



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 8 May 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
94.9%	100%	93.7%	96.8%	95.6%	91.9%	94.3%

Year 6 SATs - these are the end of Key Stage assessments that take place every year and mark an important milestone for year 6. As the timetable for SATs is quite demanding, please try to ensure all the children are on time for school as we need everyone settled in their classes so we can begin the tests on time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as it is a lot to organise and staff are required to support these assessments.

Goat Lees School Website and Facebook page - Mrs de Roeck has been busy updating information and celebrating what the children have been doing over the last few weeks. Recent posts on the school Facebook page have included the success at the Girls Football Tournament, Year 5 team in the Ashford Maths Challenge, mystery readers to classes, lower school Little Detectives Day (where it appeared that aliens had landed) and Mrs Mehta leading an RE lesson. **There is always something going on at Goat Lees!**

Talking of which.....🐝 **World Bee Day - 20th May** 🐝

To celebrate World Bee Day 2026, we are inviting you to BEE inspired and wear a bee-themed item of clothing alongside your school uniform on **Wednesday 20th May**. This could be stripy socks, antennae headband, a pair of wings, a top with bees on...bee creative! Voluntary donation of wildflower seeds to encourage wildlife to our outdoor areas, or **50p** towards gardening supplies optional.

We will also have a beekeeper in with her observation hive, so children will be given the opportunity to have a peek inside a hive (safely contained behind glass) which our year 2s last year and this year have thoroughly enjoyed!

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Attendance - We have noticed a slight improvement this week, particularly on the late arrivals so thank you.

Amazing attendance for year one - 100% - keep it up.

Well done to our **Police Mini-Cadets**, they have been proudly practising being on parade and coming up with brilliant ideas to support our community. Congratulations to Nolly, who has just been promoted to Mini-Cadet Sergeant.

Billy Class

A HUGE well done to all the amazing children in Billy Class for a fantastic class assembly! We hope you enjoyed it! We are so proud of them for learning their lines and standing up in front of the entire school as well as many parents and grandparents. It was so lovely to watch, and we hope you have been singing The Frog Song at home too!

Phonics next week: We will be reading Phase 4 longer words that have multi-syllables. The children will use the **chunking method** to break down the words. For example, we will read 'forest' by chunking it into 'fo/rest.' The children sound talk and blend each chunk and then put them together to read the full word.

Tricky words: there, when, what, one

We will be sharing the book 'Bugs Galore,' written by Peter Stein. The children will design bug hotels and describe them using labels and short written sentences. We will then move onto making one as a class in our outside area.

In Maths, we are moving onto selecting shapes for a purpose and manipulating shapes.

Please remember to **sign every time** that you read with your child. They get a sticker on their bookmark for each time that they read with an adult at home. This goes towards filling their bookmark, certificates, house points and eventually a free book!

Angora Class - Year 1

We hope you were able to make the most of the extra day off this week!

This week we have been learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth 1 and her legacy. There is a great video on BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkh7bdm>

Phonics this week:

Ea (head)
Ir (bird)
Ou (cloud)
Oy (toy)

Reviewing Tricky words: any many who whole two

Beach trip: a reminder to **return the permission slip and pay the £4 on Arbor.** If you have not received the letter, please ask the office for a copy.

Mystery Reader: it was lovely to have Eloise's mum read to us this week (Stuck by Oliver Jeffers - think this may become a new favourite!). Do let us know if you want to like to read to us!

Suncream: 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!

Science - planting: our focus this term is plants (basic parts of a plant, what makes them grow, common garden and wild plants). If you do any planting at home and would like to share this, please send a photo to the office!

Diary dates:

(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 great week! We have come back from the bank holiday weekend full of beans and ready to write, it seems! The children have written some fantastic sentences this week; we used magnifying glasses to zoom in on one detail of a picture at a time, then wrote a super sentence about it, we have been so impressed with what they have come up with!

On Tuesday we had great fun visiting different parts of the UK via live webcam to investigate the various microclimates, we all decided Wales was the place to be that day, as it looked bright and beautiful at the beach! We are excited to travel further afield over the next few weeks, visiting the various different climate zones to compare what we see.

In our science we have been investigating all the things plants need for germination and growth. We found out that seeds seem to grow faster than bulbs, that seeds can germinate just as well in the dark as in the light but they won't germinate without water, and we are now investigating the effects of water and sunlight (or lack thereof) on an already established plant.

In our art we have been experimenting with making our own relief prints, ready to create our own animal prints next week. In maths we have been looking at capacity and volume, we know that volume is the measure of space occupied, and capacity is how much a container can hold.

Now that the weather is improving, please ensure you are sending children to school each day fully **sun creamed** and **with named sun hats**, which they are welcome to keep at school.

World Bee Day is coming up and our class are in charge, as bees are our eco-project in year 2. We loved having the beekeeper in in September and have been enjoying learning about bees throughout the year. Now we are the experts, we look forward to sharing our knowledge with the rest of the school on World Bee Day!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a short but also busy week in Kinder Class. This week we have started and finished our narrative retells of the Marshmallow story. The children have impressed the adults by producing some excellent sentences which are well presented in their books. The children have also worked hard learning all about fractions in maths, plants in science and the Roman Empire in history.

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

Homework:

English: Page 35

Maths: Page 22

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

Despite the short length of this week, we've still managed to cram in so much work! We've continued working on poetry and using a range of writing skills. In Maths we've continued to work with decimals and are using them as we work with money in our next unit. If you have some time, please work with your child; practice telling the time and adding or subtracting different amounts of time. This has proven to be tricky. The children have continued to show a great attitude as we head towards the end of the year. As we come back round to cover poetry again, it's been magnificent to see how much the children have grown and matured over the year, as their work has been much improved.

Please remember, clubs start this week!

Our ‘Top of the Pops!’ pupils for their homework this week were:

- Georgia** - for reading the most over the week.
- Fraser** - for most games played on Spelling Shed.
- Gabriel** - 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!

Homework - due on Wednesday 13 May

- Maths - p. 38+39
- English - p. Please pick a page to complete as most should be completed now.

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

Pygora Class - Year 5

Maths competition- Well done to Andriano, Christine, Leon and Sofia who took part in the annual Ashford Senior School Maths competition after school this week! They had to race against 19 other schools to answer as many maths questions as possible, and they were VERY tricky! They finished right in the middle of the leader board and were only 4 questions away from the winners. We are very proud of you!

We have been having lots of fun finding out about Smugglers during our History lessons this week. See if your children can remember what the following people do: Batmen, Tubmen, Lookout men and Dragoons. You could also ask why ships were a good vessel for Smugglers and where they hid their contraband - one place was a bit smelly! Hopefully, your child might also be able to tell you where a lot of Smugglers arrived in the UK. In English, we have started to write a diary entry in the role of a smuggler - ask your child what their smuggler’s name is!

Butterfly garden - this is really taking shape now and we are on the final push to get our plants in the ground by the end of today! Do have a look if you walk along the path at the bottom of the field.

Don’t forget to return the permission slip for our trip to **Smugglers Adventure**. **Payments of £10.50 for the trip can still be made on Arbor.** Thank you to those that have already paid for the trip.

Mini Cadets - some of our children have been taking part in a weekly course to become mini police cadets, and we are pleased to announce that Nolly has become sergeant! One of her new roles is to lead parade each week - we look forward to finding out more about it!

Reading Recommendations...



We have finished the story of Mallory Vayle and the Curse of Maggoty Skull and have begun our new book The Clockwork Crow. We actually read the start of this some time ago as part of our reading sessions, and the children were intrigued to find out more, so we decided to have it as our class reader! It is a story of marvels, shivery with suspense, snow and sinister magic!

Homework - due on Wednesday 13 May

- Maths - p.38 Using data
- English - p.31 Verbs with ‘ing’

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

Pygmy Class - Year 6

It has been a short but busy week in Pygmy class! We have started to write our narrative based around the book 'Rhythm of the rain', continued making 3D river models in geography; planned our own investigations about the impact of exercise on heart beats, as well as fitting in some maths and reading revision!

SATs week 11th May -15th May: it is finally here! Just a reminder for the children to get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast, and make sure they are here on time so we can start promptly. If your child is unwell on any of those days, please telephone the school as soon as possible and we can organise alternative arrangements. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 11 May - Grammar, punctuation and spelling
Tuesday 12 May - Reading
Wednesday 13 May - Maths (arithmetic and reasoning 1)
Thursday 14 May - Maths (reasoning 2)

We know that the children will try their best, and we will also be providing them with plenty of biscuits to keep them going through the week!

Homework

The only homework we would like you to do this weekend is rest, relax and get plenty of sleep ready for the week ahead - we want you to smash it!