



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 19th February 2024

Sycamore	<p>Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise Japheth and Wale for their excellent ball control in PE this week. They would also like to praise Annabelle and Orla for helping Mrs Pullen this week.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Oliver D, for his newspaper report on Stanley's conviction to Camp Green Lake.</p> <p>Maths Master: Chloe, for her work on converting fractions, decimals and percentages.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Isabell, for the enthusiasm and positivity she demonstrates in all areas of school life.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Holly</p>
Birch	<p>Ms De Sousa, Miss Pengeley and Mrs Stan would like praise Archie and Amelia for their amazing support helping other children to understand the basics of perimeter. They would also like to praise Miley for looking after the school equipment and for showing such a mature attitude towards learning.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: James, for his understanding of imperative verbs and in depth knowledge about instructions.</p> <p>Maths Master: Poppy-Reese for her excellent effort in perimeters.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Amelia, for her support during literacy, she was supporting other children in her table that were struggling with imperative verbs and conjunctions.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Jazneil</p>
Ash	<p>Mrs Puce and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise to Damian and Jimmy for their fantastic, paired reading this week.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Oscar, for the enthusiasm shown when writing his advert for a smoothie.</p> <p>Maths Master: Rory, for his concentrated effort and success in fraction work.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Rachel for her calm and purposeful attitude in class</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Maisey</p>
Beech	<p>This week Miss Donald and Mrs. Dixon would like to praise Amber, Theo, Peter, Effy and Ella for their kindness towards others. They would also like to praise Freya, Isaac, Matthias and Emilia for their continued hard work in all lessons.</p> <p>Writers of the Week: Bobby and Thomas, for their excellent effort finding rhyming words.</p> <p>Maths Master: Michelle, for her brilliant resilience in maths.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Levi, for his hard work and willingness to share ideas.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Peter</p>
Maple	<p>This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Spenceley and Miss Filipovic would like to praise the whole of Maple Class for a super first week back. You have all tried so hard in all our lessons (especially when drawing plants in science and creating pixel art in computing), we are very proud of you all!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Max, for working hard to label our whole class DT invention design.</p> <p>Maths Master: Sophie-Leigh, for showing a really good understanding of time and multiplication.</p> <p>Stars of the Week: Frankie and Arlie, for working hard in computing to create a beautiful pixel art picture in computing.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Taylor</p>
Willow	<p>The adults of Willow Class would like to praise the whole of Willow class for starting term 4 in amazing style. You all came in with smiles on your faces, ready to learn. Well done Willow Class! Mrs Earney would also like to praise the whole class for welcoming Mrs Koi into our class with impeccable manners and kindness.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Grace, for using fantastic verbs within our Literacy this week.</p> <p>Maths Master: Eden, For showing great knowledge of his Tens and Ones.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Parker, for being a superstar helper on the first week back to Mrs Earney and Mrs Koi.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Freddie St</p>
Oak	<p>Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to say a very special well done to all of Oak class for settling back in to school so well after half-term! Well done!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Shivani, for always making an amazing effort in writing.</p> <p>Maths Master: Jaxon, for excellent work on the numbers 8,9,10.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Cyra, for her all around attitude to learning.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Tia</p>
Cherry	<p>The adults in Cherry class would like to say thank you to Domonic's mum for the juicy oranges. We really enjoyed these over snack time. We peeled them independently! Thank you so much for the snack contribution, it is very kind of you. Thank you to all of Cherries for following our behaviour and reward chart system. You have shown a lot of understanding this term to how it works and why we have the cloud, sun and rainbow in place.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Frankie, for making and creating fantastic marks with the use of transport in paint.</p> <p>Maths Master: Lottie, for forming the number 10 from two number blocks independently.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Lana, for joining in with an activity she wasn't sure about but used the 'have a go' approach and was amazing for her self confidence. Well done Lana.</p>

- Coming up:**
Mon 26th Feb
Year 5 Swimming
- Tues 27th Feb**
Parent Reading
Workshop 2:30pm
- Tues 29th Feb**
Multi-Family
Group Meet 9am
- Thurs 7th Mar**
World Book Day!
- Sun 10th Mar**
Mothering Sunday
- W/C Mon 11th Mar**
Assessment Week
Science Week
Express Events
- Tues 12th Mar**
LGB Meeting
4:30pm – 6:30pm

Message from the Head Teacher:
Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,
Welcome back! We have started Term 4, full steam ahead! The children have been incredibly excited to begin their new topics and their new books in class – this has been wonderful to see. This week, we have been celebrating Design and Technology Week – inspired by inventors, the children have been challenged to design, create and evaluate an invention linked to last term's History topics. The children made some amazing inventions and proudly shared these at celebration assembly on Friday. Well done! I would like to say a special thank you to Miss Hardy, our Design and Technology leader, who organised this entire week and created all the teaching materials for our team.

Staying safe online is a subject which is constantly referred to throughout our computing curriculum and whenever the children use ICT, however we would like to raise this profile even more and help to better support our parents and pupils. E Safety posters will therefore be shared on class Dojo weekly from now on to develop a great awareness around E Safety. These posters not only refer to apps that children might access but also parental controls.

This term, we shall be inviting parents in Years N, R, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Parents Evening. On Monday at 4pm, bookings for Parents Evening will open. This will close on Friday 15th March at 4pm. Parents Evening will be held on Monday 18th March (3:30pm – 6:45pm) and Tuesday 19th March (3:30pm-5:30pm). Year 1 parents will have their Parents Evening in Term 5, on Mrs Hardiman's return to Kemsley.

We shall continue to embed our new school rules, which are a simplified version of our previous school rules:
1) Be Kind 2) Be Respectful 3) Be Responsible

To ensure that our behaviour policy is consistently applied across the school, we shall be introducing visual behaviour charts in Years 3 -6. This works effectively in Years N-2, where children can visually see that their good behaviour has been acknowledged, praised and rewarded. Also, where warnings or consequences are given, this is also shown on the chart, with the child's name is moved up or down the behaviour chart. Our behaviour policy is currently being updated to reflect this practice.

The class who have won Reggie this week with 97.62% attendance is Year 1! Well done! Whole school attendance is at 94.46%
Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break,
Miss Homer
Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week we have been reading and focusing on the book 'The Naughty Bus'. The children have enjoyed creating buses from chairs and stalls from around the classroom and extending their play creating bus tickets with use of mathematical language and money. We have been exploring the numbers 3,4,5 within the environment and showing our understanding to the numbers by identifying them in a scavenger hunt around the room. We have been talking lots about different forms of transport and creating our own amazing pieces of art that links to our story and topic of 'On the Move'.

Next week we will be Reading and focusing on the story 'The Train Ride'. We will be creating trains from our chairs and crates and speaking about where we could go on the train. We will be extending our identification of numbers 1-6, which will be amazing. We will also be creating lots of art work and mark making using trains.

Year R

Year R have had a very busy week back after half term, learning about journey's and discussing and drawing their own journey to school. Next week we will be reading the story, 'The Naughty Bus', which is the journey of a bus going through all the wrong places! In our maths learning we will be continuing with our learning on the numbers 9 & 10 and how to make number bonds to 10. If you have recently been on a journey using transport, either public or by car, please do send in any pictures so the children can discuss different types of journeys.

Year 1:

Welcome back Willow Class, you have all come back in amazing style and settled straight back into your learning like true super stars.

This week in Maths we have been continuing our learning of numbers up to 50 and focussing on tens and ones. In Literacy we have started a new text called 'The Queen's Hat'. The children loved acting out the story and learning what all the verbs were within the story. In our science lessons we were looking at all the parts of a plant and using a real plant to show and label each part. We also learnt all about the 28-year-old Doctor and inventor Rene Laennec, who invented the stethoscope. In DT we all designed our own inventions that would help Doctors and Nurses of today. We then made the chosen invention, the camerascope.

Year 2:

We have had a super first week back in Maple Class! In English we have been exploring the main character of our new working text: 'Gorilla'. We have identified their internal and external features and been exploring lots of examples of character descriptions, ready to write our own next week.

In maths we have started learning about multiplication and division. We have started with the 2 times table and explored how we can change the order of numbers and use multiplication facts we know to work out other calculations.

In science we did some observational drawing outside and labelled the plants. We looked at the purpose of each part of the plant and why it is important. In DT we celebrated 'Inventors Week' and learnt about Galileo, the inventor of the compass.

In music we began singing our new song and explored finding the pulse within music (the beat). In PE we are looking at games and created our own throwing and catching game using a bean bag.

We have started DEAR time this week. This is where we drop everything and read. It is really important that every child brings their reading folder in everyday as during this time each teacher will hear all the children read. If the children do not bring their books in this becomes very difficult. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 3:

Next week in Literacy, we will be writing our own poems, based on 'The Sound Collector'. In maths we are going to continue our learning of multiplication and division - focusing on dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. In science we are going to continue our learning about plants and how they survive, creating our own investigations. In geography, we will be using boiled eggs to identify the different layers of the earth, continuing our topic of 'Continental drift'. PE continues to be a Friday.

Year 4:

Next week, Ash Class will be writing a descriptive setting based on the book 'Charlotte's Web'. Mathematics is focussing on fractions, whilst in science we shall be continuing to explore food chains. Our geographical topic will be looking into the landscapes and physical features of Spain, with a particular focus on Barcelona. Art lessons will concentrate on quilting.

Year 5:

This week in Maths we have started a new topic, which is how to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, rectangles and polygons.

In literacy we are learning about the features of instructions and revisiting some grammar, such as imperative verbs, fronted adverbials and prepositions to improve our vocabulary.

In Science we started a new topic: 'Space and the Solar System'. We are starting to use evidence to support our ideas, like a real scientist. It's going to be a very exciting term!

In Geography we are learning about the coastal line formation and the impact of erosion. In addition to this, we are learning about natural and human causes of erosion and what can be done to stop it.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say welcome back to school and to Term 4. Time is certainly beginning to pass quickly. This term is another busy term, full of exciting opportunities for the children!

In literacy, we will be continuing with our work on diary entries. We will be generating a class diary entry, followed by a paired write and then finally we will be independently writing our own diary entry from the point of view of Karl, the clockmaker's apprentice, from our working text 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman.

In maths we will be continuing with our learning on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be converting fractions, decimals and percentages to help us compare and order.

In topic we will be learning about the different layers of the Earth's oceans. We will research each layer to help us determine which marine life lives in each layer.

Our work in science will focus on animal and plant adaptation. We will be researching how various animals and plants are able to survive in harsh conditions.

Our PE day this term will remain on a Monday. Please can I ask that all children are wearing our school PE kit on a Monday. This includes black tracksuit/jogging bottoms along with their tribal coloured Kemsley t-shirt. A school jumper/cardigan or a black tracksuit/jogging top may be worn over the top.

Week 2 – w/c Monday 26th February

Monday 26th February – Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 27th February – Parent Reading Workshop (2:30pm)

Thursday 29th February – Multi-Family Group (9am-10:30am)

Friday 1st March – Forest School Year 2 (Group 3)

Week 3 – w/c Monday 4th March

Monday 4th March – Year 5 Swimming

Monday 4th March – PC Jez on Gate Duty & Surgery (from 8:30am)

Monday 4th March – Virtual Assemblies from NSPCC (TBC)

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day!

Thursday 7th March – Multi-Family Group (9am-10:30am)

Sunday 10th March – Mother's Day

Week 4 – w/c Monday 11th March – Assessment Week, Science Week & Express Events Week!

Monday 11th March – Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 12th March – LGB Meeting (4:30pm – 6:30pm)

Thursday 14th March – Multi-Family Group (9am-10:30am)

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day (Non-School Uniform Day - TBC)

Express Events

Monday 11th March – Year 2 Express Event (9am – 10am)

Monday 11th March – Year 6 Express Event (2pm – 3pm)

Tuesday 12th March – Year N Morning Express Event (9am – 10am)

Tuesday 12th March – Year 3 Express Event (9am – 10am)

Tuesday 12th March – Year N Afternoon Express Event (2pm - 3pm)

Tuesday 12th March – Year 4 Express Event (2pm – 3pm)

Wednesday 13th March – Year 5 Express Event (9am-10am)

Wednesday 13th March – Year 1 Express Event (2pm-3pm)

Thursday 14th March – Year R Express Event (2pm-3pm)

Week 5 – w/c Monday 18th March – Express Event Week & PPM Week

Monday 18th March – Year 5 Swimming

Monday 18th March – Parents Evening 1 (3:30pm-6:45pm)

Tuesday 19th March – Parents Evening 2 (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

Wednesday 20th March – NSPCC Y5 & Y6 Workshop (10am in hall)

Wednesday 20th March – Y2 Workshop (11am in class)

Thursday 21st March – Multi-Family Group (9am-10:30am)

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

Monday 25th March / Tuesday 26th March – Year 6 Trip to London Aquarium (TBC)

Monday 25th March – Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 26th March – Year R Trip to Sittingbourne Steam 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 (8:45am – 3pm)

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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday 15th January 2024 – Thursday 21st March 2024

Year R – Year 2

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Dance Club	Monday	YR – Y2	Miss Hardy	Hall

Year R – Year 6

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Musical Theatre	Wednesday	YR – Y6	Mrs Dallamore-Hynd	Hall
Craft Club	Wednesday	YR – Y6	Mrs Urquhart	TBC
Animal Club	Wednesday/ Thursday	YR – Y6	Creepy Claws (Outside Company)	YR / Hall

KS1: Year 1 – Year 2

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
EYFS & KS1 Football	Thursday (day to be confirmed)	YR – Y2	Miss Homer & Miss Spenceley	Field

Year 2 – Year 6

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Choir	Thursday	Y2-Y6	Mrs Fletcher & Mrs Pullen	Year 6/Hall

KS2: Year 3 – Year 6

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Scratch Club (Coding)	Monday	Y3-Y6	Miss Donald	Year 3 Classroom
KS2 Football (CURRENTLY FULL)	Thursday (day TBC)	Y3-Y6	Miss Homer & Miss Spenceley	Field



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)