



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 27 March 2026

Whole School

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

Well done to Year 2- Alpine Class for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.5%	94.1%	98.4%	97.1%	87.4%	94.1%	88.9%

Contacting staff members- if you wish to contact any member of staff in writing could you please send the letter or email via the office and they will forward it to the appropriate member of staff.

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School Meals- on Thursday -(the last day of term) it will be Fish and Chips on the menu.

Red Nose Day- we raised a whopping £306.26 for Comic Relief. Well done and thank you for your support.

Gardening in the Easter holidays - Thank you to the parents who have offered to come in and help us dig the ground to prepare for our butterfly garden. If anyone else can spare some time on Thursday 16th April, we will be at the bottom of the school field from 10am until about 2pm. Please let Mrs de Roeck know. If you are coming and you have a spade, please bring one with you although we do have a few here. Thank you in advance!

Earth Hour - On Saturday 28 March, people all over the world at 8:30pm will be celebrating Earth Hour. As we know that lots of our children want to help out the environment, this would be a great opportunity for families to do something together that is positive for the planet. You could: go stargazing, read a nature book, create a zero-waste meal, paint a nature scene, watch a nature documentary...the list is endless! For more ideas visit <https://www.earthhour.org/>

Don't forget the clock change and move forward on Saturday night - sadly that is an hour less and it takes some convincing to send them to bed when the children realise it is still light!

Reading awards - we have a lot of children achieving their bronze, silver and even gold awards - well done. But we also have our first book award. A huge well done to Isla-Louise in Year 2 who has filled two full bookmarks! She has chosen the book 'The secret mermaid, Reef rescue.' We hope to see many more book awards being given in Term 5 and 6.

Community Support -After the sad discovery of our tarpaulin being stolen from the Firepit area a few weekends ago, we were at a loss on how to make the area a useable, all-weather space again. On talking to a few people about the break-in, we had the extremely kind offer from a local builder (S

Diggens Building Services) who donated a huge amount of scrap metal to the value of £895. This amazingly generous donation has now given us the opportunity to build a more permanent structure.

Whilst talking to Sam Taylor of EMR (the scrap metal recycling centre where we have an account), to explain the unusually large delivery of scrap metal and filling him in on the details of the break-in, he kindly donated £150 on behalf of EMR Ashford. He also put all customer donations made over the next few weeks through their Ashford site to Goat Lees Primary School, all helping towards the project - we have already been donated £64.80, and it is only the first week.

In addition to that, Sam kindly linked us up with two organisations who deal with reclaimed timber and salvaged materials. We now have a meeting booked with YesMake, to see if they can help towards the build; this is extremely promising. We now have high hopes for this outdoor learning space.

We cannot thank both parties enough for their kind, generous donations - the children are going to love using this outdoor learning space 😊

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A colorful poster for the 'Go All In! National Year of Reading 2026'. It features a man and a young girl reading a book together. The man is wearing a blue hooded cloak and a blue hat. The girl is wearing a green dress. They are sitting on a large, open book. The background is yellow with various illustrations including a sun, a dragon, a castle, and a treasure chest. The text on the poster includes 'Read them to sleep. Wake up their world.', 'Whether your child loves dinosaurs, dancing, cricket or fairytales, reading lets them Go All In on their passions. And sharing stories together lets you connect with them in their universe.', and 'Follow @go_all_in_2026 and visit www.goallin.org.uk to discover more about the National Year of Reading 2026 - the UK-wide campaign designed to help more people rediscover the joys of reading.'

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Billy Class

It was lovely to see you for Parent Consultations this week and to discuss your child's progress. If you need to make an appointment as you missed the consultation evenings, please speak to a staff member in Billy Class.

We have tadpoles in Billy Class! The children are loving watching them grow and change, giving them tadpole food and drawing pictures of them in our tadpole diary!

We had a visit from Reverend Charlotte this week (Miss Coles' Mum!) who spoke to us about being a Christian and about her church. The children asked some fantastic questions and were very well behaved, we are very proud of them.

Next week in Phonics we will be assessing the children. Please go over the digraphs and trigraphs with them and the tricky words that have previously been sent home. You can also download resources from the parent section of Little Wandle for free online. Flashcards can be bought from Amazon too.

We will be completing an Easter Egg DT project next week. The children will design and make an Easter Egg hanging decoration. We will also read the story, 'We're going on an egg hunt.'

In maths, we will be learning about finding and making doubles to 10 and then exploring odd and even.

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Angora Class - Year 1

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent Consultations. The children have worked hard this year, and we love to share this. If you didn't make an appointment, please speak to the Year 1 team about a slot after school one day.

Phonics this week:

- a (or in ball)
- a (o in swap)
- ear (air in pear)
- ere (air in there)
- schwa sounds - where **a, e, o** making an /uh/ sound
 - e.g. animal
 - crocodile
 - celebrate

New tricky words: N/A

Reviewing Tricky words: who, whole, because, eye, people, thought, through

Next week's key dates

- **Easter Fair - Monday 3.30-5pm.** Bring in decorated cakes/biscuits (in named box) for the cake competition.
- **Easter Card competition** - make one at the Easter Fair or at home. Details in the 'whole school section'.
- **Class Assembly - Wednesday 1 April at 10.15am.** Children should wear normal school uniform. They will have a copy of their words - no memorising needed! Audience can take photos or videos, but these should not be posted on social media.
- **Last day of school - Thursday 2 April (normal times). Fish and Chip lunch**

Alpine Class - Year 2

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent Consultations. The children have worked hard this year, and we love to share this. If you didn't manage to meet with us, please speak to us at the door to make an after-school appointment to chat through your child's progress.

We are so proud of the children this week, having completed two maths, and two reading assessments; it has been hard going, but they have really impressed us.

In our maths, we have been using our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to help us with multiplication and division. In our English, we have been working on upgrading our sentences, focusing on what makes a sentence and how we can improve it, while still remembering our key basics like full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

We have finished travelling back in time to visit seashores in the past, and the children have created some fantastic posters about seaside holidays in Victorian times! We have also begun looking at plants in our science, we have talked a bit about germination and started our own broad beans in plastic bags so we can watch the germination process! Next term we will delve deeper into the ins and outs of plants and how things grow.

Next week we will be doing our DT project, **please send in any usable (clean!) recycling** you have such as cardboard boxes (think **cereal boxes**), or **bigger bottles** like 4-pint milk or 2 litre cola bottles.

<u>Dates for your Diary:</u> Easter Fair - Monday 30 March 3.30-5pm - Bring in decorated cakes/biscuits (in named box) for the cake competition. Easter Card competition - make one at the Easter Fair or at home. Details in the ‘whole school section’. Last day of school - Thursday 2nd April (normal timings) - <u>Fish and Chip lunch</u>
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Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another busy but enjoyable week in Kinder Class. The children have begun to write a leaflet about mountains, and they have started them very well. We have also had an assessment week; the children have been given 3 maths tests and 1 reading test. They did an amazing job and made all the adults very proud. We will be sharing the scores with the children next week. If you would like to see the tests or have any questions about your child's score, please do come and ask. Thank you for all those who attended Parent Consultations this week, I really enjoyed discussing the children's progress. If at any point, you would like to discuss your child's progress further, please do come and speak to us and we will arrange a meeting. <u>Next week's key dates</u> • Easter Fair - Monday 30 March 3.30-5pm. Bring in decorated cakes/biscuits (in named box) for the cake competition. • Easter Card competition - make one at the Easter Fair or at home. Details in the ‘whole school section’. • Last day of school - Thursday 2 April (normal times) Fish and Chip lunch. Don't Forget our Class Assembly is <u>Wednesday 29th April at 10.15</u> in the hall Homework: English: Page 16 and 17 Maths: Page 38 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. Thank you for those who always complete homework and do plenty of reading and spelling practice. These children are not unnoticed and will/have been rewarded with Dojos, house points and prizes from our prize box.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Thank you to everyone that came to Parent Consultations. If you were unable to attend, please come and speak to Mr Harlow, so we can find some time to talk about your child's progress. Next term, we will be going swimming at the Ashford School once a week. <u>It will begin on Tuesday 21 April.</u> If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to Mr Harlow before the end of this term. As it states in the letter, we do appreciate the parental contribution to maintain our swimming programme in KS2 and the sessions are incredible value for money when compared to many other schools. <u>Payment can be made through Arbor.</u>
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Our ‘**Top of the Pops!**’ pupils for their homework this week were:
Dominic - for reading the most over the week.
Gabriel - for most games played on Spelling Shed.
Daniella - 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!

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

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- **Class Assembly - Wednesday 1 April at 2:50pm.**

Last day of school - Thursday 2 April (normal times). Fish and Chip lunch

Pygora Class - Year 5

We cannot believe it was a week ago, but we all had a great time at the Year 5 sleepover! We ate lots, watched a film, and played The Traitors - well done to our traitors, Sophie, Sofia, Aarav and Leon, and particularly the two boys who managed to win 50 points each!! Hopefully the children didn’t feel too tired over the weekend, and it was great to see them all get involved.

Thank you to everyone that came to Parent Consultations. If you were unable to attend, please come and speak to either Mrs Cooper or Mrs de Roeck, so we can find some time to talk about your child’s progress.

Thank you for coming to our class assembly, we’re sure you’ll agree they have learned so much about Ancient Maya Civilisation. Well done to everyone involved - it’s not easy to speak in front of a hall full of people!

Don’t forget that children can make an Easter card for the competition next week. Entries will be judged on Thursday, and the card can be made at the Easter Fair on Monday.

In Pygora, we absolutely love learning new words! This week we have learned ‘**chortle**’ (a chuckle with a snort), ‘**protagonist**’ (the main character) and ‘**discombobulated**’ (muddled, puzzled and confused) ‘**garrulous**’ (very chatty but about dull things). Ask your child and see if they can remember what they mean, even better - can they put them into a sentence?

Reading Recommendation...



Lily recommends ‘Witch Wars’ by Sibeal Pounder. In it, Tiga Whicabim discovers she is a witch when a fairy whisks her down the sink pipes to the witch world of Ritzy City. She then competes in the Witch Wars, a competition to become top witch! It’s a madcap adventure full of spells, riddles, fantastic hats, cakes and friendship.

Homework - due on Wednesday 1 April

Maths - p.16 Dividing
English - p.34 only Standard and non-standard English

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

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Thank you to all parents who attended Parent Consultations this week.

On Monday we completed our DT lessons by designing and making our own bags. While we had plenty of knotted string, a few accidental poked fingers and some very interesting stitches, all the children were all able to end the day with a finished product.

We had a great day on Wednesday learning all about what life would have been like during WW2 for evacuees. We had a go at some traditional cursive handwriting - apologies to the left-handed children who would have been made to write with their right hand - made some war time ration recipes, as well as our own butter, and found out how Girl Guides helped with the war effort. See below for the recipes.

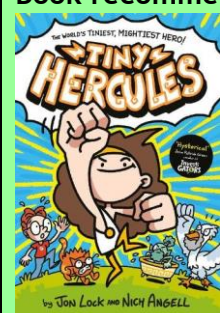
Homework - due on **Wednesday 1 April**

Maths - p. 31 - 2D and 3D shapes

English - p.49 - Dashes for extra information

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

Book recommendation:



This week Joe has recommended the book Tiny Hercules. It is a comedic, graphic novel set in tiny Olympus. After Tiny Hercules was banished to Earth for ruining Tiny Zeus' party, he is on a mission to complete twelve tasks to win his way back home. His first task; defeating a lion... Or could it be a cat?

Carrot Biscuits

Makes 12 - 15 biscuits

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp margarine
- 2 tbsp sugar
- A few drops of vanilla, almond or orange flavouring
- 4 tbsp grated raw carrot
- 6 tbsp self-raising flour

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METHOD

- Cream the fat and sugar together until it is light and fluffy
- Beat in the flavouring and carrot
- Fold in the flour
- Drop spoonfuls of the mixture into small greased patty pans
- Sprinkle the tops with sugar and bake in a brisk oven for about 20 minutes



put the heavy cream in the jar;
tightly put the lid on the jar



shake vigorously
for several minutes