



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 11 September 2026

Whole School

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts: See below for the attendance data for this week, well done to **KINDER CLASS** for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.0%	95.3%	94.2%	99.1%	98.9	96.5	98.9%

FoGL: The Friends of Goat Lees annual AGM will be held on **Thursday 30 September** at **3.30pm** in the school hall. We encourage as many of you as possible to attend and help shape and support your childrens enriched education.

PE Focussed Day on Wednesday 16 September - We are lucky enough to be having a visit from a World Cup gold medal winner in artistic gymnastics visiting us for an assembly and to do gymnastic style fitness circuits with each class. **Please could your children wear PE kit on this day.**

Please ensure if your child wears correct PE kit. This is a purple top, black bottoms or shorts and suitable trainers. Please make sure your child only wears PE kit on the correct days.

Little Wandle Reading Books

We are unfortunately still missing a large number of Little Wandle Reading books. Please can you check at home to see if you have any lurking including the photocopied versions. Each book and photocopy cost the school money to replace and so it is imperative that we are working together to look after them and make sure they are returned on time so reading sessions can run smoothly for all children. **PLEASE** return any books to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

KIC Theatre - Each class had a workshop with KIC theatre this week which was linked to the books we are using for our English lessons. The children were all fantastic and we saw many actors in the making! Thank you to FOGL for covering the cost of this visit. When we have our next visit in January we will be asking for a small contribution.

Metal recycling: for those of you who are new to the school, we collect scrap metal which we take to EMR recycling. This raises funds for many of our outdoor projects. If you have any small items of scrap metal including drinks cans, please bring them into school. If you have any larger items such as washing machines), you can also take them straight to EMR (Cobbswood industrial estate) quoting the school's name.

FLO

There are two free cycling opportunities taking place in Ashford this September, aimed at adults, and accompanied teenagers.

Free Saturday morning supported rides
Gentle 1-2-hour rides from Victoria Park, suitable for adults and accompanied teenagers.

Free Learn-to-Fix bike workshops
Tuesday evening workshops at Coachworks Ashford, covering basic bike maintenance such as brakes, gears and bike set-up.

Booking is essential for both activities, and full details are included on the attached flyers.

ATTENDANCE - If your child is absent from school, due to being unwell, please let us know what is wrong with them as we must enter that on our system. This also allows us to monitor them when they are back in school, in case they have any further symptoms.

Billy Class

Well done to all the children in Billy Class for their second week at school! They have enjoyed lunch times with their new friends and making selections in the morning.

We have started phonics this week. So far, the children have learned: s (for snake), a (for astronaut), t (for tiger) and p (for penguin).

Next week they will learn: i (for iguana), n (for net), m (for mouse) and d (for duck).

We have given out the sounds for both this week and next week but if you need a copy, please ask one of us.

Please can we ask that all cardigans, jumpers, coats and ties are named? Just so we can avoid any confusion at home time.

Please can children leave their toys at home as we would not want them to get broken or lost at school. Thank you for your support with this.

Next week we will read the story 'Billy Goats Gruff' with the children. We will discuss new vocabulary, and the children will make puppets to represent the characters in the story.

We will sing some counting songs with the children during Maths in the afternoons.

Please note the timings for school from next week: 8:40am - 3:20pm.

Have a great weekend! 😊

Angora Class - Year 1

We hope all the children have enjoyed their first week back in Year 1! It has been wonderful welcoming them back and seeing how enthusiastically they have settled into their new classroom. We have already completed lots of fun and engaging learning activities, which we hope the children have been excited to share with you at home.

To support a smooth and successful transition from Reception to Year 1, we are continuing to mirror many aspects of the Reception timetable. This familiar structure helps the children feel confident, secure, and settled as they adjust to the expectations and routines of their new year group.

In Phonics this week, we have focused on revisiting and reviewing key learning from Reception to ensure that all children have a strong foundation to build upon. Homework will continue to support phonics learning at home. If you would like any guidance on how to help your child with phonics, please visit the following website: [For Parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Reading Recommendations:

I am a big fan of the Tom Percival books, as they are wonderful for helping children understand and talk about their feelings and any challenges they may be experiencing. This week, I would like to recommend *Hanna Asks for Help*. This lovely story encourages children to use their verbal communication skills and reminds them that it is okay to ask for help when they need it. It promotes confidence, resilience, and the importance of speaking to trusted adults and friends when facing difficulties. We hope you enjoy sharing this story together at home.



PE days:

A reminder that PE lessons will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so please ensure your child comes to school with the correct PE kit on these days. Don't forget they also need their PE Kit on Wednesday next week for the gymnastics workshop.

Homework

We also kindly ask that guided reading books are returned by Tuesday at the latest each week. Regular reading at home has a significant impact on children's progress, and we encourage all children to read at least three times per week.

Alpine Class - Year 2

We have had a jam-packed week full of learning! We had a fun drama session with **Ian from KiC theatre**, have learned about what is alive, is now dead and was never living in Science, and learned where Ashford is in the UK, introducing compass points.

Phonics this week: we have been recapping from Year 1.

- U (oo as in put) and Oul (oo as in could)
- Are (air as in share)
- Au (or as in author), Aur (or as in dinosaur), Oor (or as in floor), Al (ir as in walk)
- Ear (air as in bear), ere (air as in there)

Book Recommendation of the Week: *Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Pena

Home learning: please continue to practise reading at home. Homework/home learning will be sent home over the next few weeks - children will have homework books for this.

Reading books: will be sent home from on **Fridays** and due back on **Tuesdays**. Let's be the first class to get a certificate! We will give out prizes as well for when a child earns a certificate!

PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. A polite reminder that PE kits are purple school PE t-shirts, black shorts/joggers and the school jumper. Don't forget they also need their PE Kit on Wednesday next week for the gymnastics workshop.

Diary Dates:

- 28 September (Mon) - Geography trip to look at features of Ashford town (TBC)

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a lovely week in Kinder class. This week, the children had their annual visit from Ian at KIC Theatre, where they took part in lots of drama activities based on our book, The Journey. The children had great time and did some superb acting.

We are currently in the process of handing out logins, for Spelling shed and TTRS. If you don't know how to access these learning online resources, please come and ask; Mr Harrison is more than happy to show you how to access them. We will be doing a spelling test next week, so please prioritise Spelling Shed as this is where the words the children need to learn will be.

If you need a copy of the spellings printed for your child, we are more than happy to provide them.

On Tuesday 22nd September, Mrs de Roeck and I will be running a workshop on Whole class reading and the use of Spelling shed. The session will start at 3:00 and end at 3:30. We will be holding it in the hall.

PE days - Our PE days this term will be on Monday and Friday.

Don't forget they also need their PE Kit on Wednesday next week for the gymnastics workshop.

Homework

Maths and English homework has been set for this week. From now on homework will be set on a **Friday**, it is to be handed in at the latest by **Thursday**. **If your child finishes their homework before Thursday, you can bring it in early.**

Each week we will set pages from the homework book to be completed.

Maths: 2 and 3

English: Pages 2,3 and 4

Also, as part of their weekly homework, the children can start reading straight away! They have already been given a band book to read at home. The children will need to bring in their **Reading Records on Fridays**, where they will be expected to show that they have read a minimum of 3 times in a week. This is so they can collect as many stickers as possible on their reading bookmarks to work towards their bronze, silver and gold awards.

Book recommendation: This week in Whole class reading, we read an extract from the story the Iron man. The children loved it and wanted to recommend it to you all. We are going to read this book later on in the year as our class reader.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Here we are, already 2 weeks into our first term as year 4! We have had a fun and busy week; continuing our writing about Black Rock, beginning our year 4 spellings with some homophone sets, and partitioning numbers all the way up to 1,000! We enjoyed our first French lesson and a PE reunion with Mr Harrison, as well as music with Miss Barcham and PE with Elite.

We discussed our class eco-project: Clothing the Community which is all about clothing waste and sustainable fashion. The children were shocked to see how big a pile of clothing we could make with just one wasted/lost/discarded jumper per child in the school, and we watched a video which brought to our attention just how much time, money and labour goes into making just one t-shirt, from the cotton farms to the factories, to the warehouses and shops. We thought about the drivers, the fuel, the workers and machines, and realised that perhaps our clothing might have a little life left in it after we decide we're done with it. The children came up with so many inventive ideas to reuse or repurpose clothing, by cutting and reworking, dyeing, hand decorating, recycling or regifting. We look forward to spending the year organising the many kind donations of clothing we often receive, and repurposing anything that can't be re-loved.

PE days this term will be Mondays and Tuesdays so please ensure children wear PE kits on those days.

Reading Recommendations...

We started our new whole class reading this week, with our first extract being from Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties. We discussed the comedy of this book, with some children definitely finding it more funny than others! We also discussed our thoughts on the class reader so far, and made predictions about what might happen in the story!

Homework

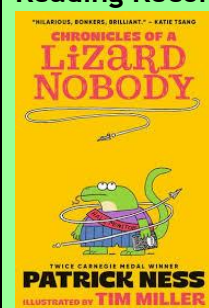
Maths and English homework will start next weeks, and it will be set on a **Friday**, to be handed in on **Wednesday**. Each completed homework earns 2HP, plus 2 Dojos if handed in on time. However, as part of their weekly homework, the children can start reading straight away! Children will need to bring in their **Reading Records on Fridays**, where they will be expected to show that they have read a **minimum** of 3 times in a week. They can continue to collect stickers on their reading bookmarks to work towards their bronze, silver and gold awards. Every reading record handed in on time receives 1HP, plus 2 Dojos if a minimum of 3 reads has been completed that week.

Spelling tests will be on a Monday, meaning they will have a week to learn, and then the weekend to practise their new spellings each week. This week we have started our year 4 spellings to be practised on Spelling Shed over the weekend, for our spelling test on Monday!

Pygora Class - Year 5

This week, the children had their annual visit from Ian at KIC Theatre, where they took part in lots of drama activities based on our book, The Lost Thing. They had a lot of fun, and it was wonderful to see their dramatic side come out! In History we have started our topic on Anglo Saxons and Vikings - see if your child can remember the names of the places that Britain was split into. They might also be able to tell you why the Vikings wanted to invade Britain.

Reading Recommendations:



For anyone that likes a funny book, try 'Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody' by Patrick Ness. The story follows Zeke, an ordinary monitor lizard who is unexpectedly appointed as a school hall monitor. Alongside his lizard friends, Zeke must keep the peace between an eccentric student body of arrogant lions, over-excitable seals, and a giant, villainous pelican with a grudge and a robot suit. Packed with brilliant illustrations by Tim Miller, it is a fantastic, light-hearted story that brilliantly tackles school anxieties, navigating cliques, and the power of friendship.

Homework books should have come home this week. They will also have their Spelling Shed and TTRS codes stuck into the front cover, so they are less likely to get lost in the bottom of the school bags! Reading records **MUST** be returned on **Fridays**. The children are allowed to sign their own reading records now they are in Year 5 but only when you have seen them read. Thank you for your support.

Homework - due on Wednesday 16 September

You will notice that our homework books have changed. This year, we are trialling short tests so ideally, they should take 10 mins to do the Maths and 10 minutes to do the English. However, we would rather they take a bit longer and really think about the questions rather than doing them within a time limit. We'd love your feedback at parents evening in October.

Maths - p.2&3 Autumn Term: Workout 1

English - p. 2,3&4 Grammar Test 1

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

Don't forget they also need their PE Kit on Wednesday next week for the gymnastics workshop.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Well done Pygmy class for a great second week! The class really enjoyed their KIK session with Ian, especially getting to act out becoming a wave with blue fabric. The children who completed the Kent test yesterday also did a great job, coped well and were very polite to the visiting member of staff from Repton who was helping invigilate.

Tuesday 15 September - Swimming will continue as usual, so remember to bring swimming kit, goggles, a towel and something warm for afterwards.

Wednesday 16 September - We have sports champions coming in on Wednesday, who will be doing a circuit style training activity with the children, so they may like to wear PE kit on this day.

Homework books and reading records should have come home this week. They will also have their Spelling Shed and TTRS codes sent home. Reading records **MUST** be returned on **Fridays**. The children are allowed to sign their own reading records when you have seen them read. Thank you for your support.

Homework - due on Wednesday 16 September

You will notice that our homework books have changed. This year, we are trialling short tests for grammar and SATs style questions for Maths. The grammar should take around 10 mins to do (but we would rather they do not rush these and do have a go at all the questions) and the Maths may take a little longer.

Maths - p.2&3 - Ordering numbers

English - p. 2,3, 4 & 5 - Grammar and punctuation 1

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

Secondary School Meeting: Thursday 17th September 3.30pm: All parents are welcome to attend this information session regarding secondary schools. We will also be able to provide the information from the event should you be unable to attend.

Reading recommendation:

This week Miss Chapman is recommending Skandar and the unicorn thief by A.F.Steadman. If you think you know what unicorns are like, then think again. This is an exciting fantasy adventure that follows Skandar Smith, a young boy who dreams of joining the world of fierce and powerful unicorns. It has comedy, action and twists along the way!

