



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 3 October 2025

Whole School

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

Well done to Billy class for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	96%	92%	95%	98%	96%	90%

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: With the exception of Elite Football Club, NO clubs will be running next week due to parent consultations. Please remember to collect your child from school at the normal time next week.

On **Thursday 16 October** only KS2 clubs will be running but NOT KS1 clubs as it is the day of the disco and many of the children will be attending that straight after school. If this is all too much and you have too many places to be at once, do let us know your child will not attend their club that day. We do understand some families will have multiple children sort out!

Individual and sibling photographs - The photographer will be visiting us on **Friday 10 October** to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on this day.

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).

Request for garden gnomes - if anyone has any garden gnomes or small statutes which they no longer want, please donate them to the Roots and Shoots Club who are giving them a new home on our nature walk.

Metal Recycling - we will be taking our metal collection to be recycled next week. Please bring in any scrap metal you have at home. This raises vital funds for our school.

Hello Yellow - Thursday 9 October - Young Minds are back with their annual campaign to raise awareness and much needed funds for young people's mental health. This year Goat Lees will be turning Yellow to fundraise and show young people they're not alone. So, dig out your yellow jumpers, pull on some yellow socks, or go full on banana costume and let's raise what we can to support this amazing charity!

"Hello Yellow is a pivotal part of the work we do at Young Minds, helping us build on the promise that no young person should ever feel alone in their mental health. And you can stand with us in supporting young people's mental health" - Young Minds

If you are interested in donating, no matter how big or small, please follow this link to our 'Just Giving' page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/goat-lees-primary-school-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

FOGL Autumn Disco: The Autumn disco will be taking place on **THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER!** Tickets will be on sale every day after school next week on the playground. Look out for the flyers next week!

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LATENESS MATTERS- please ensure your child arrives at school on time ready for the day. Gate opens at **8.40 and closes at 8.50** anyone arriving after that is late and should report to the school office.

Please note, the kitchen uses the attendance register for meal preparation. If your child is late, they will have pasta that day (unless you let us know in advance).

Billy Class

Parent Consultations - Monday 6 October and Thursday 9 October. We are looking forward to meeting with you and talking about how your child has settled into school life and the progress they are making. There is still time to book an appointment slot if you haven't yet done so.

In Phonics next week we will learn these sounds: h (as in helicopter), b (as in bear), f (as in flamingo) and l (as in lollypop).

We will learn this tricky word: the

We will also recap the tricky words: I and is

As part of our eco project, we are starting a nature table in Billy Class. This is where we can display anything we find on walks in nature. For example, this could be leaves, sticks, stones or pinecones that the children may find. Over the weekend it would be amazing if you could go on a nature walk to see if you can find anything to bring in for the nature table next week.

We have had some 'rough play' incidents in Billy Class this week. Play fighting develops strength, movement and social skills. It's also fun but play fighting is different from real fighting. In play fighting, children smile and laugh. However, there have been moments when a child has been hurt because of rough play. To prevent this from happening we have put together some ground rules that we will go through with the children, and we would like you to also talk to your child about them:

- **Safe word:** Establish a word or signal that everyone uses to stop the game. Our safe word is **STOP** and is accompanied by the stop hand signal.
- **No face/head/hair:** Agree that no one should touch faces, hair or the head.
- **Consent:** Make sure everyone wants to join in and is happy with the level of play.

Next Wednesday afternoon we will be having a scavenger hunt at school with our Year 6 buddies. The children will work together to find natural objects such as stones, leaves and feathers within the school grounds. This will be a great opportunity for the children to help one another and to spend some quality time with their buddies.

We have posted some lovely photos of the children's first weeks at school on the Goat Lees Facebook page. Have a look to see what exciting things we have been up to in Billy Class during our first term.

Angora Class - Year 1

Parent Consultations - Monday 6 October and Thursday 9 October. We are looking forward to meeting with you and talking about how your child has settled into Year 1 and the progress they are making. There is still time to book an appointment slot if you haven't yet done so.

It has been very exciting to have visitors this week! We welcomed Phoebe's and Isabelle's Granny grandparents to talk to us about what their childhood was like. The children created some great questions to ask them. We also looked at how we can reduce food waste as our harvest focus - the children's kindness shone through as they said we should give leftovers to homeless people or people with no money.

Phonics this week: we have been reviewing longer words and graphemes covered this term.

Tricky words: reviewing all are I of one here today

Next week in Phonics is our assessment and review week. We will consolidate any weaker graphemes and tricky words.

Reading books - thank you to everyone who has brought back their book on **Tuesdays**. It takes time to chase them up all! We have had a mix around of groups and levels to reflect where the children need a little more consolidation.

Alpine Class - Year 2

We have had another great week! We enjoyed making messy maps in Geography on Monday, building and adding all the human and physical features of Ashford to our maps. In Science we went on a microhabitat hunt, looking at the various areas around our outdoor space and spotting which minibeasts live in which habitats.

Friday 10 October - Reminder - As it is photo day, please can the children come into school in their uniform rather than PE kit, just for this day.

The children have been doing fantastically with their art this term, we have been working on self portraits and have really focussed on the individual features; everyone has worked really hard to follow the step by step instructions and have made incredible attempts! We then cut photos of ourselves in half and drew the other half to match. We have been so impressed with the quality of their drawings!

We are very pleased with the amount of completed homework we are seeing every week, please keep it up, remember that every 10 completed homework receive a reward!
Please ensure reading books are back in school by Tuesday so we can get them ready for guided reading

Parent Consultations - Monday 6 October and Thursday 9 October. We are looking forward to meeting with you and talking about how your child has settled into Year 2 and the progress they are making. We still have lots of empty slots so please do book in!

Kinder Class - Year 3

Parent Consultations - Monday 6 October and Thursday 9 October. We are looking forward to meeting you all and discussing how your child has settled in Year 3 and sharing their targets for the next two terms. There is still time to book an appointment slot if you haven't yet done so.

Friday 10 October - Reminder - As it is photo day, please can the children come into school in their uniform rather than PE kit, just for this day.

It has been another productive week in Kinder class. We started to publish our journey continuation books and have worked hard learning how to add hundreds to 3-digit numbers. Please feel free to test your children with questions such as $(231 + 300)$ to check that they remember how to do this.

Please remember to read the book that is sent home 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 ask and we will print one for you.

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: 4

Maths- Page: 4

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Cashmere Class have had an excellent week, they have produced some good work and have displayed a marked improvement in their attitude towards their learning, which is excellent. We've come to the end of our unit of work involving our class text, The Secret of Black Rock, and will be exploring writing a persuasive letter next!

Parent Consultations - Monday 6 October and Thursday 9 October. We are looking forward to meeting you all and discussing how your child has settled in Year 4 and sharing their targets for the next two terms. There is still time to book an appointment slot if you haven't yet done so.

Spelling Shed - Some children may have noticed that they have been given more than one set of spelling challenges on the Spelling Shed! This is because we have slightly changed the way the groups are being taught, which has meant that they have been accidentally set multiple assignments! Mrs Cooper is busy trying to get it back down to ONE assignment per child - please bear with us!

Homework - due on Friday 10 October

Maths - pg. 3 Place value and ordering

English (Grammar) - pg. 6 Verbs

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

Pygora Class - Year 5

Trip to Enchanted Gardens - We all had a fabulous time on our trip, and the weather was pretty much perfect! The children were very well-behaved and engaged throughout the whole day. We learned about their butterfly meadow and the best way to attract butterflies. Then we planted some pea-shoot seeds (most of which have been sent home) and created some drawings and paintings of butterflies. Hopefully your child has been able to tell you lots about our trip!

Parent Consultations - Monday 6 October and Thursday 9 October. We are looking forward to meeting you all and discussing how your child has settled in Year 5 and sharing their targets for the next two terms. There is still time to book an appointment slot if you haven't yet done so.

Science lessons - As part of the statutory science curriculum, we will be looking at the human life cycle, including discussing the changes children go through during puberty, for the rest of this term. If you have any questions regarding this topic, please come and speak to Mrs Cooper.

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Homework - due on Wednesday 8 October

Maths - p.6 Adding

English (Grammar) - p.24 Prepositions

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

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Next week we will be spending some time getting to know our Billy buddies - I know the children are very excited about this! We will be having some drinks and biscuits and going on a scavenger hunt around school for natural items.

Tuesday 7 October - Next week is our last session of swimming this term, lessons will continue after the holiday on **4 November**.

Friday 10 October - **Reminder** - As it is photo day, please can the children come into school in their uniform rather than PE kit, just for this day.

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Homework - due on Wednesday 8 October

Maths - p.11 - Multiplying

English - p.19 - Present tense and past tense

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