



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 26 September 2025

Whole School

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

Well done to **Year R-Billy Class** for the highest attendance this week. Our youngest children are definitely tired but have managed to be in the most this week! This is a very positive start to their primary school education.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95%	92%	89.3%	92.8%	94.2%	93%	93.3%

School Meals: Next week it will be Fish and Chips **THURSDAY rather than Friday**. This will be for the whole school and all children in the Reception Class and KS1 will be given the opportunity to taste the menu on that day. There will also be a Lucky Ticket!! Find a sticker under your plate and win a prize!!

After a few changes at the start of term, we extend a warm welcome to a few new pupils this week, they have settled in well and we are full in most classes again.

Parent Consultations: This is a reminder that booking for these important meetings is now available on ARBOR. A separate email from Arbor was sent yesterday, inviting you to book online. If you are new to the system and experience any difficulties, please contact the school office for assistance. **Please note that if you wish to see the SENCo, you need to book an appointment to see the teacher at the sessions running on Thursday as this is the day the SENCO will be available.**

DROP OFF - mornings: Children must enter through the gates in the morning; NOT through RECEPTION.

Harvest Festival - this year we will be donating to Bright City Church Food Bank and Vinnie's Diner. This is a great charity that supports many families throughout Ashford. If you would like to contribute, we will be collecting **non-perishable items (eg cans, packets)** donations from **Monday 6 October until Friday 10 October at 9am** (any donations after this time may not be collected). Thank you

Football clubs: For all those children who are doing a football club (Girl's football Monday, Elite Football Tuesday and the school football training Friday) please ensure your child brings trainers as well as football boots. The weather is so unpredictable, and we may have to use the playground if the grass is too wet.

Friends of Goat Lees: **AGM 2 October** in the school hall **@ 3.30pm** for a short meeting and all are welcome. We would love to see some more parents at this meeting - as our community needs support if we are to continue to raise funds for the school. Parents are welcome to bring along their children, and we will provide some refreshments and activities for them.

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Attendance this week has been **VERY** low with a lot of children coming in late. WELL DONE Billy Class for being resilient and getting the highest attendance this week.

Could you please make sure that children are ready and punctual to start their learning as this causes a great impact on their educational journey.

“Be on time if you can’t be there early.” - Robin Sharma

If you have any 3D puzzles your children do not play with anymore, we would really love to have them in school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Billy Class

The children in Billy Class have had another busy week learning new sounds in Phonics, visiting the school library, playing with new friends and following class routines.

Next week we will learn these sounds in Phonics: ck (as at the end of the word sock), e (as in elephant), u (as in umbrella) and r (as in rainbow).

Our new tricky word will be: I

Tricky words are words that cannot be decoded. They have tricky parts to them. For example, we learned the word ‘is’ last week. ‘Is’ is tricky as the ‘s’ makes a ‘z’ sound.

We will be focusing our learning around the story The Little Red Hen. We will look at where food comes from, the concept of harvesting and growing food and how we can recycle food.

Every afternoon we have a Maths focus. Next week we will be talking about measures and patterns, comparing mass, size and capacity.

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Angora Class - Year 1

It’s been another great week! This week we have looked at household gadgets from the 60s/70s (e.g washing machine, mangles, dial telephones) We had some lovely suggestions for what the washing machine could be - candyfloss machine perhaps? On Thursday we had a Dance Party as our reward for collectively earning 1000 Dojos!

Phonics: ay (ai as in play), ou (ow as in cloud), oy (oi as in toy), ea (ee as in sea).

Tricky words: reviewing said says you do like little push put pull full

The menu next week will be:

- Monday - Sweetcorn and BBQ sauce pizza, Macaroni cheese
- Tuesday - Meatballs and mash, veggie shepherd's pie
- Wednesday - Roast chicken, cheese and potato pie
- Thursday -
- Friday - Lasagne, vegetable ratatouille

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Alpine Class - Year 2

We've had another good week in Alpine! We've been completing number lines, counting in 1s and 10s in maths, using Thesauruses to find better adjectives to describe different rooms in our house in English, and we have had a lot of fun being, and using, barcode scanners in our computing lesson!

In geography we have discussed human vs physical features of Ashford and placed them on the map, and in art, the children have focussed on drawing a human eye, which produced some incredible drawings!

We have been impressed with the number of homework books we have been getting back! The homework really helps cement what the children have been learning at school and gives them an opportunity to share with you, their learning.

Please also remember to read and return your guided reading books weekly; reading every day supports your child's phonics and reading skills, whether a school book or one from home.

Children read in a group on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays so it is really important that guided reading books come back promptly by Tuesday so that we can prepare the books ready for the next group. Reading records can be taken home every day to record any reading done at home.

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Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a great week in Kinder class. The children have finished our own versions of the Journey story and have been doing adding 1,10's and 100's to 3-digit numbers. All the children have been working hard.

Please remember to ensure that you read this book at least 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

Also, please ensure that your child plays on Spelling Shed and practises their timetables on TTRS. We do a spelling test on a Friday and Timetable Test on a Wednesday. If your child needs a paper copy of the spellings to practise at home, please

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Each week I will set a Maths and English activity. These activities will come from our brand-new homework books! Each week pages will be given for you to answer. Please answer the pages that have been set. The pages will be marked and returned to your child on the following Friday.

Here are this week pages:

English- Page: 14

Cashmere Class - Year 4

We've had an excellent start to the homework with most children returning their work homework early, let's keep this up and see if we can match it with our spelling and reading homework too!

This week we've been writing descriptions for our story which we will be sending off to the author of the book to show how they've inspired us. The children have worked hard on this and should be very proud of their work.

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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.

Please ensure when you have read with your child you note down how much you read and anything they struggled with, so we can help pick this up in class and reward their excellent efforts. They should be aiming to read every night, with a **minimum of 3 times a week** at least.

Just to remind you, we expect to see children reading a **minimum of 3 times a week**. Let's see how many can achieve their reading certificates this year! Please make sure these books, and their stage reading books are in school every day so we can take children out to support them with their reading.

Pygora Class - Year 5

Thank you to the children that have already created something for our Butterfly Project. We look forward to seeing more of your creations over the next few weeks.

Wednesday 1 October - Trip to the Enchanted Gardens. The trip is still currently going ahead - let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather holds out! Children will need to come in their school uniform, but wear comfy shoes, such as trainers. They also need to bring a packed lunch, unless you have requested a school one as per the form previously. Don't forget a coat, as the weather is now turning quite autumnal.

Thursday 2 October - Rail Safety session. Network Rail will be in delivering a whole school assembly about keeping safe on the railways, and then Year 5 (along with Year 6) will be having a workshop to complement the assembly.

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Homework - due on Wednesday 1 October

Maths - p.5 Place value and ordering

English (Grammar) - p.4 Nouns

Also - **5 games** on Spelling Shed and 20 mins overall on TTRS and reading at least **3 times** a week.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

This week we have finished publishing our 'Flood' books which we will be giving to the Year 4 children to read. I am really pleased with the effort they put into their presentation of these and into their other books!

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their residential slips, the deadline for these is today with initial deposits needed to secure a place by **Friday 10 October**.

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Tuesday 30 September: Swimming will continue as usual.

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Maths - p. - 9 & 10 - Primes, factors and multiples

English - p. 17 - Linking paragraphs using repetition

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