



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 1 May 2026

Whole School

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

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

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.5%	98.9%	93.8%	98.6%	95.8%	97.4%	95.2%

Don't forget that Monday (4th May) is a Bank Holiday- we will see you back in school on Tuesday 5th May.

Girl's football will now be on a Thursday from next week Thursday 7th May. If your child cannot do Thursday, please can you let the school office, Mr Harrison or Mrs Pilbeam know.

As the weather is warming up, please remember to send your child in with suncream and a hat. They should also still wear sensible shoes for school and their summer uniform, which can be a summer dress or shorts.

Little Detectives Day: Mrs Pronger and all the staff in EYFS and KS1 planned a very special day that took place on Thursday. Something very mysterious appeared on our school field and we had no idea where it had come from! There were lots of jazzy pants scattered all over the school grounds too....how strange! There was great excitement, conversation and enthusiasm from all the children who wanted to help Mrs de Roeck find her missing favourite pants! The children worked collaboratively and produced some fantastic designs and descriptive writing which will go on display. Well done to you all!

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Attendance was so much better this week, well done everyone!! Let's keep it up for the rest of the term.

Billy Class

What an exciting **Little Detectives Day** we had on Thursday! Billy, Angora and Alpine Class started the day with an important assembly with Mrs Pronger where they were told that something mysterious has happened out on our school field. We split into house teams and went out with our adults to investigate what had happened and to look for any clues we could find. Along the path children spotted lots of different underpants! There was lots of fabulous discussion between the children. The most exciting part was that when we reached the field there was what looked like a UFO crashed on the field- complete with burn marks along the grass!

The children then went back to classes where they watched messages from Mr Pearce, Mrs de Roeck and Ms Adams. Mr Pearce was very unhappy that his football goals and lines marked out on the field had been destroyed by whatever had crash-landed here! Mrs de Roeck was quite upset that her

favourite pair of underpants had disappeared, and Ms Adams set us the task of designing a new pair of pants for Mrs de Roeck! Angora class made 'wanted' posters for whoever had done this and Alpine wrote newspaper articles. Billy had lots of ideas for pants designs, labels and sentences for their designs. It was a very successful day where all classes collaborated and produced lovely pieces of writing.

Next week in Phonics we will be reading: CCVCC words (such as stamp) & CCCVCC words (such as script).

New tricky words: were here little says

We will be adding the finishing touches to our class assembly! Please come along to the school hall to watch it on Wednesday 6 May at 10:15. 😊

It is important that all children have sun cream applied before school. If possible, could we ask that children have an eight-hour sun cream applied that will last them the entire school day? Of course, if they have a particular sun cream that they require then please send that into school with them and we will support them with applying it. Please also bring a named hat- well done to lots of you that have!

In Maths next week we will be working on adding more and taking away.

Angora Class - Year 1

What an exciting week! On Thursday something crashed landed in our field and we had to investigate what happened and who had stolen Mrs de Roeck's favourite pants! They still haven't turned up...

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

Homework - apologies for the delay in homework. We will get ourselves back on track next week!

Reading books: remember to return your reading books every **TUESDAY**. Use the reading record to record every day read to earn bookmark stickers.

Mystery Reader: the children have so enjoyed having a mystery reader 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:

- 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 an exciting Little Detectives Day we had on Thursday! Alpine, Angora and Billy Class started the day with an important assembly with Mrs Pronger where they were told that something mysterious has happened out on our school field. We split into house teams and went out with our adults to investigate what had happened and to look for any clues we could find. Along the path children spotted lots of different underpants! There was lots of fabulous discussion between the children. The

most exciting part was that when we reached the field there was what looked like a UFO crashed on the field- complete with burn marks along the grass!

The children then came back to class where we watched a message from Mrs de Roeck about her missing underpants, we looked at some examples of lost and found sections from newspapers and wrote our own for Mrs de Roeck's pants. We then watched a video from Mr Pearce, who was very unhappy that his football goals and lines marked out on the field had been destroyed by whatever had crash-landed here! We added witness appeals to our newspaper to try to find more information about the intriguing event. We sent out our photographers to take pictures of the scene for our newspapers, sent out reporters to interview local staff to get witness statements, and then did a shared-write to produce some brilliant newspaper articles! It was a very successful day where all classes collaborated and produced lovely pieces of writing.

We have begun to look at synonyms in our English and are enjoying retelling the story of Penguin Huddle through drama and storyboards. We are doing well with measuring in maths and are currently getting our heads around grams and kilograms!

We had some amazing Easter projects which we have enjoyed sharing and have found the research on different climate zones really interesting as we head into our geography learning on the climate zones around the world. This is a really fun topic, in which we are able to virtually travel to many different countries to explore their climates and differences.

Our little programmers are really impressing us with their tech-know-how! We have been looking at different computer games on Scratch and the children are really starting to get the hang of editing the code to make the game easier, harder, or completely hack the game to change the scoring!

Apologies for the miscommunication about PE kit, I completely forgot to write in the newsletter that our PE days will now be on Tuesdays and Fridays this term, well done to those children who remembered and passed it on to parents, but I apologise for the lack of communication from myself!

Don't forget that Monday is a bank holiday; enjoy the day with your families, looks like it should be a sunny one! Remember to be safe in the sun and please ensure you are sending children back to school from Tuesday fully sun creamed and with named sun hats each day!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another sunny but busy week in Kinder Class. The children have all worked hard despite the increase in temperature. Thank you to everyone who attended our class assembly your support is really appreciated. The children were amazing and made all the adults proud, we hope you all enjoyed it.

Please can you ensure that all jumpers, cardigans and fleeces are named.

Homework:

English: Page 33

Maths: Page 23

Also, please can you ensure your child does plenty of reading (twice a week), times table 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 to 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

Another successful week in Cashmere class, once again the class were excellent at swimming, showing a mature attitude during the lesson. We've been tackling poetry this week and creating our own acrostic poems about things that can be found in our wildlife. We've seen some amazing work from

the children and I've been so proud by the effort they've put into creating such exciting and descriptive poems.

Clubs are open so please look at this on Arbor.

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

Lara - for reading the most over the week.

Alfie W - for most games played on Spelling Shed.

Freya and Eirinn - 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!

Reading recommendation

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White is a warm, gentle story perfect as a good read for home. It follows Wilbur, a runt pig, and his friendship with Charlotte, a clever spider. The language is clear and engaging, making it accessible for young readers, while still offering emotional depth. Themes of kindness, loyalty, and growing up are handled with care. It's set on the farm and has memorable characters, and the story encourages empathy and reflection. It's both comforting and thought-provoking, making it a timeless choice for young readers.

Homework - due on **Wednesday 06 May**

Maths - p. 30

English - p. Please complete 1 homework page that you may have missed. If you've not missed any, then you will have finished the book!

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

Pygora Class - Year 5

The children have really been enjoying studying the poem 'The Highwayman' for our English lessons this week. They have so far created their own wanted posters, rewritten the poem into a story, and are now creating a playscript for a retell of the poem using shadow puppets! We are all looking forward to seeing what each other comes up with!

The children have enjoyed having some of their lessons in a different area of the school this week, as Pygmy are currently completing their mock SATs week and need to use our classroom. This will also happen again during the real SATs week, which begins on Monday 11 May.

Hart's Delight Farm trip: we had such a great day learning all about pear and apple trees, how to spot the difference between an ancient and common hawthorn, how to identify ancient woodlands, coppicing, spotting rare woodland flowers and using a key to identify different meadow flowers. We got to roll down a big hill and have a picnic outside - thank you sunshine! Hopefully the children brought home a sample of the juice made at the farm - basketballers you will have yours today as it's in a glass bottle. Thank you to Roland for sharing his knowledge, the children, and adults, learnt so much!

Smugglers Adventure trip: We are pleased to announce that we have managed to secure a trip to **Smuggler's Adventure in Hastings on Thursday 21 May.** This will be a great way to complete our history topic, which is all about the smugglers in Kent. A letter with more information about this trip, including payment has been sent home this week.

Reading Recommendations: Mrs de Roeck recommends, 'The night I borrowed time' by Iqbal Hussein. This is a book about an eleven-year-old boy called Zubair who is a seventh son. But when Zubair's granny arrives from Pakistan and gives him a mysterious amulet, he discovers it means he has inherited a gift. The seventh sons in his family have the ability to time-travel.



Zubair uses this gift to help his family but is it all it's cracked up to be?

Homework - due on Wednesday 6 May

Maths - p.37 Using data

English - p.13 Relative pronouns

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Pygmy Class - Year 6

This week, Year 6 had their mock SATs, they did a great job at and tried their best! They have also started to make their own river models, to show different features of a river, as well as making a model of the components in blood for science. Don't forget that next Monday is a bank holiday so no school!

Leavers' hoodies: I have sent home a letter about how to purchase a leavers' hoodie if you would like to get one for your child. This is not being organised through the school, but for logistics, you need to hand in the letter with the **correct** money in an envelope to Miss Chapman (who will pass this on to the organiser) by **Thursday 21 May** if you would like one.

Dates for the diary: I know these are for Term 6, but I wanted to give you as much advance notice as possible.

Friday 5 June - River study trip - details tbc

Monday 15 June - Visit from the PCSO to do a transition talk.

Tuesday 16 June - School games day

Wednesday - Friday, 17, 18 and 19 June - Residential

Week beginning 29 June - transition week (each school will have different days)

Tuesday 14 July - Year 6 production - 1:30 (parents invited)

Wednesday 15 July - Year 6 production - 6:30 (parents invited)

Thursday 16 July - Leavers' party - 3:30-5:30

Monday 20 July - Leavers assembly followed by afternoon tea - 2pm (parents invited)

Homework - due on Wednesday 29 April

Maths - p.34 - Angles

English - p.56 & 57 - Punctuating Speech

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