



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 13 March 2026

School

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

Well done to Year 1 Angora Class for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.6%	97.4%	94.2%	91%	92%	95.2%	94.4%

Parent Consultations: Monday 23 March 15.30-18.30 and Thursday 26 14.00-17.00. Bookings can be made now through Arbor. Please do sign up or come to the office for support as we do need all parents to attend to discuss their child's progress.

Clubs: The clubs have finished for terms 3 and 4. **Expect** for any of the football clubs (Girl's football Monday, Elite Tuesday and School football team Friday) or Cricket club on a Thursday. However next week there will be no Cricket club. New club rotas will come out after Easter.

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day will be on Friday 20 March. It would be lovely if your child could bring in a small cash donation for Comic Relief. The School Council have come up with the following events for the day:

- **Pyjamas with optional crazy hair** - who can come up with the funniest hairstyle?
- **Crowdfund our cringe** - fancy seeing some of the teachers doing something really cringey? Donate into the pot of the teacher you want to see do something really embarrassing - whoever has the most donations will have to complete the task!
- **Joke telling relay** - can you prepare your funniest joke and tell it on the stage? If you make the judges laugh, you may even win a prize!

Class Photos: Today (Friday 13) is the last day for ordering the class photos.

Advanced notice:

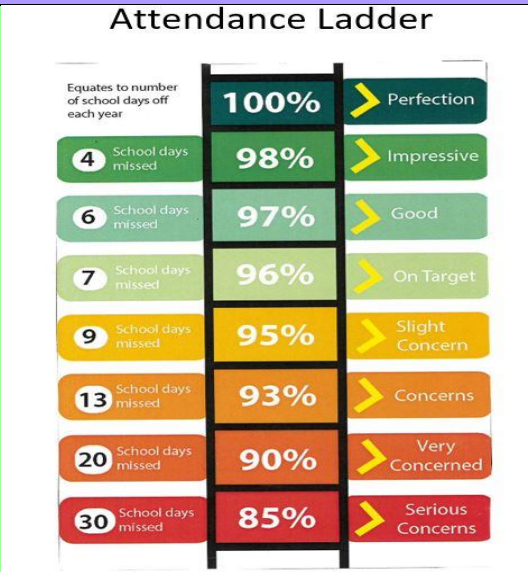
There will be a non - uniform day on the Monday 23 March in return for a donation of an Easter egg/chocolate/sweets for the Fair. Apologies this is a Monday, but due to Red Nose Day this was unavoidable.

Any donations of tombola prizes would be very much appreciated by the FoGL. Please drop to either Mrs Pilbeam (Year 1) or the office. If anyone is available to help run a stall at the Easter Fair please get in contact by emailing friendsofgoatleesprimary@gmail.com, via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CFXaCUnPf/>. Or you can speak to Mrs Pilbeam or Mrs Denny after school or Amanda Coppins or Sarah Norris on the playground.

Easter Fair Monday 30 March: after school in the main hall.

Annual Easter competition - This year we have decided we will challenge the children to make a card for Easter/spring, and we will be judging this on the last day of this term - **Thursday 2 April**.

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Attendance at school is so important- check your child’s attendance on Arbor- how are they doing compared to our chart?

Billy Class

Billy Class really enjoyed Science Week and investigating how to make dirty water clean!

Phonics next week: longer words. We will be using the ‘chunking method’. For example, we will read words such as ‘market’ by chunking it into two parts (‘mark’ and ‘et’) and then saying them together. We will also be reading words ending in ‘ing’, such as ‘zooming.’

Tricky words: he we me be was you they all

Please sign your child’s yellow reading record every time that they read with an adult at home. Many children are very close to filling the first side of their bookmark and we would love to see children from Billy Class receiving a bronze certificate for reading in our Celebration Assembly on Friday.

We will be continuing with maps next week. The children will be writing simple directions for how to get to their house from school for a friend.

In **Maths**, we will be finding 1 more & 1 less. We will also be practising our number bonds to 10 and making arrangements to 10.

Please can we ask that toys stay at home as we are noticing that more are coming into school. We would not want them to get lost or damaged.

Parent consultations - don’t forget to sign up for your slot via Arbor. Lots have done so already, and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child’s progress.

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day will be on **Friday 20 March**. It would be lovely if your child could bring in a small donation for Comic Relief. If your child is wearing pyjamas to school, please make sure these are still suitable for the weather and for school activities. Trainers or similar would be best - not slippers!

This week has been **British Science Week**. In addition to our usual science curriculum, we investigated which pegs are best for hanging up washing. There was much fun and wetness! We decided that the best pegs were made from wood, the good old fashioned kind!

Road Safety Workshop: on Monday our visitors from Kent Road Safety Club taught us how to cross the road safely. We must remember to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK, HOLD HANDS.

Class Assembly: lines to practise have been sent home. Please let us know if you have not received them. Please practise these at home with your child to help them feel confident about them.

Home reading: a fantastic number of books returned on time for the past 2 weeks - thank you! Well done to these children for their reading awards - Penny, Angel (Bronze certificates); Eloise and Kiara (Silver certificates).

Phonics: we are starting to learn the new Spring sounds and pronunciations. We will do this for a few weeks, then start reviewing what we have learned so far ready for the Phonics Screening Check in June.

Phonics this week:

- or (ur in work)
- u (oo in pudding)
- oul (oo in could)
- are (air in dare)
- au (or in author)
- aur (or in dinosaur)
- oor (or in door)
- al (or in walk)

New Tricky words: once, laugh

Reviewing Tricky words: oh, their, our

Litter Pick: every Monday we are going to do litter picking around the outside perimeter of the school. We will take turns across the term and go out a small group at a time.

Dates coming up:

- Great Big School Clean (linked to our litter eco project) - beginning of March
- Easter Fair - Monday 30 March after school
- Class Assembly - Wednesday 1 April at 10.15am
- Good Friday - NO SCHOOL - Fri 3 April

Alpine Class - Year 2

We have had a great time with our science this week, we enjoyed a live lesson on Monday, a visit from Mrs Sunderland the science teacher on Tuesday, and our class experiment on Thursday, where we tested whether toast always does land butter-side down! We also enjoyed our Road Safety Workshop on Monday, the children remembered everything they had been taught last year and were able to build on that.

We are doing brilliantly with our descriptive skills in our English and we are enjoying thinking in depth about the book we have been looking at, our grouping and sharing skills are coming along too, although multiplication and division concepts are tricky, so please practise this with us at home too if possible!

We are really enjoying our history topic about the history of seaside holidays in the UK; we have talked about holidays to British resorts in the 1950s and visited the Victorian times to see what seaside holidays were like back then too!

It has been lovely to hear from some children who have either been to a British resort like Butlins, or who have discussed it with their families and were able to tell stories of when their parents or grandparents used to go on holidays. If you have any photos or memories you can share from seaside holidays in the past, we would love to see/hear them!

Next week we have our visit to **Godinton house on Wednesday 18 March**, it will only be the morning so no packed lunches necessary, however please do send a **suitable coat and footwear** for the weather that day!

Dates for your diary

- Easter Fair - **Monday 30th March** straight after school
- Good Friday - **Fri 3rd April - NO SCHOOL**

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another great week in Kinder Class; the children have worked hard and produced some excellent diary entries about our class book “The Last Tree.”

Thank you for all those who brought in the Mountain homework. The adults in Kinder Class loved the research, models, pictures of the children being mountaineers and diary entries the children wrote. All the children who did this homework were rewarded with lots of house points.

This week has been **British Science Week**. In addition to our usual science lesson, we were set a question by Miss Chapman about how to protect her sweet jar. We looked at different materials and their properties and tested if those materials would protect an egg if dropped at height. We had a cracking time, and the children were brilliant scientists. Also, on Tuesday we had Mrs Sunderland come in and speak to us about what being a scientist is like. The children really enjoyed this and had many interesting questions for her.

Please remember to sign up to a parent's consultation for **Monday 23 March 15.30-18.30 and Thursday 26 14.00-17.00**. Bookings can be made through Arbor. If you need support signing up, please contact the school office

Please can we ensure that all the children do not bring in toys from home. We can provide fiddle toys for children who need them.

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Don't Forget our Class Assembly is **Wednesday 29th April at 10.15** in the hall

Homework:

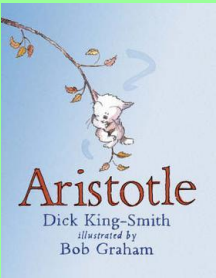
English: Page 13

Maths: Page 8

Also, please can you ensure your child does plenty of reading (two times a week), timetable practice and spelling practice at home. If you need replacement for logins, please ask. It would be great to have lots of bronze, silver and gold awards for reading.

Reading Recommendations:

This week in reading we started reading the extract called Aristotle. The book is about a cat called Aristotle who lives with a witch. The children were fond of Aristotle, and we may read the book as our next whole class book.



Cashmere Class - Year 4

British Science Week - The children had great fun trying to solve a problem for Mrs de Roeck as we know how badly she suffers with her hay fever! We set out to find which material would make the best handkerchief. We tested many different materials to see which one had the best absorption rate, which was most durable and what the perfect size would be! We also had a visit from Mrs Sunderland, who teaches science at a local secondary school. She talked about how we can all be scientists every day and the children really enjoyed sharing their own scientific knowledge and asked lots of questions! We were so impressed with how interactive and engaged the children were.

Next term, we will be going swimming at the Ashford School once a week. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to Mr Harlow before the end of this term.

Our **'Top of the Pops!'** pupils for their homework this week were:

Dominic- for reading the most over the week.

Aloise - for most games played on Spelling Shed.

Freya AND Lexi (Both played a huge amount were within a minute of each other's total play time)- for most time spent practising on TTRS.

These students were rewarded with an additional 10 House Points and 10 Dojos for winning this week, so a huge well done to our Top of the Pops winners!

We've been discussing how books can be passed down from generation to generation and were hoping to get a list of books that the children's parents or carers enjoyed as children, so we can see how many are still popular today. If you could give your child a few titles you loved, it would be helpful!

Homework - due on Wednesday 18 March

Maths - p. 29

English - p. 32

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

Don't forget to check for all the key dates at the top of this bulletin as there is a lot going on over the next couple of weeks!

Pygora Class - Year 5

British Science Week - The children had great fun trying to solve a problem for Mr Harlow - which biscuit was the best to dunk in his cup of tea! We tested lots of biscuits, dunking them or holding them in hot water to see how long they lasted. Ask your child to see if they can remember which was the best - and worst! We also had a visit from Mrs Sunderland, who teaches science at a local secondary school. She talked about how we can all be scientists every day and the children really enjoyed sharing their own scientific knowledge and asked lots of questions!

Geography - We have set the children a task to see if they can remember all 12 countries (13 if you count French Guiana) that make up South America. We will be practising in school but a bit of help at home will help too! Each week they need to work with their table to recall them and, if they do, they can earn 10 dojos each!

Sleepover - We are looking forward to the children joining us on **Friday 20 March** for our Year 5 sleepover! The children will go home as usual after school on Friday and then **return at 5:00pm**. They need to bring with them a sleeping bag (or a large duvet if they don't have a sleeping bag), pillow, pyjamas, toothbrush, cuddly toy, clothes for the next day, and anything else that they feel they may need. However, the children are **NOT** to bring any devices, such as phones or tablets. We will give them dinner and snacks on Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning. If your child needs to have any medication administered, please let us know when you drop your child off. **The children need to be collected on Saturday morning at 9:00am.**

Swimming - it will be our **FINAL** swimming session **next week**. The children have all progressed well, and we are very impressed that most children remembered their kit every week!

Parent consultations - don't forget to sign up for your slot via Arbor. Lots have done so already, and we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

Reading Recommendations:

 As part of our comprehension work, we looked at an extract from Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. It really piqued the children's interest, so we have borrowed the book from the library. If anyone wants to read it, please ask! Mrs Cooper is going to read it over the Easter holiday, and we may even use it as a class reader!

Homework - due on Wednesday 18 March

- Maths - p.21 Fractions, decimals and percentages
- English - p.19 Trickier relative clauses (2nd page)
- Also - **5 games** on Spelling Shed and 20 mins overall on TTRS and reading at least **3 times** a week.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

For **British Science Week** we began on Tuesday by having a visit from Mrs Sunderland, who teaches at a local secondary school, to talk to the children about what makes a scientist. They were able to ask lots of scientific questions and I was impressed by how much they were able to recall from some of our previous learning. We then got given the task, by Miss Caddy, of seeing if we could make the perfect paper aeroplane to show the year 1's, as hers just keep on falling straight to the ground!

This week we finished the book 'Resist' which was about Audrey Hepburn's life during WW2 - a topic that the class have been very interested in. Mrs de Roeck has lent me two other books by the same author that the children are welcome to read in class if they would like.

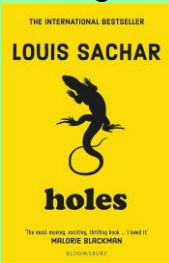
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Homework - due on Wednesday 18 March

- Maths - p.22 - Fraction, decimal and percentage calculations
- English - p.44 & 45 - Commas for extra information

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

Reading recommendation:

 James has recommended the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Unsurprisingly, this book is about holes... lots, and lots of holes! Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake), it's not exactly a surprise. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole each, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it builds character, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth.