



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 26 June 2026

Whole School

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

Well done to **Year 5- Pygora** for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.1%	88.9%	88.9%	92.5%	82.9%	95.9%	84.1%

As the end of the academic year approaches and we prepare for our class transition day, I wanted to share that Mr Harlow will be leaving at the end of this term. He has been at Goat Lees for ten years and has supported in a number of roles during that time but most of you will know him as the energetic teacher in Year Four. We have told the children today and I am sure you will join us in wishing Mr Harlow well for the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming a new member of staff, Miss L Murphy and I know everyone will make her feel welcome. There will be one or two changes and classes will be meeting their new teachers next week.

Arbor: As we approach the end of term, would parents/carers of Year 6 children please ensure their meal accounts on Arbor are in credit to avoid any debt when your child leaves Goat Lees. Thank you.

Dinosaurs: We are busy gathering resources for our Jurassic World play area. If you are having a clear out and have any toy dinosaurs which are no longer played with, please drop them into Mrs de Roeck. Thank you!

Pygmy class market: Year 6 are currently working on the “tenner challenge” and have been creating products to sell to make a profit at their own market. This will be held on **Thursday 9 July**, after school on the playground from 3:20 for around half an hour. Items and games are priced from around **50p to £2.50**. Please try and bring small change as we won’t have much change for notes. If you have any unwanted keyrings that you would be happy to donate, please bring them to the year 6 classroom.

EVouchers for the Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme have now been issued. If you would like your children/young people to get involved in fun activities and enjoy some free, healthy food over the summer Holidays, please visit the [HAF website](#) to see where activities are taking place. For more information on how to use your voucher, please [click here](#).

Handheld fans: We are happy for children to bring these into school when it is extremely hot, please make sure they are labelled with a permanent pen as unfortunately some have gone missing this week.

Library card application form: Please remember to send these in if your child would like a KCC library card. Please return to your child’s class teacher or Mrs Pronger by **Friday 3 July**. If you need another form please let us know. Thank you.

It has been soooo hot, hopefully next week it will cool down and we can get that attendance up again.

Billy Class

Wow, what a hot and sweaty week for us all! A super well done to the youngest children in the school for coping in this heat.

Next week in **Phonics** we will: read words ending in -er and -est.

We have relaxed our timetable this week and so will continue with reading and retelling the story of Handa's Surprise next week.

In maths, we will be visualising objects from different positions and describing the positions of different items.

On **Monday**, we have our class trip to the **Rare Breeds Centre**. We will leave school at 9:30 and leave the Rare Breeds at 2pm to be back in school for home time. Children will need a named sun hat, sun cream applied before school, a packed lunch from home if this is what was chosen and noted on the return slip and suitable footwear- trainers are fine. They can also wear their PE kit.

Diary dates:

- Wed 1 July - Transition Day in new classes. Drop off and collection as normal.
- Sat 4 July - Goat Lees Summer Fair 12-3pm
- Wed 8 July - Report Collection (inc Phonics Screening results) and Open Afternoon - a chance to look at what your child has been doing and meet their next teacher.
- Tues 21 July - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Basketball club: The final basketball club will be **Thursday 9 July**. There is no basketball club next week.

Reading books will not be sent out this week as we have not been able to run our normal reading groups - enjoy the weekend and try and share a book together that you have at home.

Angora Class - Year 1

What a scorcher of a week! We eased off a little here to help us all manage the heat. On Thursday we had a fun morning with Billy class doing different activities in Angora classroom, the library and the studio.

Basketball club: the final basketball club will be **Thursday 9th July**. There is no basketball club next week.

Transition Day - next Wednesday 1 July: the children will spend the day with their year 2 teacher in the Year 2 classroom. Drop off, lunch and collection as normal. We are sure they will have a fabulous day!

Folkestone Beach trip - next Thursday 2 July: please apply suncream before school and ensure that your child has a sun hat, backpack, home packed lunch and bottle (if you have not requested a school one).

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Report Collection - Wednesday 8 July: please collect your reports on this day from the classroom and come in to look at your child's work - they have worked so hard and are rightly proud of it!

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Alpine Class - Year 2

What a hot week!! It has not been easy but the children have been absolute superstars, staying calm and conserving energy, taking regular water and rest breaks, and trying to stay as cool as possible, we have had lots of fun finding novel ways to stay cool, and although we missed our trip to Dover, we had a bit of castle themed fun anyway, and look forward to our postponed trip in 2 weeks.

Library card applications - The children were sent home with library card application forms last week. A few children have returned them, and we know that some already have library cards. The children will be going on a trip to Ashford Library in term 1, so if they would like to make use of our local library and borrow some books, please make sure that their application is returned as soon as possible.

Transition Day - next Wednesday 1 July: the children will spend the day with their year 3 teacher in the Year 3 classroom. Drop off, lunch and collection from year 2 as normal. We are sure they will have a fabulous day!

Goat Lees Summer Fair is next Saturday, 4th July at 12-3pm: I will be there and look forward to seeing lots of you there to have some fun and raise some money for FOGL, who have done so much to support our school, including funding the minibus which allows us so many affordable trips!

Kinder Class - Year 3

What a hot week! But it still has been productive, the children have done an amazing job in keeping going and not moaning about the weather. They all deserve a restful weekend.

Next week on **Wednesday 1st July** it is transition day, so the children will spend the day with their new teacher for next year in year 4. Any questions regarding this, please come and ask.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our sponsored walk. We have earned over £100, which is amazing. We will be conducting our walk on **Tuesday 30 July**. On that day, please could your child wear PE kit to school and have suitable shoes for walking in.

We are going on a school trip to the **Hythe and Dymchurch Railway on 15 July**. Please ensure you return the permission slip by **14 July**. This trip can be paid for via the Arbor App under trips.

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Homework

English: see worksheet (Staying in the same tense)
Maths: Page 31 (Money Problems)

Book Review

Key Dates

- Wed 1 July - Transition Day with the new teacher. Drop off and collection as normal.
- Sat 4 July - Goat Lees Summer Fair 12-3pm

- Wed 8 July - Report Collection and Open Afternoon - a chance to look at what your child has been doing and meet their next teacher
- Tues 14th July- Map day
- Wed 15th July- Trip on Hythe and Dymchurch Railway
- Thurs 16th July- Trip to Godinton house
- Tues 21 July - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Has anyone else felt a bit of a chill this week? In Cashmere we've done our best to stay cool, calm and somewhat collected! The children have done amazingly well, being sensible and helping to keep everyone's temperatures down!

Map day - sadly we had to move KS2 Map Day due to the hot weather. We've put another date in the diary before we break up for the summer holidays.

Library card applications - The children were sent home with library card applications last week. We've had a good return so far, and we know that a few already have library cards so that's great! The children will be going on a trip to Ashford Library in term 1, so if they would like to make use of our local library and borrow some books, please make sure that their application is returned as soon as possible.

Transition Day - Next Wednesday is our whole school transition day, where your child will get to meet their teacher for Year 5. I'm sure the children are excited and ready to meet their team for next year and I know they'll thoroughly enjoy Transition Day as it's always good fun!

Book Recommendation: *The Last Bear* - Mr Harlow's recommendation

This beautiful story follows April, a young girl who discovers a lonely polar bear while staying on a remote Arctic island. As their friendship grows, she becomes determined to help him find his way home. The story is full of adventure, courage, and compassion, while also introducing children to important themes such as climate change and protecting wildlife. It is an engaging and thought-provoking book that encourages empathy and a love of nature. [It's a cool place for their heads to be in in during a heatwave as well!](#)

If that is not for you, maybe try:

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

A beautifully written novel for older readers that explores themes of love, loss, separation, and learning to open your heart again. As Edward embarks on an extraordinary journey, he discovers the importance of connection, compassion, and resilience. While the story acknowledges that saying goodbye can be painful, it does so with warmth and sensitivity, offering a message of hope rather than sadness. This moving and memorable book encourages children to embrace life's changes and reminds them that love endures, even when people leave.

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

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

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

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Pygora Class - Year 5

Well, what a hot week this has been! The children have all coped really well - let's hope that if there's another heat wave, it is in the holidays!

Map day - sadly we had to move KS2 Map Day due to the hot weather. We've put another date in the diary before we break up for the summer holidays.

Butterfly project - Year 2 have hatched some butterflies, and we got to see them released in our butterfly garden this week!

Handheld fans - unfortunately one of the handheld fans has gone missing from our classroom this week. If your child comes home with one which doesn't belong to them, please return it to school. All of the fans in school yesterday have been labelled with a sharpie. Thank you.

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Transition Day - Next Wednesday is our whole school transition day, where your child will get to meet their teacher for Year 6. This is always an exciting day, but especially so as they will be heading towards being the oldest class in the school! We are sure they will enjoy their time (sitting on the big chairs) and finding out what amazing things they will get up to in Year 6.

Reading recommendations...



We have whizzed through our first 'Fairy Tales Gone Wrong' book - Zombierella, and we are now reading Creeping Beauty! This story follows Eshe, who has terrible visions about the future of her kingdom. At the centre of her visions is Creeping Beauty, who eventually needs to be stopped from taking over of Mythica.

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Homework - due on **Wednesday 1 July**

Maths - p.2 Counting and numbers

English - p.32 The Present Perfect

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Pygmy Class - Year 6

Despite the very hot weather this week, the children have coped really well, and we have still managed to get lots done! I have been very impressed with how our songs for residential are coming along, especially with those doing solos or groups in cringe. Most of the children have learnt their lines, and are now working on their acting, intonation and loudness - I have heard them all outside shouting, so I know those voices are in there somewhere!

The children have also been starting to create the products for their market stalls, along with posters and signs; they also spoke to KS2 in assembly about what products they will be selling.

A reminder that this will be on **Thursday 9 July**, the children will need to stay to run their stalls for around half an hour if possible.

Please do check your emails as I have sent a message to all parents - thank you so much to everyone who has already replied!

Unfortunately, due to the heat, we have had to rearrange our surprise day and Map Day. Our surprise day will now be on **Monday 6 July** - the children can wear old clothes. Map Day is TBC.

Key Dates

- **4 July** - Goat Lees Summer Fair 12-3pm
- **8 July** - Report Collection and Open Afternoon
- **9 July** - Pygmy class market - the children will be running their stalls from 3:20 - 4:00pm.
- **14 July** - Production at 1:30pm
- **15 July** - Production at 6:30pm - Children to arrive at school for 6:00pm
- **16 July** - Leaver's party - 3:20 - 5:30pm
- **20 July** - Shirt signing - Leaver's assembly and afternoon tea at 2:00pm
- **Tues 21 July** - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL