



# KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Paige for the kindness she has shown to her peers this week. They would also like to praise Daniel, Andrew, Holly and Annabelle for their research on Ellen MacArthur in geography. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Oliver D, for consistently and accurately embedding punctuation taught in KS2 within all of his writing across the curriculum. <b>Maths Master:</b> Ella-Rose, for applying her knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages to order and compare. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Katie, for consistently following the school rules and being an exceptional role model to her peers. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Wale
Birch	Mrs Stan and Miss Homer would like to extend praise to the whole of Year 5 for working hard throughout a very unsettled week. Special praise goes to Eliss and Amelia for always showing kindness and care to others, to Demi, Theo, Siddie and Freddie for exceptional manners, to Miley for always working so hard, and to Archie and Finley making some incredibly valuable contributions to our class discussions on Wednesday! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Finley, for his outstanding effort to present his writing beautifully. <b>Maths Master:</b> William, for truly going above and beyond in his Maths challenges! <b>Star of the Week:</b> Caitlyn, for her outstanding maturity and conscientiousness. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Siddie
Ash	The adults in Year 4 would like to praise both Shanjana and Oscar for their great contributions to discussions in RE. Mrs Fletcher would also like to thank both Summer and Ayobami for working so hard and enthusiastically during interventions. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Bentlee, for the concentration and effort put into his writing. <b>Maths Master:</b> Maisey, for the clear and knowledgeable explanation she gave during work on fractions. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Charlie, for the all-round improvement he has shown in his attitude to school. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Damian
Beech	This week the adults in Year 3 would like to praise the whole class for their incredible effort with their sound poems. In particular, they would like to praise Ella, Paige, Harley, Isaac, Freya, Joshua and Victoria for their exceptional poetry writing. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Morgan, for his beautiful poem. <b>Maths Master:</b> Freya, for her clever thinking, great attitude and resilience in our maths lessons. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Levi for his kind, caring nature and for making the adults in Year 3 smile. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Victoria
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Spenceley and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Sophie, Bella and Sophie-Leigh for their brilliant work across all subjects this week and for showing good participation in group work. We would also like to give special praise to Harper and Tabitha for being good friends this week to others. We would like to thank Harry P and Harry B for helping to keep the classroom tidy and for picking up coats in the cloakroom. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Mollie, for a lovely character description based on our book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. <b>Maths Master:</b> Max, for explaining how he worked out the answer to division word problems. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Kara, for being confident to take part in class discussions this week and share her views with the class. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Ivy
Willow	The adults of Willow Class would like to praise Willow class for consistently improving your behaviour for learning and following the school rules. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Bethany, for her brilliant work writing a recount of the story 'The Queen's Hat'. <b>Maths Master:</b> Veronica, for giving 100% effort in maths. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Teddy, for showing empathy to his peers and for improving on his listening and attention during lessons. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Darasimi
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise, Ella, Elaine, River, Siyana and Shivani for their continuous effort in phonics lessons. We would also like to praise Sofia, Kevin and Poppy for always being ready to learn. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Ackley, for excellent effort in his phonics work. <b>Maths Master:</b> Kevin, for brilliant unsupported work on number bonds to 10. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Paris, for being an absolute star in all her learning. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> River
Cherry	Thank you so much to Dominic's mum for bringing in some extra fruit for the children's snack! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Akin, for engaging in fantastic mark making when creating a train this week. <b>Maths Master:</b> Dominic, for fantastic engagement with our counting challenges this week. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Franky, for fantastic engagement all round this week. Well done!

**Coming up:**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Year 5 Swimming

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> & Tues 5<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Bike-ability

Group 1

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar**

World Book Day!

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Bike-ability

Group 2

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Multi-Family Group

Meet 9am

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Mothering Sunday

**W/C Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Assessment Week

Science Week

Express Events

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> & Tue 12<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 Bike-ability

Group 3

**Message from the Head Teacher:**

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

This week has been another fantastic week - not only have the children been working incredibly hard, but they have been showing some excellent examples of what exemplary behaviour looks like, modelling our new school rules fabulously:

1. Be Kind
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Responsible

I would like to extend special praise to Year 5, who I had the pleasure of teaching on Wednesday morning – you were all absolutely incredible and produced some wonderful learning! Well done! I would also like to say a special well done to Finley who has been awarded 'Presentation of the Week' award for outstanding effort with his presentation! Finally, I would like to extend special praise to Bella (Y2) who has been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Sittingbourne design a carnival float competition! Well done Bella!

**Digital Online Safety message from Mrs Donaghy (Computing Leader):**

There are many ways in which you can now access the internet. When we talk about Internet Safety we often think about the access we have to the internet through laptops, and phones or tablets. However, there are numerous other ways that your child can access the internet which are less obvious. The following devices all have the ability to access an internet browser, and may not have safety features enabled: Nintendo Switch; Nintendo Wii; Wiiu; XBOX; Playstation; SMART TV; SMART DVD Players (Please see class Dojo for further information and helpful links).

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

**On week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, we shall be holding Express Events – Please note that the date of Year 6's Express Event has changed to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9am.**

Next week, we welcome Ms Coulbault to our teaching team, who is joining us in Year 5 from Monday until the end of this academic year!

The class who have won Reggie this week with 98.89% attendance is Year 2! Well done Maple Class! Whole school attendance is at 94.51% Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer

Headteacher

# News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

## Year N:

This week we have been exploring the story of 'The Train Journey'. The children have been talking about their own experiences on trains and what they might see on the journey. We have been learning about how to print using shapes to create our own trains or pictures that interest us. We then moved on to collage trains to explore a different skill in creating artwork. We have also been exploring numbers 1-5. The children have been given the challenge of recognising the number and counting how many.

Next week we will be exploring the story 'The Lost Property Office' where a little girl loses her teddy on the train! We will be focusing on pre-writing skills, dough disco, constructing train journeys and creating train journey obstacle courses.

## Year R

This week, Oak class have enjoyed learning about the Naughty Bus and his adventures through baked beans and a pond! The children are beginning to learn about different forms of transport and particularly liked learning about hot air balloons. In Maths we have begun to investigate number bonds to 10; this important concept will help the children in Maths as they grow.

Next week our book is 'Who sank the Boat?' by Pamela Allen. In next week's Maths lessons, we will look at doubles to 10 and also odds and evens.

We will be continuing our woodland walks, so please try to send a pair of wellies to school on Tuesdays, as the ground is still quite wet.

## Year 1:

Wow, what a great start to the week, Willow class! You have settled straight back into your learning like the super stars you are. The children have shown so much enthusiasm in all our lessons and our slowly embedding our school rules and values in everything they do.

This week in Maths we have been looking at lengths and heights and have been busy comparing our heights with our peers and using rulers to measure objects in our classroom. We have been using the words taller and shorter to compare our heights and longer and shorter to compare lengths.

In literacy we are continuing with our text 'The Queen's hat' and will be writing our own recount of the story by the end of the week. How exciting! In our science lesson we are looking at different types of wild plants and going on a hunt with a checklist to see what wild plants we might find in our school field.

## Year 2:

This week in Maple class we have been writing character descriptions in English. Some of us even had a go at editing our writing to ensure we had remembered all our punctuation! In Maths we have been looking at the 2-, 5- and 10-times table and dividing and multiplying within word problems.

In Science we planted cress in different conditions. We are giving one water, one light and water, one just light and the other neither. We are excited to see which pots grow and will check on our cress seeds next week. In PE we have been practising throwing and catching in different ways in preparation for making up our own ball game at the end of the term.

In PSHRE, we explored keeping healthy and ways to relax. We explored things we enjoyed doing and acted some of these out using a freeze frame. In DT we learnt how wool is made and where it comes from. This term we will be weaving to make a bag out of wool.

Please continue to encourage your children to bring their homework in every Tuesday and bring their reading folders everyday as it is very difficult to listen to the children reading without their books! Thank you in advance from the Year 2 team.

## Year 3:

Next week in Year 3, we will be beginning our new Literacy topic: speeches. We will be exploring speeches, asking ourselves why someone might make a speech and how a speech is written. We will be pretending that we are Lila from 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and will be writing a speech about women being able to make fireworks! In maths, we begin a new topic: Fractions. We will be exploring the difference between numerators and denominators before making wholes. In science, we will be planting and observing some plants grow and in geography, we are continuing our learning about volcanoes! Please note that our express event is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

## Year 4:

Next week, Ash Class will be writing diary entries in English. Mathematics will focus on angles and triangles. In Science we shall explore the functions of different teeth in humans. Geography will focus on the human and physical features of Barcelona. In Computing we shall continue to look at how technology is used to create a TV advert.

## Year 5:

This week, the children have been continuing with planning and drafting instructions in English. They have also been consolidating their understanding of how to calculate area and perimeter for 2D shapes. In Science, the children have begun to explore the solar system, and created as a team a 2D model of this. Next week, we shall be welcoming Ms Coulbault to Year 5, who shall be teaching the Year 5 up until the end of this school year. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming her to Kemsley.

## Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say another huge well done to all the children in Year 6 for another fantastic week of hard work and fun.

Next week is assessment week in Sycamore Class. The children will be completing their final SATs practice papers before the 'real thing' in Term 5. In literacy we will be focusing on a new genre. The children will start working towards writing an explanation text on how their new figure for the Great Clock of Glockenheim will work.

In maths we will be recapping on our previous knowledge of how to calculate the area and perimeter and then moving on to learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of different triangles.

On Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day. In Year 6 we will be focusing on William Shakespeare, with a particular focus on Romeo and Juliet. Children may come to school dressed as William Shakespeare or as a character from one of his playscripts.

### **Week 3 – w/c Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Bike-ability Cycling Proficiency (Group 1)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Swimming

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Virtual Assemblies from NSPCC (TBC)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Bike-ability Cycling Proficiency (Group 2)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day!

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

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day

### **Week 4 – w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Assessment Week, Science Week & Express Events Week!**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Bike-ability Cycling Proficiency (Group 3)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – LGB Meeting (4:30pm – 6:30pm)

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

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day (Non-School Uniform Day - TBC)

### **Express Events**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Express Event (9am – 10am)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year N Morning Express Event (9am – 10am)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Express Event (9am – 10am)

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

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Express Event (2pm – 3pm)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Express Event (9am-10am)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Express Event (2pm-3pm)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year R Express Event (2pm-3pm)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Express Event (9am – 10am)

**Week 5 – w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Express Event Week & PPM Week**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Swimming

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

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 2 (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

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

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Workshop (11am in class)

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

**Week 6 – w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Week**

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year R Trip to Sittingbourne Steam Railway

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

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Children break up for Term 4

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Staff Inset Day (8:45am – 3pm)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 4

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Term 5 Begins!

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

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
**(Staff Inset Day 1 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**(Staff Inset Day 2 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January

#### **Term 3**

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

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

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

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
**(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
**(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – School Closed)**  
**(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School Closed)**



## **Academic Year 2024 - 2025**

### **Term Dates**

#### **Term 1**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
**(Staff Inset Day 1 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

#### **Term 2**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### **Term 3**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
**(Staff Inset Day 2 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
**(Easter Monday Bank Holiday – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – School Closed)**

#### **Term 5**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
**(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
**(Staff Inset Day 3 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – School Closed)**  
**(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – School Closed)**  
**(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – School Closed)**