



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 19 February

Whole School

Staff Development Day - Monday 19 February. Children should return to school for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 20 February.

Arbor Parent Portal/App - Don't forget to log in to the Arbor Parent Portal: [Goat Lees Primary School \(arbor.sc\)](https://goatleesprimaryschool.arbor.sc) with your email address to set up a password. From next term parents can log in to book Parent Consultation Meetings, and pay for Breakfast Club, Music Lessons, School Meals, Trips, etc. *Please note sQuid will be disabled at the end of today, 9 February and credit balances transferred to Arbor.*

Term dates 2024 - 2025

At Goat Lees, we generally follow the Kent determined term dates, but this does vary across schools, depending on Staff Training. We have now set the Staff Development Days for the next academic year, and have attached a copy for your information. Please note, our term dates may vary from other schools.

World Book Day - Thursday 7 March: Your child will be bringing home a letter about this today. The luggage label will be given out when we come back to school as they have not arrived in time.

Ashford Council Bug Hotel Competition building: Last term Dylan in Angora won Ashford Council's Bug House competition, where a giant version of the winning design (a windmill) will be built at the Ashford Designer Outlet as part of a rewilding project.

We need your help to gather items to help Dylan and the team fill his amazing windmill! They will need lots of: dry leaves, twigs, hollow stems, dead grass, pinecones, bits of bark, stones and tiles, broken terracotta pots, straw, hat, logs, bricks (especially ones with holes in) and bamboo canes. Please deliver any collected items in bags to Year 6. Thank you for your support with this!

Family Zone at Bockhanger Library: Head over to the library for a calm end of the week, spend some time enjoying the books with extra activities, and comfy cushions for adults! Every Friday from 3:00-4:30pm.

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased from our chocolate lollipop sale. We made £277 for the RSPCA, and sold out, which is fantastic. Do keep an eye out as we will be doing more fundraising throughout the year. Well done to Pygora Class, what an achievement.

Billy Class - Reception

Phonics revision first week back after half term: ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur oo ow oi ear

Tricky words: is as his has the I put pull full

Home learning:

1. Draw a map of somewhere you have visited in the holidays. This might be the park, zoo, grandparents' house. Can you label it and bring into school to show us?
or
2. Look up countries or places you have visited on a globe or world map.

Read lots and lots and practise your Phonics sounds!

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics this week: We have been reviewing all the new graphemes and pronunciations learned this term. We have also learned oo - ui (as in fruit) and ou (as in group).

Tricky words: We have been reviewing all the new tricky words taught this term, as well as practising other ones learned in Year 1.

Design Technology Wheels and Axles: The children had a fabulous end to the term, learning how axles and wheels work together to create a moving vehicle. They have built and tested some fabulous cars - I'm sure they will look forward to showing them off!

Alpine Class - Year 2

We have been so impressed this week by all of the Year 2 children's amazing writing and effort. Well done Alpine Class!

Reading Books: Reading books will go out for the half term break, but please can we have these returned on **Tuesday 20 February** as Year 1 will need many of these books. Your child will be reading more advanced books next term and this will help to ensure they make lots of progress in their reading.

Home Learning: Please see our seaside-themed homework tasks as each one will earn a House-Point and Table Point for your child's teams. These short tasks will also help them to begin conversations with you about the seaside. We will be writing about what we can find there and comparing Victorian and 1950s seaside holidays with today's holidays.

Egg boxes: We will be needing some egg boxes for an art activity- ideally the smaller half dozen size. If you have any, please collect and send them in to Year 2 after half term. Thank you!

Kinder Class - Year 3

This week in Kinder Class we did some superb cooking. The children had great fun and enjoyed making some delicious vegetable tarts.

Sadly, we still have not seen some of children's reading records for a while. **Please** could you ensure that you read *at least twice a week* with your child and sign their reading records. Any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to ask.

Next term we will be continuing a times table test twice a week, once on a **Wednesday** and once on a **Friday**.

There will be no homework set for the weeks holiday but please do help remind your child to complete lots of reading and times table practice.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Please try to ensure that your child is reading everyday over the half term, and we'll change books when they are back on the **Tuesday**.

There will be no spellings on Spelling Shed, but please do help remind your child to complete their homework in their homework book and continue to practice their times tables.

20 minutes of TTRS or playing a times table game would be beneficial.

Pygora Class - Year 5

The children did a fantastic job of making all our chocolate lollipops for our sale, we ended up making 245 lollipops and they were all really excited to sell them to make money for the RSPCA.

Over the half term, I am challenging the children to read every day at home as they will not have any pages in their maths or English books.

Please also continue to encourage them to practise their times tables on TTRS or by asking them questions at home.

Our swimming sessions will continue every **Tuesday** next term. They will be swimming on the first day back (**20 February 2024**) so please remember to send their bags in with them.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

We have sent off the children's letters to their French pen-pals - thank you to anyone who sent photos in. Pygmy are very excited to let their French friends know all about themselves!

From next term, you will be able to make additional payments for the residential trip in June. Please remember that final payments must be made by **Friday 10 May** and must be paid on our **Arbor payment system**. If you require further information, please speak to Mrs de Roeck.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.245 & 26 Multiplying and dividing with decimals

English - p.48 Brackets for extra information

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

Have a lovely half term break, we'll see you soon for Term 4.

