



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 15 May 2026

Whole School

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

Well done to **Year R Billy Class** for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.8%	95.6%	92.6%	94.6%	92.3%	97%	95.9%

KS2 SATS - well done to year 6 for completing the SATs testing this week. We are very proud of you; you showed great determination and resilience during the tests.

School Meals: Next week the meals on Thursday and Friday will be swapped over. On **Thursday 21 May**, there will be fish and chips for lunch with Rocket lollies and Friday will be chicken curry. Billy Class and KS1 even if you bring a packed lunch - you can try some chips or have a lolly on the Thursday! We are keen for the children who are eligible to have the school meals provided whenever possible.

St Mary's Church in Kennington are having a Spring Fair in the Church on **Saturday 16 May** from **12-4ish**. We have formed a good link with this church for RE and plans for further visits so why not pop along and have a look!

Play park: As the weather is becoming brighter and warmer, there are many children enjoying the play park before and after school. If your child is older, and makes their own way to school, please talk to them about their behaviour in the park when unsupervised. Unfortunately, we have had to speak to some children, as it is not the behaviour we would expect. Thank you for your support.

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Thank you for the donations! We have already received donations of gardening tools, growing frames, a mini greenhouse and some pots - these are being put to good use with our Mountain Goat group who are very excited about growing vegetables and plants. We have also received some tree stumps from one of our families and these are being put to good use for additional seating by our reading shed. We are still on the lookout for long tree branches which we can use for shelter building and cable reels (see picture below). If anyone has any contacts, please come and speak to Mrs de Roeck. Thank you!



Goat Lees Summer Fair - just a reminder this is taking place on **Saturday 4 July 2026** with more details to follow. We are very reliant on our own staff

and a few volunteers and will be making a plea for some extra help nearer the time if this event is to go ahead. Even an hour of your time would help us so much so do put this in your diary.

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SATs are over! 😊 Well done Pygmy Class!

Attendance - Is getting a little bit better, however, there have been a few children late, please ensure your child comes to school on time.

Thank you to all parents who are phoning in and reporting their child's reason for absence on the first day and then subsequent days. Can I gently remind you all that you should be contacting the school every day of your child's absence, this can be done via Arbor, telephone or e-mail.

Billy Class

We've enjoyed dressing up this week, playing and exploring in our outside area and designing bugs and bug hotels! Next week, we will build a bug hotel as a class. Please bring in anything that you will need to build the bug hotel such as twigs, stones, bamboo, logs or leaves. Have a chat to your child about what they would like to use. Please bring these in on **Monday 18 May**.

Next week is our Phonics assessment week. We will be assessing the children's knowledge of phonemes covered including digraphs (two letters that make one sound such as 'ai') and trigraphs (three letters that make one sound such as 'igh'), segmenting and blending for reading and tricky words. Please practise these over the weekend and remember to read your reading book lots to an adult at home.

We will be learning about shapes in Maths next week. The children will be explaining shape arrangements, composing shapes, decomposing shapes and finding 2D shapes within in 3D shapes.

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Please ensure that all reading books and library books are returned by **Tuesday** each week.

Coats and suncream: when it is cold/raining, please ensure children bring a **coat** to school. When it is sunny, please **apply suncream before school** (if possible, an 8-hour cream that lasts the whole day). If children need a particular sun-cream, then please send that into school with them. Please also provide a **named hat** for sunny days. Please also make sure that all fleeces, cardigans and jumpers are named. Thank you for support with this.

Angora Class - Year 1

This week we have been fascinated by learning about Queen Victoria and her legacy! You can learn more at home on BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfdkhhbk>. We have created our own crowns in art, creating patterns with paint. In Maths we are practising division by making equal groups and sharing into groups - this is a very easy one to practise at home with favourite toys/treats!

Phonics this week:

I (tiger)

A (paper)

Ow (snow)

U (yoo = unicorn)

Reviewing Tricky words: two, eye, thought, through, friend

St Mary's Church visit - Tuesday 19 May: we are going to visit St Mary's Church in Kennington as part of the RE next Tuesday afternoon. Children will need suitable walking shoes and a decent coat, as the forecast is not great. Obviously, the visit will be postponed if the weather is particularly bad.

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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. Please return the permission slip and £4 contribution, payable on Arbor in order for this visit to go ahead.
- **Wb Monday 8 June** - Phonics Screening Check

Alpine Class - Year 2

Well done for another great week! The children have worked hard with their story retelling this week, rewriting the story 'Penguin Huddle' by Ross Montgomery. They have worked so hard on their own middle sections to the story; describing the sights the penguins would have seen in the big city and suggesting ways in which various animals would have tried to free the penguins from their icy prison!

In maths we have been learning about measuring capacity and volume, as well as having a quick look at temperature! In our capacity work, the children found it interesting that the tallest container does not always have the biggest capacity and did some investigating to find out why that is.

In our geography this week, we travelled to the Mediterranean to see what the climate was like there, then compared it to some arid regions, to see the differences between the two hot climates.

Monday 18th May - Trip

On Monday, we will be completing our "Is Goat Lees a bee-friendly school" fieldwork day. Please make sure your children have suitable footwear and a coat as they will be outside.

Half the class will head to Godinton House (in the minibus) to do a 1-hour bee-observation study there, while the other half will head over to Sandyacres (walking) to do the same. We will then compare the results against each other and head out to our school areas for comparison. Finally, we will conclude our question by deciding whether there is more to be done to make our school a friendly place to "bee".

World Bee Day 20th May

As bees are the subject of our class eco-project, we will be leading the charge on World Bee Day. We will be presenting the findings from our fieldwork day, as well as teaching the other classes what we have learnt this year about bees. It would be lovely to see as many children involved in this as possible, dressing in bee-inspired outfits and bringing in seeds that we can plant around the school ground! Our class will also be in charge of deciding what we spend any monetary donations on, to enhance the school's positive environmental impact.

Coats and suncream: The weather is very changeable at the moment, meaning some mornings look bright and sunny, but by playtime it is cold/raining. Please ensure children bring a coat to school each day during this changeable period. When it is likely to be sunny, please **apply suncream before school** (if possible, an 8-hour cream that lasts the whole day). Please also provide a **named hat** for sunny days. Thank you for support with this.

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could win an amazing prize for both them and their school. Children (via parent or guardian) submit their entry **online by 23:59 Friday 5th June 2026**. We'd love it if you could encourage your child to enter, please follow the link below.

https://www.tgjonesonline.co.uk/help/policies/competitions-terms/bitesize-bookworms?dm_i=7ZBZ,BXR,135QO,12OU,1,0,0,0

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another jammed packed week in Kinder Class. We have published our marshmallow narratives and they look wonderful. All the children have taken pride in their work and attempted to use their best handwriting and draw their illustration to the best of their ability. The adults are very proud of them.

Please can you ensure that all jumpers, cardigans and fleeces are named and we only wear PE kit to school when it is our PE day. These days are **Monday and Friday**.

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Also, can you bring any cardboard in for **Wednesday 20 May**. The larger the better please as we are going to be making Roman shields.

Homework:

English: see worksheet attached to homework slip (Question marks)

Maths: Page 25

Also, please can you ensure your child does plenty of reading (twice a week), times table practise 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 and well done to those who have already achieved some of these awards.

Thank you to those who always complete homework and do plenty of reading and spelling practise. These children are not unnoticed and will/have been rewarded with Dojos, house points and prizes from our prize box.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Due to Year 6 having their SATs this week, we went 'off script' and have spent some time focusing on creating our final piece for our watercolour painting of a typical Parisian street, with a big focus on the architecture. The children have worked so hard to create such exceptional pieces of work and have really taken their time to hone their skills and, where necessary, have taken on constructive feedback to help develop and improve their work. We've been proud of their attitude and hopefully it can continue into the final week of term 5!

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

Braxton - for reading the most over the week.

Cameron - for most games played on Spelling Shed with **75 games!**

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!

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Homework - due on Wednesday 20 May

Maths - p. 33

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

The children have had an interesting week as our classroom has been 'borrowed' by Year 6 for their SATs, so some of our lessons have been in the hall and the studio! They have coped very well with the change, but it was a relief to be back in our classroom permanently on Friday!

We have been busy this week with our Highwayman playscripts - we have made props, rehearsed, and performed our shadow puppet shows to the rest of the class. They have been great fun to watch, and hopefully it has made the poem memorable for the children.

In Art this week we have been creating a map fit for a smuggler to use. The children have learnt how to draw cliffs, wooded areas, whirlpools and castles. They also made their own tea-stained paper for that authentic look.

Smugglers' Adventure - It is our trip to Smugglers' Adventure on **Thursday 21 May**. We will be getting there via minibus and will be there for most of the school day. Children will need to wear their school uniform, and bring a packed lunch, unless they have requested a school packed lunch (only for those that are in receipt of Free School Meals). Please make sure that they bring a coat as we are intending on eating lunch outside afterwards! Thank you to those that have paid for the trip - you can still make a payment for this via Arbor.

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Maths - p.34 Shape, symmetry and movement

English - p.23 Using conjunctions for cohesion

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Pygmy Class - Year 6

I would like to say a massive well done to all the Year 6 children for completing their SATs tests this week and giving their best effort - they did a brilliant job, especially with their concentration! As a bit of a treat, Mr Michael bought them all doughnuts on Thursday, and they have had a few surprises

from Ms Adams and me today. We have had a fun day today as well to help the children relax, and they are now hopefully excited about finding what our production is on Monday!

Friday 5 June - In the first week back after the half term, we will be spending the day exploring the River Stour with the Kentish Stour School's Programme, this is linked to our geography work for this term. For this trip, we will be travelling in our school minibus leaving at 9:00am, and returning by the end of the school day. Your child will need to wear school uniform and some comfortable footwear such as trainers. As we are looking at what lives in the river and whether it is polluted, the children will be doing some river dipping and will therefore need some wellies placed in a labelled plastic bag. If you do not have any, please see if you are able to borrow them from someone else, as the children will not be able to enter the river without them. Children may also need sun hats and sun cream depending on the weather. A letter has been sent home with a permission slip attached; please can this be returned by **Friday 22 May**. We are also asking for a **contribution of £2, which can be paid on Arbor.**

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As the children have worked so hard this week, they can also have this week free of homework but do encourage them to keep reading.