



# KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Ella-Rose for looking out for her peers this week. They would also like to praise Lizzy for settling in to Sycamore Class so well. Special praise goes to Matthew and Oliver D for their exceptional hard work and well-written non-chronological reports on the Great Barrier Reef in geography this week. All the adults in Year 6 would also like to praise all the children who took part in bikeability this week. The instructors were extremely impressed with their participation and polite manners, which was lovely to hear. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Blake for his use of rhetorical questions to help convey his thoughts and feelings in his diary entry. <b>Maths Master:</b> Wilburn, for the progress he has demonstrated in his arithmetic paper this term. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Oliver B, for his increased focus and concentration in all areas of the curriculum. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Lauren
Birch	I would like to praise Lois and William for their quiet dedication to their learning this week. I would also like to thank Amber, Demi, Theo and Daniels for always contributing in class. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Caitlyn, for her consistently good writing in all subjects <b>Maths Master:</b> William, for his understanding of interpreting timetables <b>Star of the Week:</b> Siddie, for always trying his best and contributing in class. <b>Dojo Champion:</b>
Ash	Praise goes to Maisey and Jimmy for thinking of others in class. Mrs Fletcher would also like to thank Daisy for always helping her out. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Miles, for writing a thoughtful and image-provoking setting description. <b>Maths Master:</b> George H, for focussing well during lessons. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Joyzer, for being a great friend to everyone. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Ayobami
Beech	Miss Donald and Mrs. Dixon would like to say a huge well done to Jonjoe, Joshua, Maceo, Paige, Kacper, David, Michelle and Victoria for their astounding geographical knowledge during our daily <a href="http://Globe(globe-game.com)">Globe (globe-game.com)</a> challenge! They would also like to praise Archie S, Peter and Madalena for working hard on their handwriting and presentation. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Joshua, for his contributions towards our shared write. <b>Maths Master:</b> Emilia, for her independence in maths. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Matthias, for his independence, hard work and resilience. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Aiyla
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Spencley and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Darcey, Arlie and Oladele for their excellent recounting of our working text: 'Gorilla' during English. We would also like to praise Tabitha and Annabelle for showing our school rule of being kind during PE this week, when helping their friends. We would like to thank Bella and Mia for helping us all, including the teachers, to remember to water our cress seeds each day! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Harry B, for working hard to identify verbs and nouns within a narrative. <b>Maths Master:</b> Emma, for showing perseverance when counting in 5s and 10s this week. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Georgie, for showing respect to others by being ready to listen to their views and opinions within PSHRE. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> James
Willow	The adults of Willow class would like to praise Year 1 for remembering the carpet rules most of the time. Let us keep working hard on showing respect to our peers during carpet lessons by not calling out. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Belkisa, for her fantastic effort in SPaG. <b>Maths Master:</b> Samuel, for working hard this week and having a go at all the challenges in maths. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Arul and Lance, for settling in well as if they have always been here. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Troy
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise the whole class for their amazing attitude, their constant striving to learn and their positivity! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Oliver W, for always being eager to complete his writing. <b>Maths Master:</b> Ava, for showing her understanding of doubles so well. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Pearl, for a huge improvement in her perseverance towards her learning. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Elaine
Cherry	A big thank you to Mrs Urquhart for providing some wonderful resources for our Nursery. Thank you! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Mason, for creating his Mother's day card happily with the use of paint on his fingertips. Well done Mason! Great mark-making. <b>Maths Master:</b> Liberty, for using mathematical language when describing her peers – "You're shorter than me and you're taller than me!" showing a good understanding of size. Well done Liberty! <b>Star of the Week:</b> Riley, for showing wonderful listening this week.

**Coming up:**  
**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>**  
 'Learn To Ride' – Y4,  
 Y5 & Y6 (for children  
 of parents who have  
 opted in)

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
 LGB (4:30pm-  
 6:30pm)

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
 Multi-Family Group  
 Meet 9am

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
 Red Nose Day (Wear  
 something red!)

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

This week we have welcomed Ms Coulbault to our school. She is on secondment from Copperfield Primary Academy and will be teaching Year 5 up until the end of July. I would like to praise Year 5 for having made Ms Coulbault feel so welcome. I would also like to thank Mrs Hornsby, Mrs Steadman, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Urquhart, who continue to go above and beyond, supporting across the school, helping with extra-curricular clubs and for always being at the end of the phone to support parents in a multitude of ways. I would also like to thank our sensational teaching team and our amazing cleaning team for always giving their very best. I would like to thank Mrs Bond, for organising such a wonderful World Book Day and thank our incredible parents for helping the children prepare for this special day – they all looked stunning in their costumes! Finally, I would like to say a special well done to the Year 6 pupils who took part in bike ability this week – your excellent listening skills and polite manners were highly praised by the instructors and also thank you to Year 6 (especially Orla and Oliver D) and Mrs Urquhart for running our Mother's day shop this week.

Next week is a very busy week! We shall be celebrating Science week, holding our express events and also undertaking assessments! **Please note that the date of Year 6's Express Event has changed again, back to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.** During Science week, the theme is 'Time'. Throughout the week, the children are invited to take part in a range of activities at school and at home (which requires adult supervision). As well as this, there will be a Science Gadget Shop running. For more information about Science Week and the Science Gadget Shop, please click [here](#).

This term, we are 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.

Attendance is currently 95.5%. Year 5 and Year 2 have earned Reggie with 98.33% attendance this week! Well done. A special well done to Archie S (Y3) for winning presentation of the week award!  
 Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,  
 Miss Homer  
 Headteacher

# News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

## Year N:

This week in Nursery, we have been focusing on the book, 'The Lost Property Office'. The children have been really interested in this idea that lost things can end up there and were very happy to see the little girl get her teddy back in the story! We have been learning about using tools and techniques to create our own bear pictures such as painting with different sized brushes, stampers and even toothbrushes! We have also celebrated World Book Day focussing on 'Stick man oh stick man'. We have been collecting our own sticks to design our very own stickman and creating our own stickman story sacks.

Next week we will be looking at the story 'Zoey's First Plane Ride' and exploring taking a journey on a plane. We will look at how planes work as well as looking at maps of the world to see where we have already travelled and where we might like to travel to. We will also be creating our own passports and making planes with construction materials!

Year N Express Events (Stay and Play sessions) are on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am and 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year R

This week we have seen so much development in Oak class; the children are always so keen to learn and show great behaviour. We are very proud of them. We have started to really extend our writing in year R and the children are really rising to the challenge. We have very much enjoyed World Book Day in Oak class, with some wonderful learning around a variety of Julia Donaldson books. Next week, our story is 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' by Katie Haworth and Daniel Rieley. This story takes us on a journey around the world, so please encourage your child to talk about the different countries we are learning about. In our Maths lessons next week, we will start looking at 3D shapes, such as cubes and spheres. Our topic learning will continue to focus on transport and journeys.

Year R Express Event is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 1:

What a busy week it has been in Willow class! The children have been such fantastic learners and they have tried their hardest following the school rules and our values. Well done!

This week in Maths we have been looking at mass and weights and have been busy comparing the weights of objects using balancing beams. We have been using the words heavier and lighter to compare weights. We have started a new book Literacy called "A Walk in London". The children have had fun learning the fun facts about landmarks in London as they follow the little girl in the book on her journey through London. This feeds into our Geography lessons where the children are learning about the city of London. We have had our very own virtual experience of the London tubes by watching a video of a moving tube, sitting as if we were in the tube. In our science lesson we are looking at garden plants drawing and naming the parts of the plant and what plants need to grow.

Year 1 Express Event is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 2:

This week in Maple class we have been looking at narratives. We have been talking about the structure of our working text: 'Gorilla' looking at key words and the events within the book. We had lots of fun on World Book Day as well exploring Beatrix Potter stories and learning about the author herself.

In Maths we have been using the 5 and 10 timetable to calculate different problems and have spotted patterns that link these times tables together. In science we learnt about the life cycle of a plant and created life cycle wheels. In PSHRE we learnt about medicines and how they keep us healthy. We discussed how we must take medicines responsibly and were able to link this with our school rules.

Please be reminded next week is our Express event on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9am until 10am. We will be exploring science week!

## Year 3:

Next week, in Literacy, we are continuing on with our speech writing, firstly by completing a shared write, then a paired write and then finally an independent write. In maths, we are carrying on with our fraction work and will be ordering and comparing fractions. In Science we are going to explore how water is transported through plants by conducting an experiment with celery and dye. In Geography, we are going to create comic book strips explaining how volcanoes are formed.

Please note that Year 3 Express Event is next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> March) at 9am.

## Year 4:

Next week is Science Week during which time Ash Class will be carrying out investigations and experiments related to teeth. Literacy will focus on writing a diary entry from the point of view of Wilbur from Charlotte's Web. Maths will link our work on angles to different triangles. In Geography, we shall be comparing the climate of Barcelona to Kemsley.

Finally, a reminder that Year 4 have their Express event on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

## Year 5:

This week we have been starting newspaper reports and learning about Charles Dickens for World Book Day. In Maths, we have been learning how to read and interpret timetables.

Next week we will be joining in with Science week and enjoying fun experiments, as well as writing our newspaper reports about a boy going overboard! Thank you to the whole of Birch Class for a great first week!

Year 5 Express Event is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 6:

First of all, the adults in Year 6 would like to praise all the children who took part in Level 1 & Level 2 of bikeability this week. The instructors spoke highly of the engagement and politeness of all the children. Next week group 3 will be taking part in 'Learn to Ride' on Monday and Tuesday. If your child is in group 3 please can you send them into school in their full P.E. kit (black leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers).

Next week in literacy we will be looking at explanation texts. The children will be creating a character for the Great Clock of Glockenheim and working towards writing an explanation text on how their character operates. In maths, we will begin by working on area and perimeter, and then move on to drawing and interpreting line graphs.

Next week is also science week. The children will be carrying out experiments throughout the week and will be taking part in the 'Time' themed poster competition.

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you that our Year 6 Express Event day has changed to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am due to some children taking part in 'Learn to Ride' on Monday.

#### **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 – ‘Learn to Ride’ (Y4, Y5 & Y6)

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 – Wear something red!)

#### **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

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)**