



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 9 January 2026

Whole School

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

Well done to **Billy Class- Year R** for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.1%	92.4%	94.7%	93.5%	91.6%	92.9%	94.8%

Music Lessons- A gentle reminder for those children who have music lessons, these can be paid for on the school shop on Arbor. Many thanks.

Extreme Weather - well the first week back has definitely been a challenge and we seem to have had a bit of everything. Apologies for cancelling the cycling activities but the black ice on the playground made this unsafe, in fact it was very deceptive out there, as many of you found on your way to school! Do remember to check the forecast for the weather conditions as too many of the children are turning up not equipped for the weather, which means we cannot let them go outside. They can bring in wellies or a change of shoes if it is very wet and then at least they could go out for some fresh air, providing they have suitable coats, which need to be warm enough and provide some protection from the rain.

Change of Menu - please note that the lunch menu for next Thursday/Friday will be swapped next week. All children in YrR and KS1 will be offered a meal in school on Thursday 15 January, although they may still bring a packed lunch if they prefer. Therefore, 'chip day' as it is often fondly referred to will be on Thursday next week, along with all the usual options and some treats for pudding.

All football clubs will resume next week: Monday (Girls' football), Tuesday (Elite) and Friday (School football training). With the weather being unpredictable, in app messages will be sent if these clubs are unable to take place due to frozen or waterlogged pitches.

- **Ashford Mobile Library:** Look out for Ashford Mobile Library visiting Broadhurst Drive on the following dates between 9.55am-10.25am: **10 and 24 January**
7 and 21 February
7 and 21 March
4 and 18 April
11 and 25 April
6 and 20 June
6 and 26 June

Anyone who is a library member can make use of this free service- if you are not yet a member you can join online using this link: <https://kent.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN> or fill in a form inside the Mobile Library. Please let us know if you have visited-we would love to hear about your experience!

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Welcome back-, I hope you all had a pleasant holiday, looking forward to working with you this term.

Billy Class

We have had a lovely first week back at school! We took the children out on a nature walk at the beginning of the week around the school field where the children loved spotting ice covered leaves, logs, grass and it even snowed whilst we were out there! They have been busy creating nature pictures back in class as part of RE this week and will continue to do this next week.

Phonics next week: oo (as in moon) oo (as in book) ar (as in march) and or (as in born).

Tricky words next week: was, you, they, or

We hope that you found the tricky word guidance that was sent home on Thursday helpful as well as the new phonemes and how they are pronounced, so that you can support your child's learning at home.

We will continue to send home letter formation practise sheets daily. The children can return these to show us in school, and we will display them on their board in the classroom. Remember to ask your child each letter's 'formation phrase' (what we say to write each letter correctly!).

We will be learning about 'what is special about our world?' as part of our RE topic next week. The children will also think about the special things that they can do and will draw a picture to represent this.

In Maths, we will be finding '1 more' and '1 less' and will move onto conceptual subitising to 5. This is the ability to see sets of numbers within other sets, such as seeing the two and three in the number five, without having to count.

Please can all hats, gloves and scarves be named as it is very easy for young children to lose them. Thank you for your support.

Angora Class - Year 1

Welcome back! The children are settled back in fantastically and have got stuck into learning about the Great Fire of London! We had a fabulous **drama workshop** on Wednesday with Ian from KiC theatre and they have learned so much already. It was such a delight to play in the falling **snow** on Tuesday - a real novelty!

Bikeability are in Tuesday 13 January to help the children with their cycling skills. All equipment is provided.

Phonics this week:

- y (ee as in funny)
- ea (e as in head)
- wh (w as in wheel)
- oe (oa as in toe)
- ou (oa as in shoulder)

New Tricky words: any, many, again

Reviewing Tricky words: want, water

PE kits: a reminder that PE days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Children should wear the school PE kit: purple t-shirt, dark coloured plain bottoms and suitable shoes (trainers, plimsolls). This term we are doing gym on Thursdays which involves taking shoes off - **please can children wear shoes that they can do up independently!**

Welcome to Miss Rimmer who is joining us next week to start her final teaching placement (3 weeks). We are looking forward to her joining us. She popped in on Wednesday to meet us all.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Welcome back! What a great week it has been! We were so lucky to play in the snow on the first day back, what a magical way to start the term! On Thursday we were excited to have Ian back in from Kids In Control Theatre, who travelled with us to Africa where we went on safari, built houses and acted out the animals we might find in Africa. The children had a wonderful time, remembered everything they had already learnt about Africa in our geography lesson, and are now very enthusiastic to dive into our topic all about Africa!

In our French lesson this week, after counting to ten in French (which the children remembered flawlessly), we branched out a little as we realised that between the adults and pupils in our class we can count to at least 5 or say a few words in **10 different languages!**

In our maths this week we have been reminding ourselves of 2D and 3D shapes. We have been naming and drawing them and finding lines of symmetry. We have also been practising the difficult-to-pronounce word; vertices!

We began our new science topic about uses of everyday materials and investigated and named a whole range of different materials.

We have had some amazing homework challenges back in and are looking forward to showing them all next week, when weekly homework will also recommence. It's been wonderful to hear how much the children remember from their holiday learning as we begin talking about Africa; so many children have been able to drop in some knowledge from their own research!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a lovely start to the new term. All the children have been excellent and all the adults in Kinder Class loved hearing all about what children got up to over the Christmas holidays. Thank you to those children who wrote a diary entry, they were rewarded with 5 house points.

The children have worked hard in all their learning this week. They have impressed all adults with their multiplication knowledge, and they all did brilliant acting in our KIC theatre workshop on the Stone Age.

On **Thursday 15 January**, we are going to Godinton House. Please make sure your children have suitable clothing, including sensible footwear and a coat. Half the class will visit in the morning and half in the afternoon. We are looking forward to the start of our exciting project based around food and this is the first of several visits to Godinton House planned for Year 4 over the spring and summer terms.

Homework

This week's homework pages:

Maths- page 17

English- Page 28 and 29

Please remember to read the book which 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. They 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.

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.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

It was great to see all the children back and ready to dive into our new units of work! We started off the week with many discussions about what they got up to over Christmas, and it was great to see how excited they all were.

The children have all settled well and we've already had our amazing KIC theatre session to start our new topic which will be looking at why we need to protect the rainforests of our world. We are really looking forward to this topic and are sure the children will be doing some over their own research too, as they always find it so interesting.

Homework - due on Wednesday 14 January

Maths - p. 13 Multiplying

English - p. 22 + 23

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

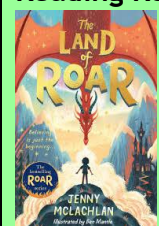
Pygora Class - Year 5

It has been great to see all the children back and raring to go this term. They were full of stories of what they got up to during the Christmas holidays, and we have had some amazing pieces of homework back that link to our new topic on The Maya.

KIC theatre - we really enjoyed our time with Ian and loved having the opportunity to show off our drama skills! This was a brilliant way to kick start our history topic.

Swimming - the children seemed to enjoy their first session at the pool and well done everyone for remembering their kit! We did have one dark blue long sleeve t-shirt that was left behind in the changing rooms. If you think it might belong to your child, remind them to collect it from Mrs Cooper! Sessions will continue on Tuesdays, with our other PE session still on a Wednesday.

Reading Recommendations...



We are coming towards the end of our class reader, 'The Soup Movement'. It has been a great story and made us think about the things that we do to help each other. Once we have finished this book, we will be reading 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan. If your child has a copy of this already, they are more than welcome to bring it along to read in school - they might even be able to find a copy of it in Ashford Library to borrow!

Homework - due on Wednesday 14 January

Maths - p.12 Multiplying

English - p.18 ONLY Trickier relative clauses

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

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Having snow on the first day back was definitely a great way to start Term 3! I was also really pleased with how many of the children put their hands up to say that they had read over the break. This Term, we started off our English by watching an animation called 'The Lighthouse' which the children will be writing a newspaper report on and a narrative to share with another class. We had a great session with Ian from KIK Theatre to start off our Geography topic of North America.

Homework - due on **Wednesday 14 January**

Maths - p. 28 (Question 1 only), 29 (Questions 1 & 2) - Measuring problems

English - p.24 - Passive and Active voice

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