



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -  
No.29- Summer Term**

## News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

We have packed a great deal into 4 days this week - fantastic learning across the curriculum, tours for our new Reception children, fire safety talks, assembly with Father Andrew and of course the choir's performance at the Young Voices yesterday!

### **IMPORTANT: SATS**

Our Year 2 children are taking their SATs throughout the month of May - **please ensure your child is in school every day.**

Next week our Year 6 children take their national SATs, and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that it is important Y6 children are in school on time every day; we have a SATs breakfast from 8.15 am.

**Parent Voice: Parent Forum** As you know your views and feedback is truly valued at Staplehurst. This term's forum will be on **Wednesday 18th May at 2pm**. Please keep this time and date in the diary to share any issues that you have and for me to update you on matters raised at our last meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, we would also value your comments and questions in advance.

**Curriculum Enrichment:** this term we have some very exciting events to look forward to such as : STEM days, Keeping Healthy Week and our plans for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - leaders will begin to update you on times and dates from next week.

Have a restful weekend

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

## Pride Certificates

Name	Class	Reason
Ray Ashby-Hicks	EYG	Ray's confidence has really grown this term and he has demonstrated both determination and excellence in his work, taking real care with the task. Well done Ray, keep up the good work!
Camila Trujillo-Parra	EYKB	Camila consistently shows the school PRIDE values, and this week particularly, has shown great determination and excellence with her writing. She is always kind to the other children, has beautiful manners that she never forgets to use, and is a helpful member of the class! Excellent Camila.
Lottie Ashby-White	1C	This week Lottie has produced a brilliant piece of writing on the Emperor Penguin. She has used good choices of sounds when writing words and remembered full stops and capital letters! Well Done Lottie
Teddy Penfold	1S	This term, Teddy has shown an excellent attitude to his learning. Teddy has become more resilient and is now working independently. Teddy has also worked well in English and he has produced a fantastic description about the life of a penguin. Well done, Teddy!
Ryan Throssell	2SS	Ryan has worked with a fantastic attitude. In Maths, he has been very supportive with his classmates. He helped his group find answers to challenges by explaining and modelling answers. Well done Ryan, keep up the great work!
Margo White	2S	Margo has had another tremendous week. She has applied herself in all lessons; contributing to discussions and being inquisitive. Margo is a real role model to the rest of the class. Keep it up!
Darcey Young	3S	This week it has been wonderful to see Darcey working so hard on her writing in English. She has demonstrated such a positive attitude towards her writing, she has shown that she is able to work independently and has shown great pride in the way that her work is presented. Super work this week Darcey!
Acer Fuller	3G	Acer has demonstrated an outstanding attitude towards all of his learning this week. He has contributed in lessons and is always determined to try his best. Acer has also been showing kindness to those around him both in the classroom and on the playground. Fantastic Acer, keep it up!
Olivia King	4W	Olivia has demonstrated a great attitude to learning across all her lessons this week. She has contributed to class discussions and demonstrated her knowledge of Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms in her history work. Well done Olivia!
Annabel Fraser	4C	Annabel has worked incredibly hard this week on writing her short story based on the character Arthur. She has used expanded noun phrases and powerful verbs to describe the setting, creature and Arthur's actions in the story. Well done!
Harvey Taylor	5K	Harvey has worked extremely hard this week, demonstrating a positive attitude towards all aspects of his learning. During pair work he supports his partner and he has participated well in class discussions. Well done Harvey!
Hope Hill	5R	Hope has worked really hard in English this week, showing how she can confidently use dialogue in a story to advance the action. She used speech punctuation accurately and thought of some excellent reporting clauses. I am looking forward to reading her final story! Well done Hope!
Luca Pow	6S	Luca has approached all activities this week with maturity and motivation. He has acted as a supportive learning partner during lessons and has been making regular contributions during our shared write sessions. Thank you for all your hard work, Luca!
Tommy Shilling	6T	Tommy has shown excellence all week this week! I've seen him really trying hard to work independently and make good choices, and he demonstrated model behaviour during the fire workshop and when buddying this week - he has been a real role model. I've been so proud of his effort in swimming lessons, keep up all your hard work, Tommy!



## School Uniform Reminder



Now the warmer weather is here please ensure that all clothing is labelled clearly. Left/Lost Property will be collected and located in the school office.

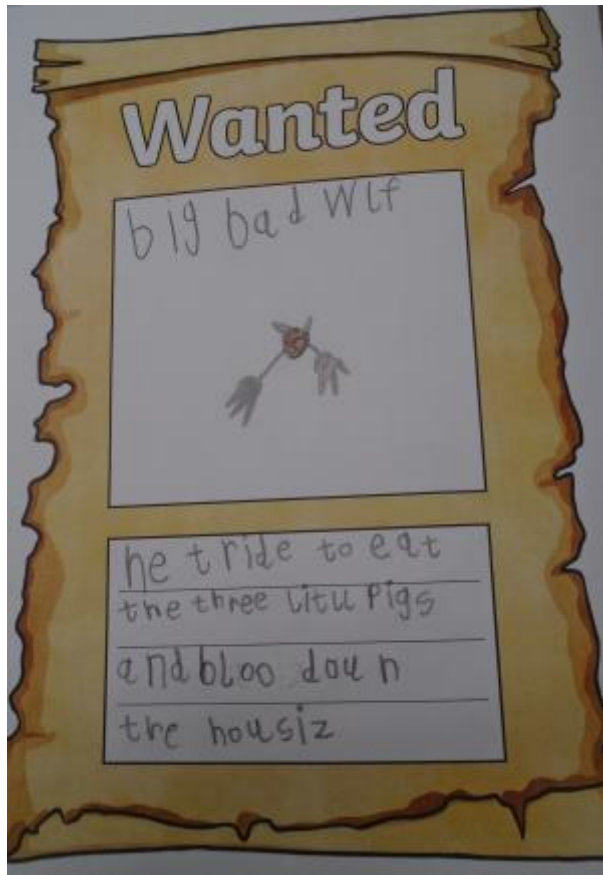
EYFS



## YEAR 1

This week EYFS have been enjoying the story of the Three Little Pigs, comparing different versions, including one from the wolf's point of view! Our writing task was to make 'wanted' posters to find the wolf and some children made posters warning the wolf to stay away from our cottage role play area. During continuous provision, we used different construction equipment to build houses, thinking about the different parts and their purpose. When using bricks we looked at brick patterns and tried to build using the same technique as we thought this would make our buildings stronger.

On Thursday we enjoyed a visit from Kent Fire and Rescue, learning that we should be testing our smoke alarms each week, how to call the fire brigade, what to shout if we saw a fire and what to do if our clothes caught fire. The children also got to see the protective clothing firefighters wear when they are called to an emergency.





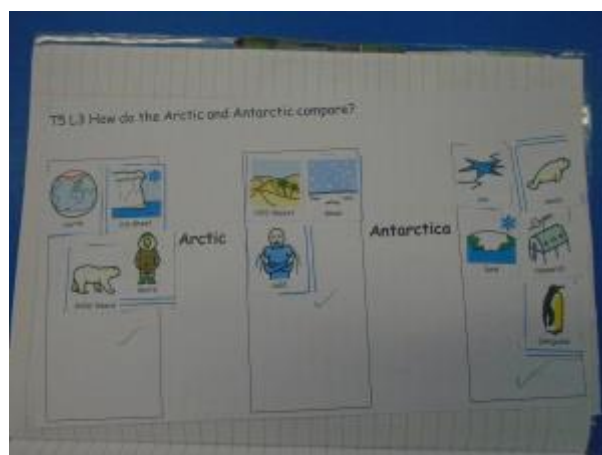
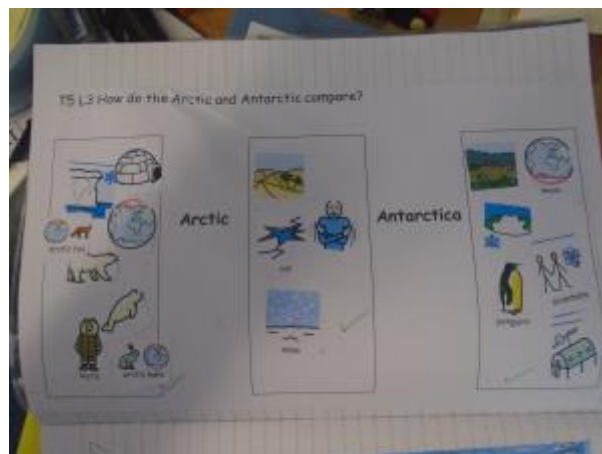
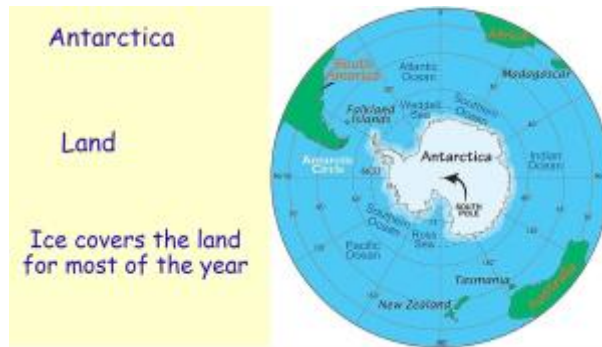
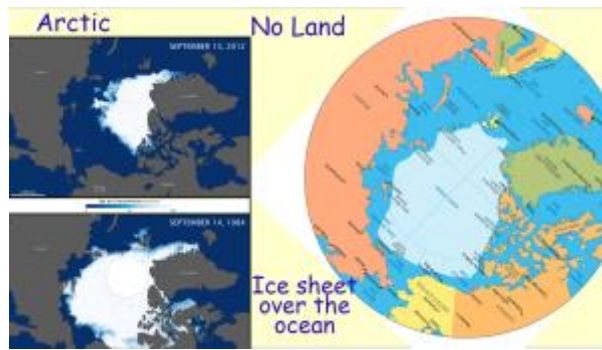


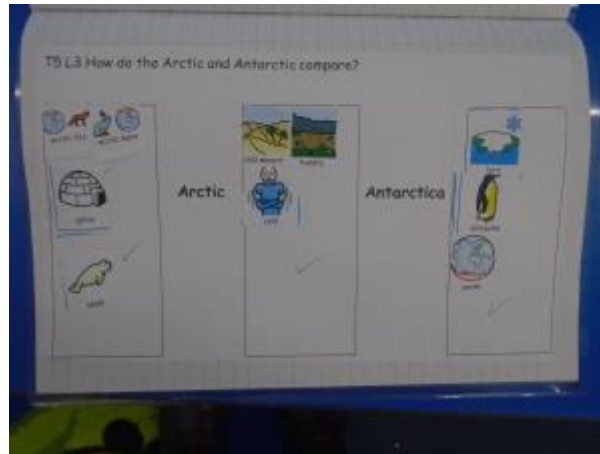
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As part of our Geography for this term we have been learning about the similarities and differences between the Arctic and the Antarctic. We learnt that at the Arctic there is no land, only an ice sheet covering the sea and at the Antarctic there is land covered in ice!







## Year 2

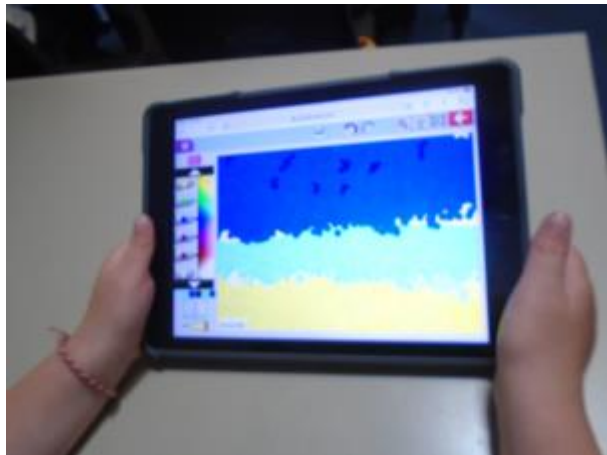
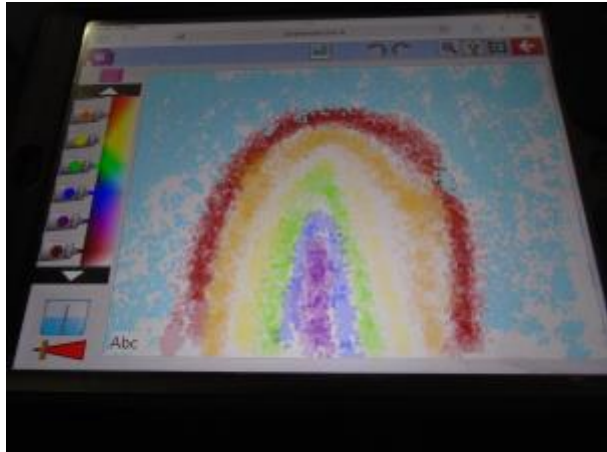
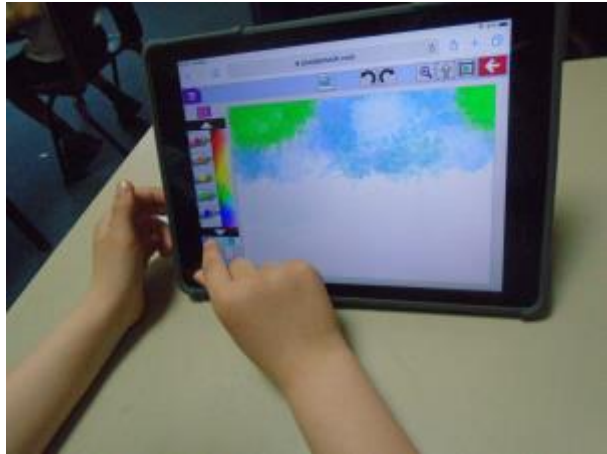


This week Year 2 children began taking their SATs. These will continue throughout the month of May - **please ensure your child is in school every day.**

Alongside the SATs, Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their Fire education workshops. The children learnt what to do in an emergency and had the opportunity to ask questions about the role of a firefighter.

In Computing this week, we created art using iPads. We discovered how to create impressionist art using PurpleMash. Check out some of our work!







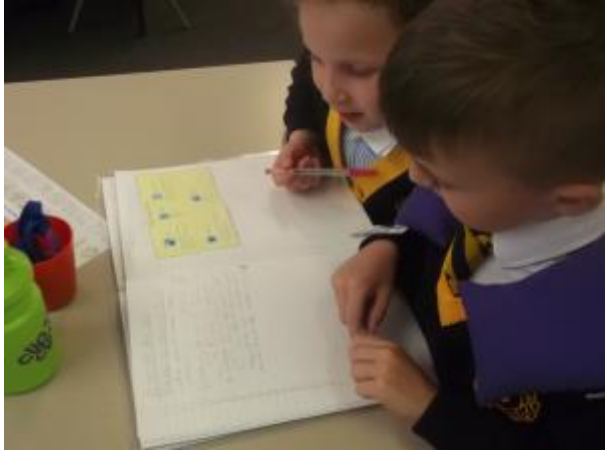


## Year 3



# YEAR 3

This week Year 3 spent some time proof reading back their most recent extended piece of writing, a retelling of the story 'Escape From Pompeii'. They worked collaboratively with their partner check their work for correct use of capital letters and use of adverbs and pronouns.



## Year 4



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In Year 4 we have been using water colour paint to create pictures of wildflowers. We used previously learnt skills to sketch the flowers then added paint using different water colour techniques. These paintings will be part of the Eco Day taking place in the village church.













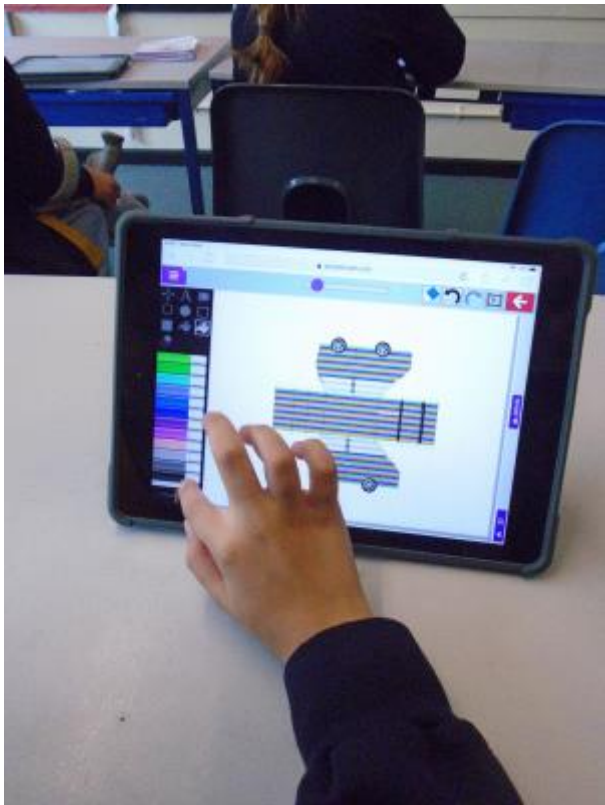
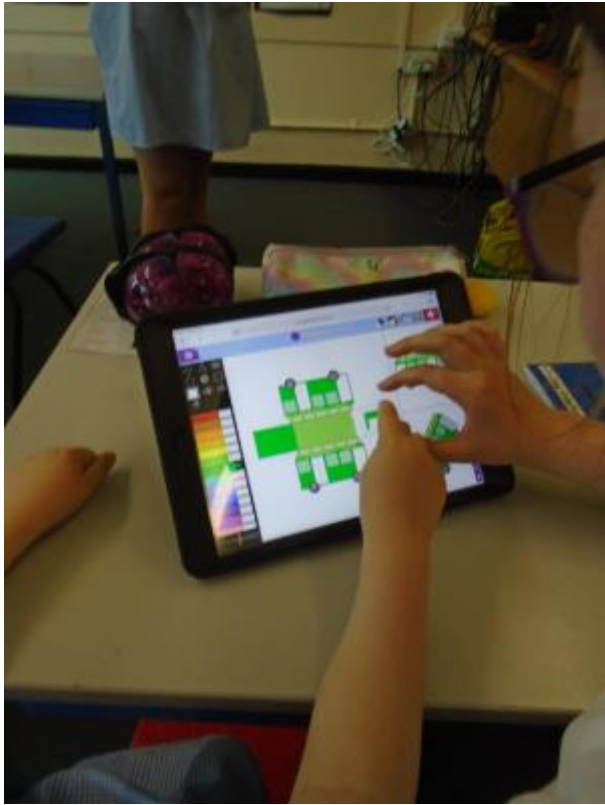
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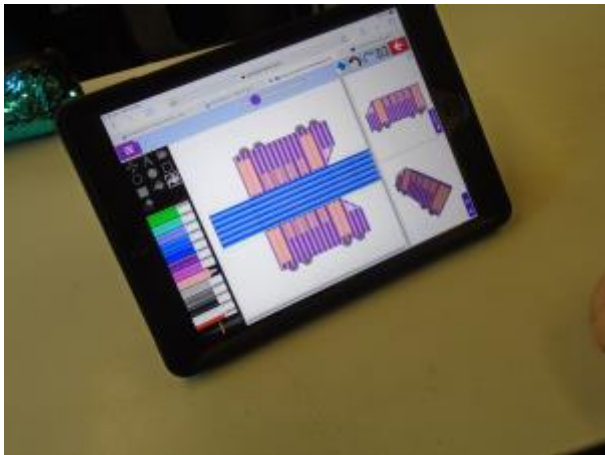
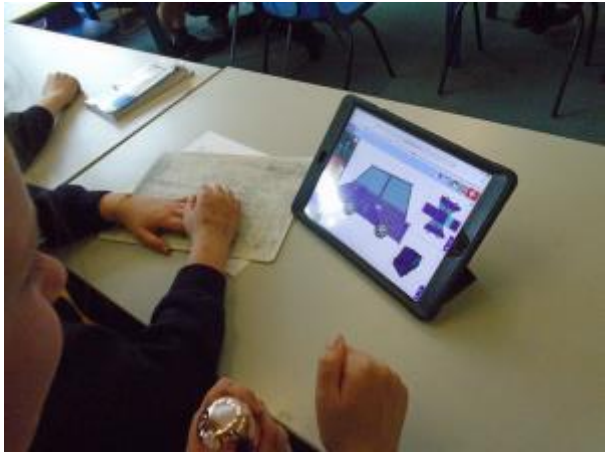


# YEAR 5

For our computing unit this term, Year 5 have been exploring how to use the 2Design and Make tool on Purple Mash. This involves editing nets and moving points to create 3D models. This week, we created designs for buildings, as well as creating our own, very colourful, vehicles! The children enjoyed seeing how changing elements of their design affected the nets, and being able to customise the models to create unique styles.









## Year 6

During History this week, Year 6 have been exploring the following key question: What was the impact of the Blitz on wartime Britain? Both classes carefully examined a range of different sources and explored the information they provided about the Blitz. Throughout the session the children considered bias and discussed how trustworthy each source was.

It has been wonderful to see the children so enthused by our WW2 topic and to hear of them completing their own additional research at home!



This week we are sending huge congratulations to Billy Wood - London Boxing Champion! What an achievement!



This week in year 6, the children have been learning about how light is reflected to enable us to see behind. The children modelled, using four different mirror activities including seeing an object on a table from below it (using the principles of how a periscope works), reading a message written on our backs and directing a beam of light to hit a target. The children then modelled the path the light took using ribbon before working on drawing scientific diagrams to demonstrate their learning.







A reminder that next week is SATs Week for Year 6. We will be running a SATs Breakfast on the Monday to Thursday of SATs Week for Year 6 pupils. Children in year 6 can arrive at 8:15am and be offered a complimentary breakfast of cereal, toast, pastries, fruit and juice.

Please try to support your child to be successful next week by having an early night and ensuring that they are in school on time next week - thank you!

## Music



Congratulations to the members of the choir, who on Thursday took part in the 25th Young Voices concert at the O2 in London, with thousands of other school children. We sung songs from The Beatles, The Muppet Movie and The Lion King, among others and saw professional acts perform too, including street dancers and beat boxers. It was a very long day, but well worth it and the children did Staplehurst School and their parents proud, with some excellent behaviour throughout. Our thanks go to all the members of staff who helped and the mums who accompanied us on the train to the venue.









## Online Parent Workshops



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams  
Medway Emotional Support Teams

# Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school.

**NEW** Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School 9:30-11am  
Monday 25th April

Understanding Autism in Children 11-12:30pm  
Tuesday 3rd May

Understanding ADHD in Children 5-6:30pm  
Wednesday 11th May

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 12:30-2pm  
Tuesday 17th May

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 12:30-2pm  
Tuesday 24th May

2022

## April

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## May

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Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please raise your interest with your child's school so that they can send you the link. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school.

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet.

We look forward to meeting you.



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## Football Five Star Holiday Course

**Football Five Star holiday course set for May Half term:**

**Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May 2022 9.45am-3.30pm at the Jubilee Sports Field Staplehurst TN12 ODS**

**£20 per day**

**10% discount for the 2nd sibling if booked together.**

**Book now to secure your child's place**

**Booking form below:**

**<https://footballfivestar.co.uk/holchoice.php>**

Days will consist of technical training, tournaments and oodles of fun along with prizes and medals to be won

## Staplehurst Eco Day



**All Saints Church, in partnership with Greener Staplehurst Group**

**Saturday 14th May 2022**

10am – 4pm

All Saints Church, Staplehurst

Come and join us for a day of activities, art and information, inspired by the natural world, featuring

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8am – Early Bird Walk (**ticketed - 891258**)

10am – Eco Day at All Saints is Open

11am - Historic Churchyard Tour & Talk by Anita Thompson

12pm – Wildflowers with Terry Standen

1-2pm – Lunchtime Children’s Concert

2pm – ‘Rewilding for the Future’ by Michael Wachter, from Great Dixter.

- Greener Staplehurst Group
- Children’s Art, Crafts & Music
- Encouraging Hedgehogs
- Fill a Bug Hotel for the Churchyard
- Nature Inspired Art by Louise Pettifer
- Refreshments
- Free Entry – donations to the church welcome

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