



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 5 September 2025

Whole School

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts: See below for the attendance data for this week.

Well done to **Kinder - year 3** for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.6%	97%	97.4%	97.7%	95.9%	95.2%	95.7%

Welcome back, we hope that you had good Summer. It has been lovely to see you all again for another fun-filled year and the attendance levels this week are a very positive start. All the children and adults are gradually settling in, and it has been great to see our new children in Billy Class this week.

Pol-Ed PSHE scheme - We are currently trialling a new scheme for our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons, which has been created by West Yorkshire Police, and endorsed by Kent Police. It covers most of the aspects of the statutory 'Relationships and Health Education', and the lessons are grouped into four broad topics, which will be taught termly. These are:

Term 1 - Relationships

Term 2 - Keeping Safe

Term 3 - Understanding the Law

Term 4 - Well-being

Once the scheme is up and running, we will publish the full list of topics on our website. If you have any further questions about this scheme, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cooper (Year 5 class teacher).

MUSIC: After next week there is a possibility, we may have spaces for some children to have lessons to learn to play an instrument. If this is the case, we will then invite those from Yrs 2-6 to take up the opportunity to learn a musical instrument if they are not already doing so. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please note, these are paid lessons, that are subsidised by the school and are considered good value for money when compared to private music tuition.

If your child is continuing with their instrumental music lessons this year (**because you returned their form**), please note lessons will start next week. Lessons will be taught for 5 weeks and payment for the whole term must be made on Arbor. Lessons will not take place until payment is received.

Football club: Letters have been sent out for those people who have been invited for the School Football Team and Girls Football Training Club. Please return the slip attached to the letters to the office or Mr Harrison asap so that your child can attend.

KIC Theatre is visiting the school on the **9 and 10 September** to do workshops relating to each class's English book. We are asking for a contribution of **£3.00** which can be paid through Trips on the Arbor App

Information about other clubs will be coming out soon.
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<p>Breakfast Club: If you wish to use our breakfast club, and haven't done so before, please ask for the forms from the office. Once they are filled in you will be able to register your child and book some sessions.</p> <p>The next Eat Well, Spend Less & Wellbeing Roadshow grounds of the Phoenix Community Primary School & Bock-Hanger Family Hub, Belmont Road, Kennington, Ashford, TN24 9LS, Wednesday 10th September 10.30am - 3.30pm. The roadshows bring together many agencies and partners who can help, support, advice and refer all in one place. The roadshows are open to all.</p>
Billy Class
<p>We would like to say a HUGE well done to our new Billy Class children for a fantastic first week at school! They have been amazing coming in, getting to know their new environment and each other. It is so lovely getting to know each of them individually too. They are very tired now, so we hope you get lots of rest over the weekend.</p> <p>Next week we will begin our Phonics lessons. We have short Phonics lessons every morning in Billy Class. The sounds we will cover next week are: s (for snake), a (for astronaut), t (for tiger) and p (for penguin). We will be sending home information about the different sounds we will be covering throughout this term next week.</p> <p>Next week, we will finish school at 1pm every day. The children will stay for lunch where they can choose each morning to have the main cooked meal, a vegetarian option, pasta or a jacket potato. Alternatively, they may bring a packed lunch from home.</p> <p>The children have a Goat Lees water bottle that we keep in school, so they do not need to bring an additional drink. We encourage the children to drink plenty of water throughout the day and will top them up too.</p> <p>Please make sure that all uniform and coats are labelled so that we can avoid any mix ups, thank you so much. Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Children are to come to school wearing PE kit on those days as it makes it much easier at this age.</p>
Angora Class - Year 1
<p>Welcome back! We have had a fantastic first week getting to know each other better, and settling in. The children have managed really well and will probably need a rest this weekend! The Year 1 team this year is Miss Caddy (class teacher) and Mrs Pilbeam and Mrs Baldock (Learning Support Assistants). Please bear with us as we learn everyone's names and families!</p> <p>This term our theme is 'What was it like when our grandparents were young?'. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their grandparent homework.</p> <p>Phonics this week Phonics: revisit and review - ai e igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear Tricky Words: revisit and review - no go so my by to into out the</p> <p>P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday. Children should wear school PE kit and suitable shoes.</p> <p>Water bottles: children are welcome to bring in their own water bottle to use in school. Maximum capacity of 1 litre please.</p>

Spare clothes: we have some spare clothes in school for accidents etc - if your child is prone to toileting accidents and/or getting dirty, please provide some clothes in a named bag that can be kept in school.

Wellies: children are welcome to bring in a pair of named wellies to keep in school for wet days.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Welcome, and well done to our brand-new Alpine Class, for a fantastic start to Term 1! It has been lovely to get to know you all a bit better and see you showcasing your amazing writing skills already and we can't wait to listen to you read your stories about your family life this term in English.

Reading books: Our library slot is on a **Monday**, so next week children will come home with a library book which they will have chosen. They can read this with you at home to earn their bookmark stickers for each day that they read. These library books can be returned once you have finished reading them at home.

Next week, on Friday, the children will come home with their guided reading book, allowing four evenings to practise at home, before returning by the following **Tuesday**, to ensure the books are back at school ready for the next group.

Home Learning: The children will be given a home learning task every **Tuesday**, to be completed by the following Monday, to practise their English and Maths skills. Each child can earn house points and Dojos for completing these short tasks and they are a great chance for you to find out more about what your child is learning at school.

PE days for Year 2 are **Tuesday and Friday**: Children should wear school PE kit and suitable trainers.

Kinder Class - Year 3

Welcome back! It has been a fantastic first week in Kinder class. The children have worked so hard and have been able to settle into KS2 really well. The children have been really engaged with all our learning and we in Kinder class are so impressed with their attitude to learning.

Our PE days are **Monday and Friday** so please ensure your child is sent in with appropriate school PE kit on those days.

Next week we will be having a drama session with KIC theatre, focused on our new class book 'The Journey'

We will also be having a vote for school councillor on **Tuesday 9 September**. Therefore, have sent out a sheet for the children who would like to go up for election, to write a short speech on why they would be a good School Councillor.

We have started to provide your child with a reading record and a band book. Please can you ensure that you read this book twice a week and bring in the reading record for Friday. In Kinder class we collect who has read the most and the top five children are put on the super readers board in our classroom and will win a prize at the end of each term. We also use the bookmarks and are looking for as many children as possible to earn certificates for their reading

Water: This year in Kinder class we are taking part in an ECO project about saving water. We are trying to save as much water as possible throughout the school. We have been collecting any spare water in water butts so that we don't waste any. Therefore, please could you ensure your child brings in a small water bottle (1 lit max), so we don't have too much wasted water and avoid any large spills.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Welcome back! We've had a great first week back, getting to know each other better, and settling in. The children have shown a positive attitude and hopefully this will continue throughout the year! We're fortunate to have Ian from KIC Theatre in next week so I know the children will be looking forward to an immersive lesson as we start our topic with him.

Our PE days are **Monday and Tuesday** so please ensure your child is sent in with appropriate school PE kit on those days.

Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed and the children are expected to play a **minimum of 5 games a week** to receive their reward for this so please help them access the site.

Reading books will be sent home next week and we expect to see children reading a **minimum of 3 times a week**. However, if they read more often that is fantastic, please sign it in their home reading record. This will help them achieve their reading certificates over the year as well as improve their reading ability.

Pygora Class - Year 5

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see all the children coming in with smiles, hopefully they aren't too tired after a few days of early wake up calls! They have already shown themselves to be polite and caring young children, and we are sure that this will continue throughout the year.

Our new school councillors are Christine and Elyann as voted for by the class. We know that they will do an excellent job in representing our class, and we look forward to hearing about all the new initiatives that they will be getting involved with.

Spelling sessions start on **Monday 8 September**, which means that Spelling Shed will be up and running from that week. Please encourage your child to practice as much as they can during the week, and we will make sure they all have the correct logins. Children are welcome to practice in school if they cannot do so at home.

Tuesday 9 September - KIC theatre will be in to work with our class on some drama linked to our English book, The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan. We know that the children enjoy these sessions every year, as it is a fun and different way to engage with our text.

A reminder that PE will be on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**, and children will need to come to school in their PE kit on both days.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see all the children again after their summer holidays and we have had a great first week in Year 6!

Ms Adams will be sending home a separate printed letter about behaviour expectations in year 6, which has been shared with the children this morning. If you do not receive this, do ask Miss Chapman for a copy as this is very much part of the preparation for secondary school.

Thursday 11 September - Kent Test - Children taking the Kent Test will be sitting it in the classroom while those not partaking will be doing activities in the hall.

This week the children voted on our new school councillors. Well done to Tallulah and Will, I know they will do a great job sharing the thoughts and ideas of the class.

We will also be having a vote for house captains on **Tuesday 9 September** so the children who would like to put themselves forward for this need to prepare a short speech, on why they think they would make a good house captain, to present to the rest of their house.

We have started Spelling sessions this week and Spelling shed will be up and running. The children made me aware that their old logins no longer work so I have sent their new logins home in your Child's reading record, so they are ready for next week. Please encourage your child to practice as much as they can during the week.

Swimming will be starting next week on **Tuesday 9 September** - Please make sure the children bring in their Swimming gear (suit, goggles, towel). They are still able to wear PE kit on swimming days if they would like to make changing easier.

The cost this year will be £10.00 for FSM and £20.00 for non-FSM and payments can be made through the Arbor Shop.

Our other PE day this term will be **Friday**, so they need to come in PE kit on this day.

Wednesday 10 September - KIC theatre will be in to work with our class on some drama linked to our English book, Flood by Alvaro F. Villa. The children really enjoy these sessions and have great fun expressing their creativity through drama.

Monday 15 September - There will be a meeting after school at **3:30** for an hour, about the Year 6 residential and secondary schools. Please do put this in your diaries.