



Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise Andrew, Blake & Paige for always completing the daily mile. They would also like to praise Dolly, Ella-Rose, Chloe and Lizzy for their excellent research and presentation on fossils in science this week. Writer of the Week: Blake, for the efforts he has put into his handwriting and presentation this term. Maths Master: Lauren, for reading, interpreting and drawing pie charts this week. Star of the Week: Isabell, for her excellent behaviour for learning and for believing in herself. Dojo Champion: Ella-Rose
Birch	Miss Coubault, Mrs Stan and Ms Wasserman would like to praise Freddie and Finley for their improved behaviour this week. They would also like to praise the whole class for improving at swimming and making huge progress from where they started. Also thank you to Louie, Marvellous and Siddie for always smiling. Special thanks to James for his extra information during lessons that gives us even more context to our learning. Writer of the Week: Miley, for using fingers spaces and working hard on her handwriting. Maths Master: Theo, for understanding decimals Star of the Week: Eliss, for always trying her best at her work . Dojo Champion: Shaun
Ash	Mrs Puce and Mrs Fletcher, would like to praise Bentlee and Eli for demonstrating that they can work hard and purposefully in lessons – please keep it up. Also well done to the whole of Ash Class for performing so well during their music lessons. Finally, thank you to Miles for being so polite when talking to me. Writer of the Week: Rory and Lauren, for striving to include all their literary skills when writing. Maths Master: Charlie, for the extra effort shown this week. Star of the Week: Lilley, for the super attitude shown towards her learning this week. Dojo Champion: Jimmy
Beech	This week the adults in Year 3 would like to praise the whole class for their exceptional independent writing. Writer of the Week: Kacper, for his brilliant use of ambitious vocabulary. Maths Master: Ella, for her excellent effort with fractions. Star of the Week: Joshua for always sharing his brilliant ideas with us! Dojo Champion: Archie S
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Spencley and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Harry G, Arlie, Frankie and Ivy for working hard during our SATS tests this week. We would like to thank Harper, Mollie, Sophie-Leigh and Harry P for helping their friends when making our bags using weaving in DT. Writer of the Week: Sophie for using her phonics when writing within a range of lessons this week. Maths Master: Cristian for being able to explain how he solved long word problems using multiplication and division. Star of the Week: Harry P for always being kind and helpful to other members of the class. Dojo Champion: Logan
Willow	Mrs. Koi would like to praise Willow class for being helpful to one another and showing kindness to their peers who have had challenges this week. Writer of the Week: Esther, for being creative in her independent writing. Maths Master: Rosie, for displaying determination in solving number bonds and doubles. Star of the Week: Freddie Sh, for displaying great improvement in carpet behaviour this week. Keep it up! Dojo Champion: Oscar R
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise, Amelia, Isabella, Ava and Kevin for their responsible attitude towards keeping the classroom clean and tidy. Writer of the Week: Vlada, for her constant effort to improve her writing. Maths Master: Lucy, for her enthusiasm towards maths and her work on number bonds. Star of the Week: Ava, for her excellent attitude towards her learning. Dojo Champion: Siyana
Cherry	Thank you so much to our parents for all of your junk modelling donations! They've all been used up already! Thank you to Dominic's mum for bringing in lots of blueberries to add to our snack choices. Also thank you to Mr Zrak for spending time at the beginning of the week fixing our outdoor area sheds. Writer of the Week: Gabriel, for exploring in our foil mark-making messy play. Maths Master: Maggie, for fantastic participation when problem solving during capacity learning this week. 😊 Star of the Week: Yoan, for being an active and independent learner looking into facts about space!

- Coming up:**
Mon 25th Mar
 Year 6 Trip to London Aquarium
- Tues 26th Mar**
 Year R Trip to Kemsley & Sittingbourne Light Railway
- Weds 27th Mar**
 Easter Church Service at Holy Trinity 11am
- Weds 27th Mar**
 Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade
 Children break up for Easter Holidays
- Thurs 28th Mar**
 Staff Inset Day (School Closed)
- Mon 15th April**
 Term 5 Begins

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Wow! It's hard to believe we only have a few days left of school, until we break up for Easter! This term really has flown by! We have had a really busy week, with some really exciting learning, from making 3D globes, to undertaking scientific investigations and imagining we are travelling to Space! We have also had KCC Road Safety Workshops for YR, Y1 and Y2 as well as NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5 and Y6, which I would like to thank Mrs Coleman and Mrs Steadman for arranging. I would also like to say a thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend parents evening this week and a special thank you to our teachers for all of their hard work preparing for these consultations.

Next week is a terribly exciting week! On Monday, Year 6 will be travelling to London to visit the London Aquarium, linked to their Geography focus: 'Blue Planet'. On Tuesday, Year R will be visiting Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway, linked to their topic, 'On the Move'. In the Summer term, our other year groups will also experience trips linked to their History/Geography/Science topics.

On Wednesday, we will celebrate Easter as a school at a church service, led by Year 6, at Holy Trinity Church. The service will be at 11am. We shall walk the children to the church. We look forward to you joining us there if you are able to make it. On Wednesday, we shall also have a school egg hunt and an Easter bonnet parade. Finally, we shall have a special IRock assembly!

Sadly, we say goodbye to Ms Millar and Miss Donald on Wednesday and thank them for all their hard work, commitment and dedication, during their time at Kemsley. We wish Miss Donald the very best at her new school and wish Ms Millar the very best spending more time with her family. Ms Dedeke shall teach Year 3 until the end of the school year, while Mr Crush shall teach Year N until the end of this year, alongside Miss McRoberts.

A huge congratulations to Year 2 for winning Class of the Week with 98.67% attendance. Whole school attendance is currently 94.5%. A special well done to Blake in Y6 for winning presentation of the week, for outstanding effort in presentation.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
 Miss Homer
 Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Space! We started the week with a new spaceship in the role play area, with lots of boxes and props from the story 'Whatever Next!' The children loved retelling the story and using their imagination to travel to space with their friends. We created rockets using junk modelling materials and foil which look amazing! We also enjoyed painting on foil. We also added shaving foam and got our hands stuck in! We went to the school library to see if we could find any fact books on space. We took these back and decided to try and find out the names of the planets and what they look like! As our outdoor area sheds are being fixed, we spent lots of time at the adventure playground, which the children loved.

Next week we will spend our last week before the holidays focusing on Easter and enjoying lots of Easter crafts. We will make cards, paint eggs and enjoy an Easter egg hunt! We will continue our consolidation of weight and length in maths and we will continue segmenting and blending in phonics.

Year R

This week has flown by, and the children seem to be growing in responsibility and attitude at the same speed! This week we found more signs of spring on our woodland walk; looking for blossom and trying to guess which fruit each tree will produce. After Easter, we will continue our outdoor learning with opportunities for gardening for the children. This will be alongside next term's topic of 'Down the bottom of the Garden', which investigates gardening, plants, animals etc.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to next week which looks to be a busy one again. Next week's book is 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', which is always a popular story, and we will be basing activities around building a bear's cave and exploring the different materials the family must get through, such as grass and water. On Tuesday, we will be travelling to the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light railway, which will be a wonderful end to our term of learning about transport and travel. Then, on Wednesday we are looking forward to singing in church for the Easter service and showing off the Easter bonnets the children can make at home.

Year 1:

It has been another great week in Willow class. We have been recapping on number bonds and doubling numbers to 20 in maths and the children have shown great interest and understanding in the topic. We have carried out a scientific investigation on seeds and plants by asking questions that baffles us and finding answers together as a class. In literacy, we have looked at adjectives and using them to describe London landmarks and what we see as we go on a journey with the key characters in the book 'Katie in London'.

Year 2:

This week in Maple class we have been working hard to learn about letter writing in English. We have learnt that when writing our letter, we will use the past tense as we are writing about adventures our character has had. Next week we will write our final letters using our plans.

In Maths we have moved to looking at capacity and how empty or full something is. We have been comparing using mathematical vocabulary. Next week we will continue this unit looking carefully at millilitres and litres.

In Geography we made 3D models of the world and labelled all the continents and oceans. We used blue balloons and were able to put the continents in the correct place. Some of us even added the equator! Next term we will be learning about the Great Fire of London in History.

In DT we made our own purses using weaving and felt! We will bring these home after the Easter holidays. We had to work hard going over and under and some of us were very good at helping others which was lovely to see. Next term we will be looking at pots in Art.

Please note the children do not need to wear PE kits (school uniform please) on Wednesday next week as we will be going to the church and spending the day completing lots of Easter activities.

Year 3:

Next week is our last week together and I cannot believe this time has gone so quickly! I want to say a massive well done to all of the Year 3 children for their incredible attitude, hard work and resilience this year - you have all made yourselves (and the adults) proud!

Next week is a busy one! In Science we are going to explore water movement in plants, in literacy we are going to write up our speeches (which are incredible by the way) and in guided reading, we are attempting to read the rest of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We will also be watching Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone - we are really excited about that one! Lastly, on Wednesday we will be heading to the Church for our Easter service. We have been practising our songs all term and look forward to performing them! Wednesday is also our last day of Term 4, as Thursday is an inset day.

Year 4:

Next week we shall be finishing our work on Charlotte's Web in reading and writing dialogue in English. Maths involves adding and subtracting fractions whilst in science we shall be drawing posters and creating displays on the areas of learning covered this term. Our final week on computing will see us recording our adverts for Water Aid and using software to edit the videos.

Year 5:

This week we have learnt all about body image in PSHE and had a workshop from the NSPCC. In Maths, we are continuing with decimals and how to convert them to fractions and in computing we made our video montages using iMovie. In Geography we have been learning how tourism affects the coast and we planned our own proposal for a coastal town. Finally in music, we have learnt the theme tune to Fresh Prince of Bel Air and appraised MC Hammer's 'You can't touch this'.

Next week we have our Easter Church Service and Easter bonnet parade. We are also finalising our newspaper reports and completing this term's French and RE topics. Don't forget we break up for Easter on Wednesday 27th March and that there will be no swimming on Monday.

Year 6:

As we enter our final week of Term 4, I would like to say how proud I am of all the children in Sycamore Class for their exceptional behaviour for learning; they really are a joy to teach!

Next week will be a busy final week. On Monday we will be completing our geography learning with a trip to the London Aquarium. I am certain all the children will have a fantastic time and we are all looking forward to a fun day out.

On Tuesday we will be writing a recount of our trip to the London Aquarium in literacy and then creating a poster about the effects of plastic pollution in our seas. After school on Tuesday is our Easter raffle so, please pop along from 3:30pm to the school hall where the raffle will be drawn.

Wednesday is our final day of Term 4. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in a range of Easter activities which will include an Easter egg hunt and an Easter bonnet parade. Year 6 will also be leading the Easter Church Service. Please come along to support the children at 11:00am at Holy Trinity Church in Milton Regis. **Please note that school will finish at the normal time of 3:15pm.**

Week 6 – w/c Monday 25th March – Easter Week

Monday 25th March – Year 6 Trip to London Aquarium

Tuesday 26th March – Year R Trip to Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Church Service YR – Y6 at Holy Trinity Church (11am)

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 27th March – Children break up for Term 4

Thursday 28th March – Staff Inset Day (School Closed to pupils)

Thursday 28th March – End of Term 4

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April – Term 5 Begins!

PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THIS PAGE AND DOJO FOR FURTHER UPDATES ON SCHOOL EVENTS. THANK YOU.



Academic Year 2023 - 2024

Term Dates

Term 1

Friday 1st September – Friday 20th October
(Staff Inset Day 1 – Friday 1st September – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Term 2

Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December
(Staff Inset Day 2 – Monday 30th October – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January

Term 3

Monday 1st January – Friday 9th February
(New Year's Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1st January – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February – Friday 29th March
(Staff Inset Day 3 – Thursday 28th March – School Closed)
(Good Friday Bank Holiday – Friday 29th March – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April

Term 5

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July
(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 22nd July – School Closed)
(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 23rd July – School Closed)



Academic Year 2024 - 2025

Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 2nd September – Friday 25th October
(Staff Inset Day 1 – Monday 2nd September – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Term 2

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Half-Term

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Term 3

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February
(Staff Inset Day 2 - Monday 6th January – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Term 4

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Half-Term

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April
(Easter Monday Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April – School Closed)

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May
(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Term 6

Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July
(Staff Inset Day 3 – Monday 2nd June – School Closed)

(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 21st July – School Closed)
(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 22nd July – School Closed)