



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 22 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
94.3%	97.8%	93%	95.7%	86.6%	95.2%	95.2%

Have a relaxing, and hopefully, sunny half term we are back to school on the 3 June as there are two staff training days on 1 and 2 June.

Clubs will start back on Wednesday as usual.

A reminder to everyone, please do not park in the disabled parking bay unless you are a disabled badge holder. If this is not displayed, you may be challenged so please do not take offense. Many thanks for your cooperation.

After half term there will be a **Kent Test Meeting on Wednesday 3 June** for the year 5 children in the hall **@ 3.30pm.**

Thank you all for your participation and donations for World Bee Day, we received over £30 to use toward items for our bee and butterfly gardens; and so many bulbs and seeds, which year 2 are excited to scatter and plant over the coming weeks. Here's looking forward to many more bee and butterfly sightings this summer! We have recently discovered what appears to be a bumble bee nest in an old bird box between our inner fence and the outer boundaries which is very exciting for the children and will provide excellent learning opportunities.

Water Bottles - although the children are provided with a school water bottle, we know they do not last forever. Some children bring their own bottles to school, particularly in KS2, but we kindly ask you to keep the bottles at a reasonable size. Ideally, the bottles from home should be the type that will not spill water everywhere if it is knocked over as we had several incidents of water on tables and books today.

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If your child attends an after-school club and goes to Tiny Tots, can you please ensure they are reminded in the morning to go to the club and not go straight to Tiny Tots as this causes confusion and staff are then looking for children who are missing on the club register.

I wish you all a great sunny week and do not forget children are back on **Wednesday the 3 June.**

Billy Class

Billy Class loved building their bug hotel together in our outside area this week using a variety of natural resources which they had gathered at home, thank you for your support with this, it looks fab!

Please check it out on our Goat Lees Facebook page! We also enjoyed a spot of litter picking with our Year 6 buddies at the end of the week. It's lovely to see the older pupils supporting the little ones. The children spoke lots about why it is important to keep our environment clean and tidy!

The children have worked very hard with their Phonics assessments this week. Thank you for practising the phonemes and reading with your child at home, it really does make all the difference.

In Phonics next term we will move onto reading CCVC & CVCC words with long vowel sounds. For example, 'toast' is a CVCC word with a long vowel sound. The lessons are getting trickier, so please ensure your child practises their phonemes and writing the corresponding graphemes when they can. Please ask us if you need any more copies of them.

We will read the story, 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle with the children in the first week back. The children will write about what happens to the seed in each season.

In Maths, we will be learning about sharing and grouping during the first week back.

The weather is heating up so children must have a named sun hat in school and sun cream applied before they come in.

Please remember that school is **CLOSED Monday 1 June & Tuesday 2 June**. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3 June. Have a lovely week! 😊

Angora Class - Year 1

It has been a lovely week. We all walked to **St Mary's Church in Kennington** on Tuesday to see what a place of worship which is sacred to Christians is looks like. The looks of awe on their faces was magical! The church volunteers complimented the class on their behaviour and good questions, a massive well done to them!

In DT we have been making a **sliding game** to create alien phonics words and the class have tried hard to improve on their prototypes.

Next term is the **Phonics Screening Week**. Please note that all children should be in school the week beginning **8 June** so they can participate in this.

Please practise phonics as much as possible over the half term.

Next term our topic is 'What is at the seaside?' which is kicked off with our trip to Folkestone on the first Thursday. A reminder that children will need:

- A rucksack they can carry (containing their packed lunch unless a school one was requested)
- A water bottle
- School uniform, suitable bottoms for visiting the beach and sturdy shoes
- A waterproof coat / sunhat (weather dependant)
- Spare clothes (if they are prone to toileting accidents)
- Please apply suncream before coming to school

Children will NOT need money or beach themed toys (eg bucket and spade).

Diary dates:

- **Monday 1 June** - Staff training day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Tuesday 2 June** - Staff training day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Thursday 4 June** - class trip to Folkestone. Please return the permission slip and £4 contribution, payable on Arbor for this visit to go ahead.
- **Wb Monday 8 June** - Phonics Screening Check

We hope you have a lovely half term and that the sun stays out for everyone! The children have done a lot in 5 weeks and no doubt will be glad of some rest and sunshine!

Alpine Class - Year 2

It's been a fun, jam-packed term, as we have crammed so many lovely things into 5 short weeks! The children absolutely deserve a long week off! This week we started with our fieldwork day, looking into how bee-friendly our school is.

The children visited either Godinton or Sandyacres and did surveys to see how many bees and other wildlife they spotted in different areas, we then talked about which features the different areas had and how that affected the wildlife we saw. We discussed which features were more bee-friendly and then did a walk around our school grounds, deciding as a class whether each zone was bee-friendly or not. Finally, we came up with an action plan, to improve the bee-friendliness rating of our school.

We rounded up our geography by doing a virtual visit to the coldest place on Earth, in Siberia. It was fascinating to learn about the similarities and differences between their lives and ours! The children have really enjoyed this topic and have definitely learnt a thing or two about climates!

Next term our learning will be based around castles as we answer the question "Why do we have castles in the UK?". The children will have brought home their half term challenges this week; these are due on the **9 June** the week after we come back,

On **25 June** we will be travelling to Dover Castle by minibus for the day, you will receive a letter with more information in the first week back, so please look out for it and return the permission slip as promptly as possible.

Diary dates:

- **Monday 1 June** - Staff training day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Tuesday 2 June** - Staff training day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Thursday 25 June** - Dover Castle Trip

Have a wonderful half term and please stay safe in the sun!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a very busy, quick, but enjoyable term. Kinder Class have worked very hard and completed lots of work and deserve a week off. This week all the children published wonderful diary entries based on being a Roman soldier, the children took immense pride in this and made all the adults proud. We also made Roman shields and used them on the field in our own mini-Roman battle.

Homework

Your child will have come home with homework based on next term topic of the UK. Please choose at least 3 of the tasks to complete and bring them in to show on the **24 June**. House points and Dojos will be rewarded to those who complete these tasks. Please also encourage your child to do plenty of reading and timetables practise.

We are going to Godinton House on the first day back (**3 June**)- please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and if hot ensure they have a hat and have been "sun creamed".

Have a wonderful Easter break, please get plenty of rest and enjoy time with loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all in **Term 6 - Wednesday 3 June**

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Despite its, short duration, this term has been cram-packed with learning, new experiences and lots of fun, so it's felt very busy. The children have shown great resilience in their attitude towards their work and their swimming. We've published some of our poems and created amazing pieces of art to enhance them.

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.
Molly - 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 3 June

Maths - p. Please pick a page to complete as most should be completed now.
English - p. The Raven and the Crow Reading Comprehension + Heading Down

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

Pygora Class - Year 5

It feels like we have packed an awful lot into this short term, particularly into the last week! We have completed our science topic on properties and changes of materials, we built truss bridges out of spaghetti for DT, and we created our own smugglers map for art. The children will be ready for a rest next week!

Smugglers Adventure - We had a fabulous day in Hastings learning all about its smuggling history at the Smugglers Adventure. It was very interesting, and even though it was quite dark in the caves (and a little bit scary!), the children all managed really well. We were very lucky with the weather too. Hopefully your child could tell you lots about the trip.

Homework - due on Wednesday 3 June - please note the extra activity for this week!

Maths - p.34 Shape, symmetry and movement
English - p.23 Using conjunctions for cohesion

Reading comprehension 'Into the Mine' to be completed

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

We hope you all have a fabulous half-term holiday, and the weather stays glorious for you!

Pygmy Class - Year 6

This week, the children finally found out our end of year production. It is... drumroll... I'm an 11-year-old get me out of here!

We read through the script, with a lot of giggles along the way, and held auditions on Wednesday. They found out which part/s they are doing today so they can start to learn their lines over the half term.

They have also quite enjoyed our English work this week, as they have been writing to my next class to tell them, 'How to train your teacher'. They really have got to me know over the past two years and have definitely noticed some of my sayings!

5 June - River study trip - Thank you to those who have returned the slip and **paid the £2 on Arbor**, we do need these back on the **Wednesday** we return if they have not been handed in already.

This week we have started to have visits from some secondary schools, and these will continue next term as well. One of the things the schools have asked is that if the children currently wear trainers to school, it may be useful for them to get school shoes next term, to be able to get used to wearing these, as trainers are not allowed.

Residential: We have now received most medical forms back, thank you, but are still missing a few. I have sent home another copy to any children that have not handed theirs in yet - please complete these as soon as possible.

I have also sent home the packing list for residential this week and talked through this with the children.

Homework:

Over the half term, for their homework, the children need to learn their lines for our production, as we will be starting rehearsals as soon as we start Term 6.

As our residential is coming up quickly, could the children please practise making up their bed as this will be something they will be expected to do on our trip away!