



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 24 April 2026

Whole 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
91%	98.5%	88.1%	96.8%	93.9%	97%	96.3%

Welcome back we hope that you all had a good Easter, this is a short, but eventful term and we are looking forward to all the new learning we will do.

Congratulations to Ms Rodriguez who will soon be Mrs Laraman, her wedding is this Saturday, we hope she has a wonderful day.

Just a reminder that music lessons for Term 5 can be paid for through the Arbor App under School Shop. Do make sure these are paid in a timely manner as we need to pay the music teachers regularly.

Donations: we are on the lookout for several things to enhance our outdoor area and playtimes for the summer months. If you can help with any of the following, please see Mrs de Roeck: long tree branches for shelter building, cable reels of different sizes, tree stumps for sitting and plastic crates. Also, if anyone has any contact with tree surgeons who might be able to supply us wood chip then we'd love to hear from you. Thank you for your help!

Summer Uniform - please make sure children have the correct uniform for the summer and if they are wearing shorts, these should be school shorts in black or grey unless it is a PE day. Footwear should also be suitable, and children need to wear socks, no open toed shoes please. As a further reminder, nail varnish should be removed for school as outlined in our prospectus.

Don't forget to apply sunscreen before your child comes to school and send them with a sunhat as it can get very hot during the day and the sun is now very strong and can be harmful.

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Can we remind you that appointments for the dentist and doctor should, if possible, be made out of the school day. If this is unavoidable, we will require evidence of the appointment. There is an expectation that children will come back after their appointment as they should not be taken out for the entire day unless, they are having a medical/dental procedure, or it is an appointment to which you must travel a distance.

If your child's attendance is below 95% for whatever reason eg illness etc you will have received an update email regarding their attendance. No action will be taken by the school; this is for your information only, if there is ever a concern, I will contact you directly.

Billy Class

We've had a lovely first week back with lots of sunshine and we are very happy to see that our tadpoles are growing and doing well!

Next week in **Phonics** we will be: reading **CVCC words** (such as champ) and **CCVC words** (such as drum). **C** stands for consonant and **V** stands for vowel.

We will be learning the **tricky words**: some come love do

We will continue our writing about the life cycle of a frog.

In Maths, we will be building numbers beyond 10, looking at 14-20. We will also be verbally counting beyond 20.

Please can children leave toys at home as we know they would be very upset if they were to go missing or to get broken. We will let you know if they need anything for 'show and tell.'

Now that the weather is improving, all children require a **named** hat in school and sun cream applied at home.

Please make sure you have added our **Class Assembly** to your diaries! This will take place on **Wednesday 6 May at 10:15** in the school hall. The children are busy preparing it at school. We have sent home lines for your child to learn for the assembly so please start practising these as soon as possible! 😊

On **Thursday 30 April** we have our KS1 'Little Detectives' Day! We will be working together with children in Year One and Year Two which should be lovely. We are keeping this a surprise for the children but do check out our Facebook page afterwards!

Angora Class - Year 1

Welcome back! Monday was a bit of a shock to the system, but everyone has settled back in fantastically with so much energy!

Our theme this term is **What makes a Queen great?** We enjoyed working out who would be the next monarch in our family!

Phonics

This term we are reviewing phonics already taught in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check (wb 8 June). Further information about the check will be sent home soon.

Phonics this week:

Ue (oo = blue, yoo = rescue)

Ew (oo = chew, yoo = new)

U_e (oo = rude, yoo = cube)

Aw (claw)

Reviewing Tricky words: today their people your any

Reading books: Well done to Kiara, Elsie, Amelia-Rose, Dylan for lots of reading over the holidays and recording each date in their records - we can tell those who have been eagerly practising!

Congratulations to Dylan for his Silver reading certificate, and to Kiara for achieving her Gold.

Mystery Reader: the children have so enjoyed having mystery readers for story time. If you would like to do this (or do it again!) please speak to us with your preferred day/date (Mon-Thurs at 3pm).

Diary dates: • Thursday 30 April - KS1 'Little Detectives' Day - we're keeping this a surprise • Monday 4 May - BANK HOLIDAY (After half term) • Monday 1 June - Staff training day • Tuesday 2 June - Staff training day • Thursday 4 June - class trip to Folkestone. Details to follow at later date • Wb Monday 8 June - Phonics Screening Check
Alpine Class - Year 2
What a brilliant first week back we have had! The children have all come back full of beans and ready to learn! We have enjoyed working on our bee garden this week, and the children have also been busy helping me prepare for my wedding at the weekend, they have drawn some wonderful pictures for my littlest guests to colour in, made some beautiful paper hearts to string up at the venue, as well as each making a paper flower for my bouquet! (Photos to follow next week!) There was no homework sent out this week as I will definitely not be doing any homework over the weekend, so I don't expect my children to either, especially as they have all put so much effort this week into helping to make my wedding perfect! This also gives you a little more time to take on any of the Easter challenges you may still want to complete, these are due on Tuesday. We are loving everything we have seen so far and are excited to share it all on Monday! In our maths most of us have been practising measuring using metres and centimetres, and in our English this week we have been writing a recount of Tuesday's fun frozen penguin experiment! Next week we will begin narrative writing, and we will also be enjoying a KS1 collaborative day, which should be very exciting! We are still enjoying reading The Magic Faraway Tree in our reading sessions at the end of the day; thoroughly enjoying the new sunny weather and the freedom it gives us to sit outside for story time! We would still welcome any parent readers to come in and read to us at 3pm on any day, so please let us know if you would like to bring a favourite book to share!
Kinder Class - Year 3
Welcome back, we hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break. It has been a very busy and sunny week in Kinder Class. It has been lovely to see everyone back and was excellent to see lots of the children full of enthusiasm for the new term. On Thursday, we went to Godinton house. Whilst there we planted vegetables that we started to grow in March and were able to explore the grounds in lovely sunshine. We are very lucky to have our own full bed at Godinton house where we are growing potatoes, French beans and tomatoes. If your able to, you can visit Godinton house and the children should be able to show you where our vegetables are growing. Please can you ensure that all jumpers, cardigans and fleeces are named. Don't Forget our Class Assembly is <u>Wednesday 29th April at 10.15</u> in the hall. We are very excited to see as many visitors as possible Homework: English: Page 32 Maths: Page 29

Also, please can you ensure your child does plenty of reading (two times a week), timetable practice and spelling practise 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

We've had an excellent first week of Term 5. Swimming went amazingly well and the children all came out of the pool cold, but happy! We were so proud of them for tackling this new experience. The children have really impressed us on the first week back! Hopefully this can continue.

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

Daniella and Fraser - for reading the most over the week.

Daniella - for most games played on Spelling Shed.

Eirinn and Macie - 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!

Half term homework: we've had some amazing pieces of work sent in which has shown the children's creative side! Look out for these on Facebook.

Homework - due on **Wednesday 29 April**

Maths - p. 22

English - p. 35

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

Pygora Class - Year 5

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children refreshed and ready to learn this week. Even though it is a short term, we have a lot to squeeze into it, and we know the time will fly by.

Class trip - on **Thursday 30 April**, we will be spending the morning at Heart's Delight Farm in Canterbury where we will be learning about the ecology of woodland flowers, coppicing and environmental change; and the effect of wildflower meadows. This is part of our butterfly garden project and the planting we are doing at the bottom of the field. Your child will need a packed lunch. Your child should have brought a letter home on Tuesday - please make sure they are returned ASAP. Thank you.

Wonderful words: We have continued to learn new words this week: capacious, kerfuffle, harried and gregarious. See if your children can remember what they mean.

Butterfly garden: we have used the grant money well and spent the afternoon on Thursday planting things in our butterfly garden. We can't wait to see how it grows and how many butterflies we attract! We'll let you know when we've added our photos onto the school website.

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Reading Recommendations...

Thank you to Nolly, who has donated some of her own books that she has already read to our class library. It was great to hear why she enjoyed those books, and some have already been borrowed by the children!

Homework - due on Wednesday 29 April

Maths - p.28 Measuring problems

English - p.35 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

Welcome back! This term is a very short - but packed - one, so this week we have got straight on with our revision in Maths as well as starting our English based on the book 'The Rhythm of the rain'. We have also started our learning in Geography about why rivers are important. As part of our learning in this, over the next two weeks, we will be making models of a river from its source to the sea, so if you have any spare cardboard lying around at home that you wouldn't mind donating, please could you send it in before Thursday.

SATs - Information about SATs, including a timetable for when the tests will be held and access arrangements, have been sent out this week, so please do read through these. If you do have any other questions, please do let me know.

We will also be holding Mock SATs tests next week to get the children used to the test conditions and their reader if they are eligible (this information was sent on the letter titled Access arrangements).

Residential - I handed out the medical forms for our residential on Monday, please complete these and send them back in as soon as possible. If your child has hay fever, please include this on the form. I will also send out a 'What to pack list' closer to the trip.

Homework - due on Wednesday 29 April

Maths - p. 13 - Multiplying

English - p.74 & 75 - Word endings - the 'shus' sound

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

Book recommendation:

Ire has recommended the book 'The lost girl king' by Catherine Doyle. This book is about two children, Amy and Liam, who go on holiday to Ireland, exploring where their grandparents live. This leads to them discovering a waterfall that traps them in a cursed land where no one... grows up!



