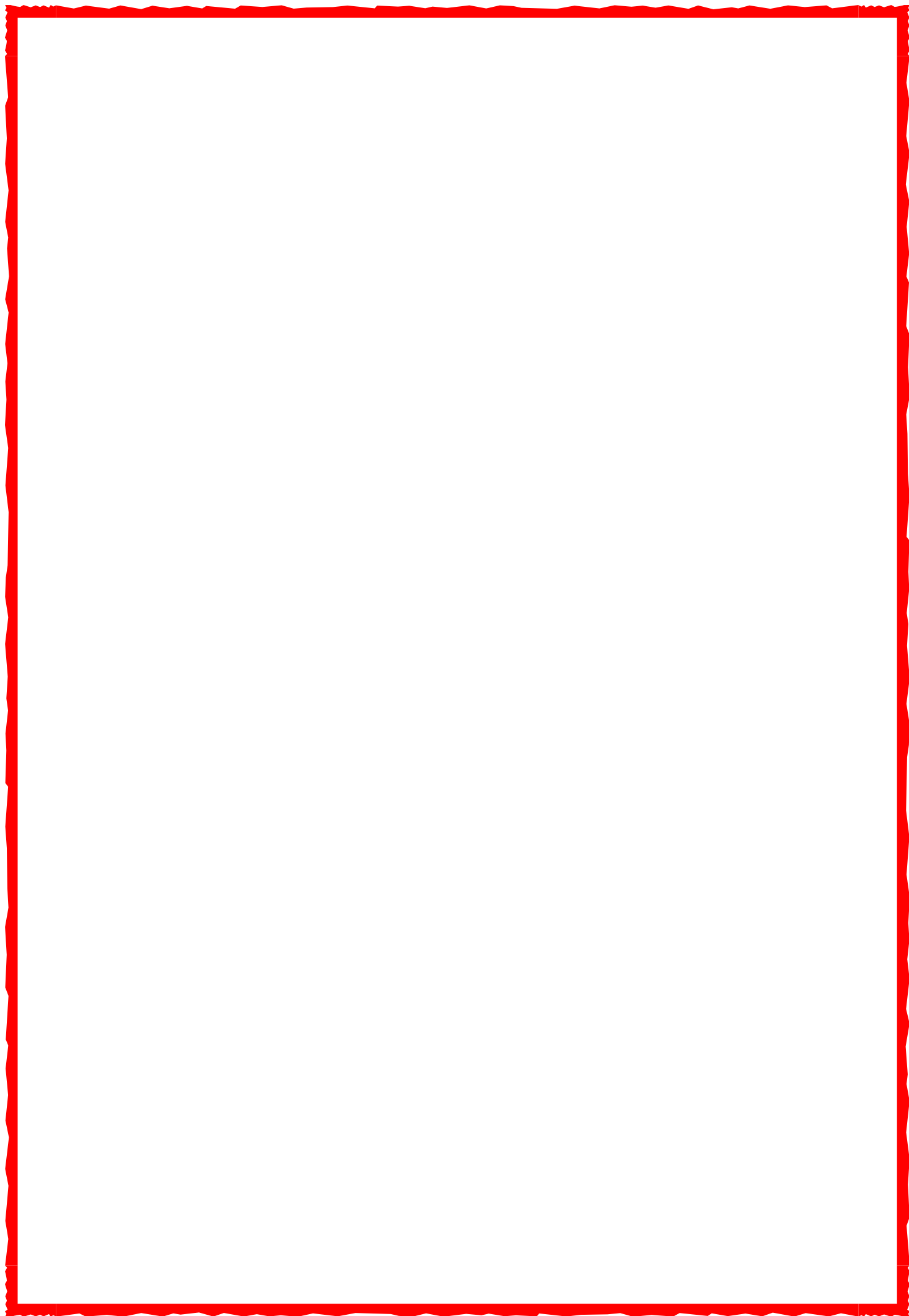
Booking advisable

Presented by Ticehurst and Wadhurst Dark Sky Community
With thanks to Ticehurst Parish Council & Ticehurst & Flimwell CE Primary School

<https://tchval.com/Wonderskies>

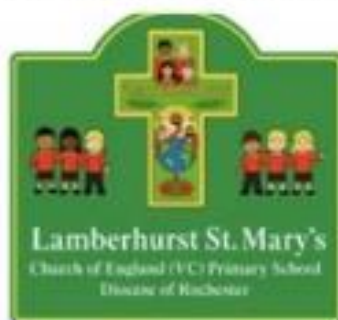
<https://highweald.org/get-involved/dark-skies/wild-about-dark-skies-festival/>





LAMBERHURST ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEW INTAKE 2027 OPEN MORNINGS



COME AND SEE OUR AMAZING SCHOOL

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL SHOWCASE
INCLUDING A PARENT TALK AND SCHOOL TOUR**

DATES AVAILABLE ARE:

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2026 9.15 – 10.15AM

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026 9.15 – 10.15AM

*ADDITIONAL TOURS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Large Classrooms
- New ICT Equipment
- Multi Purpose Astro Pitch
- Exciting Playground
- Dedicated Music Room
- Large School Hall
- Forest School Sessions

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

We are a happy, friendly school with excellent facilities.

Our core values of: community, resilience and aspiration are at the heart of our school.

We are excited to introduce you to our very special educational community.

For More Information and to book your tour please call or email our school office



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THE CHEQUERS INN, LAMBERHURST PRESENTS...

HALLOWEEN HAUNT

FRIDAY 30TH OCT

Halloween trail through the streets of Lamberhurst
BBQ at The Chequers from 5pm
Scary haunts with live actors from 5pm

SATURDAY 31ST OCT

BBQ at The Chequers from 5pm
Scary haunts with live actors from 5pm
DJ from 7.30pm

SATURDAY 7TH NOV

Bonfire Night on The Chequers Field
BBQ at The Chequers from 5pm
Scary haunts with live actors from 5pm
Live band 'Chunky' from 8pm

RAISING MONEY FOR HOSPICE IN THE WEALD AND
LAMBERHURST BONFIRE SOCIETY

