



# KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

<b>Sycamore</b>	<p>Mrs Hartley and Mrs D-H would like to praise the whole of Sycamore Class for a fantastic start to the year! Mrs. D.H. and I are so proud of how brilliantly you've all settled into the routines and expectations of Year 6. You've returned from the summer break full of energy, enthusiasm, and a wonderful attitude towards learning — it's been a joy to see! We're really looking forward to an amazing year ahead, filled with exciting challenges, new discoveries, and lots of fun along the way. Let's make this final year of primary school one to remember!</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Ronnie for his exceptional presentation within his writing.  <b>Maths Master:</b> Ayobami for his understanding of place value up to 10,000,000.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Eli for his incredible adjustment to Year 6. He has been focused and engaged all in his lessons.  <b>Dojo Champion:</b> . Lilley</p>
<b>Birch</b>	<p>Mrs Donaghy, Mrs Fletcher and Miss Spenceley would like to praise Ella, Paige, Henry and Jaden for their help in the classroom this week. We would also like to praise the entire class for settling so well into Year 5.</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Caleb, for making a great effort in making a mind map in writing this week.  <b>Maths Master:</b> Effy, for persevering in Maths.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Ella, who has worked really hard this week and shown a great attitude to learning.  <b>Dojo Champion:</b> . Aiyala</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>Mr Green, Miss Filipovic and Miss Laming would like to thank all of Ash Class on how well we have started the term and the new school year! We have been blown away by how polite and caring you have all been to each other and how welcome you have made Mr Green feel on his first week at Kemsley. Your maturity and manners have made what could have been a nervous period coming back to school as smooth as we could have wished and that is a credit to all of you not only as pupils but as considerate young people as well. We cannot wait to build on this week and are thoroughly looking forward to what we can achieve in the year to come.</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Annabelle for her progress with presentation and her dedication to going above and beyond with her descriptive writing.  <b>Maths Master:</b> Ayomide for his hard work with Miss Filipovic in his maths refresher sessions and motivation to push himself.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Georgie for his can-do attitude and coming back to the school year with a motivation for hard work and a dedication to helping his peers.  <b>Dojo Champion:</b> . Kara</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Miss Budgen and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the entire class for a fantastic start to Year 3. Every child has arrived at school with a positive attitude towards learning and has transitioned into Key Stage 2 brilliantly. We've been so impressed by the exceptional effort shown in all lessons, and we are incredibly proud of the behaviour and enthusiasm we've seen this week.</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Noa for showing a fantastic understanding of expanded noun phrases.  <b>Maths Master:</b> Freddie St for doing incredibly well with his times tables this week.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Parker for always showing his kind and considerate nature, you are a joy to have in the class.  <b>Dojo Champion:</b> . Rosie</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>Miss Patston and Mrs Dixon would like to praise and thank the whole class for their maturity and readiness to learn this week. You have been incredible, we are so excited to be part of your year 2 journey!</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Lyle for beautiful reading with Mrs Dixon and in front of the class this week.  <b>Maths Master:</b> Ava for demonstrating resilience in maths this week and coming to the front of the class to explain how she represented different numbers.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Jaxon who has demonstrated incredible positivity and kindness with his friends this week.  <b>Dojo Champion:</b> . Ella</p>
<b>Willow</b>	<p>This week Miss Hardy, Mrs Earney, Mrs Stan and Miss Spenceley would like to praise the whole of Willow class. You have all been superstars this week and have settled into Year 1 so well. We are super proud of you all.</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Arthur for working hard to write key words about Elmer.  <b>Maths Master:</b> Danny for being able to sort objects by colour this week.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Hattie for coming into school with a smile everyday and trying her hardest in all she does.  <b>Dojo Champion:</b> . Serenity</p>
<b>Oak</b>	<p>A tremendous well done to all of Oak class for an absolutely fantastic first week at big school! You have all made us so proud with how beautifully you are settling in. Well done! Keep up the amazing work!</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Lucy for writing her name independently.  <b>Maths Master:</b> Samuel for recognising his numbers up to 20.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Maggie for following the class rules and encouraging other child to make good choices.  <b>Dojo Champion:</b> . Mabel</p>
<b>Cherry</b>	<p>A massive welcome back to all our Cherry class members and families! We have had a brilliant first week back and all the children have settled so well to their new routine and environment!</p> <p><b>Writer of the Week:</b> Charlie for his excellent drawing of who lives in his home!  <b>Maths Master:</b> Daniel for demonstrating how to count from 1-5 in sequence independently.  <b>Star of the Week:</b> Lennie for an excellent transition back into nursery and being kind and helpful to all our new friends!</p>

## KEY DATES

### Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Sept

Bookings for Extra-Curricular Clubs Open (4pm)

### Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

Kent Test (for Y6 pupils registered by parents)

### Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

Bookings for Extra-Curricular Clubs Close (4pm)

### Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

Roald Dahl Day (Dress up)

### Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

Extra-Curricular Clubs Begin (3:15pm-4:15pm)

### Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

Parent Open Evening (3:30pm- 5pm) – Parents invited to come as see their children's learning.

## Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our families and a special welcome to all of our new families joining us this term. We would also like to welcome Mr Green (Y4 Class Teacher) Mr Smith (Site Manager), Miss Altringham (YN, Y1 & Y4 TA), Mrs Elmer (HLTA) and Miss Mackenzie (Supply Nursery Teacher). We are so excited to start this new school year - with lots of exciting developments on the horizon! We look forward to sharing these with you soon!

Mrs Hornsby and I would like to say a tremendous well done to all the children – you have all settled so beautifully, especially our new Reception class who has started big school for the very first time! We are so very proud of you all! It is wonderful to see even in these early days of the school year, our children so focused and so engaged in their learning! Well done!

A huge thank you to our teaching team for all their hard work preparing their classrooms and lessons to make the children's first week back so special! A big thank you also to our cleaning team and our site manger, Mr Smith, for preparing the site for our children's return to school and also our admin team, Mrs Urquhart and Miss Coleman, for helping to prepare for the new school year too. A special thank you to Mrs Steadman, Mrs Bovis and Mrs Hornsby for all their pastoral care, helping to support our children across the school to settle in after such a long time away. Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for your messages of support, kind words and for keeping us in the loop!

## Key Dates:

**09.09.25 - Bookings for Extra-Curricular Clubs Open (4pm)**

**11.09.25 – Kent Test (for Y6 pupils registered by parents)**

**12.09.25 – Bookings for Extra Curricular Clubs Close (4pm)**

**12.09.25 – Roald Dahl Day**

**15.09.25 – Extra-Curricular Clubs Begin (3:15pm-4:15pm)**

**17.09.25 – Parent Open Evening (3:30pm-5pm) – Parents are invited to come and see their child's learning.**

Our overall attendance is currently 92.47%. Well done everyone! This week YR & Y4 have been awarded Reggie with 97.74% attendance. Well done!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer  
Headteacher

# News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

## Year N:

This term our topic is "Magnificent Me" where we will learn all about how we are all unique in our own way and looking at who is a part of our lives and families. Please if you haven't already can you bring in a family photo and or send to Mrs Mackie on Dojo as we will be using these this term.

## Year R

This term our topic is 'All about Me'. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in family photos of you and your child and baby photos of your child.

PE will be on a Thursday and the children will come in dressed in their PE kit, in their tribal T-shirt colours. Black/ grey shorts or black tracksuit trousers can be worn (when the weather is bad, please can we ask that the children are in trousers). Bright colours and named branded cloths are not to be worn please. PE will not be happening until the 9th of October- The children have continued access to the outside area and will carry out many physical activities during the day so they won't miss out.

Earrings - stud earrings only please. They Must be removed for PE or children will not be allowed to take part.

Snack times- children may bring their own fruit or veggies for snack, but only fruit and veggies. We do provide snack for the children along with morning bagels. Lastly, we are a NUT free school. Please can I ask that any food products that contain nut not be used in the children's lunches. This includes chocolate spread (nutella) and snacks such as Kinder bars.

## Year 1:

We have had a fantastic first week in Willow Class! Each and every child has been amazing, they have all worked so incredibly hard and have settled into Year 1 beautifully, we truly couldn't be prouder.

In Literacy this term our working text is Elmer. We have been writing sentences starting with I. The children have been fantastic at using their finger spaces and capital letters. Next week we will continue using the book Elmer but start our sentences with the word The (writing in the third person).

In Maths this week we have been sorting objects. The children used lots of different resources within the classroom and sorted them by colour, size, shape and number. We also have been counting within 10 this week. The children were able to use their numbers in order and also write numbers within their workbooks. Next week we will continue looking at numbers and place value.

We have also had our first Science lesson this week where we are learning about the human body. We pretended to be doctors and acted out giving first aid which we loved. Our Art lesson introduced Picasso our focus artist this term. We will create abstract self-portraits at the end of the term.

We also sung our new music song this week and will begin to discuss pitch next week and tempo. Finally, in computing we were able to explore what technology is and we went on a digital hunt around our school noticing all the different technology!

A few notices ahead of next week are our PE day is Monday. Please ensure your children remove their earrings before the school day. Please also ensure they are wearing the correct colour t-shirt. Your children came home with homework books and spellings this week. We have a spelling test on a Friday each week. We also have our homework due in on Wednesday please. It is really important the children complete this and we will be asking for any homework books that are not returned by Wednesday. Thank you for all your support, we cannot wait for an exciting year with all the children!

## Year 2:

We've had a brilliant first week back in Year 2! The children have returned with enthusiasm and positivity, and it's been lovely to see them settling into their new routines so confidently.

In Literacy, we have begun exploring our class text for the term: *Town Mouse and Country Mouse*. This week, the children worked in pairs using colourful semantics to build sentences and deepen their understanding of the characters. As a class, we created a spider diagram to explore character traits and ideas. Next week, we will be using all of this to write our own character descriptions. In Maths, our focus has been on place value and representing numbers up to 100. The children have used a range of manipulatives to support their learning, and some even took on the role of 'teacher' to explain their representations to the class. It's been wonderful to see such confident and collaborative learning.

In Art, we introduced our topic for the term: portraits. We learned about the artist Rembrandt and played games using facial expressions to explore how our features change depending on how we feel. The children showed great curiosity and creativity during these activities.

Just a small reminder that PE takes place on Thursday afternoons, so please ensure children come to school in their PE kits on that day.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week ahead!

Miss Patston and Mrs Dixon

## Year 3:

Firstly, welcome back to school and to Year 3! The children have done an outstanding job settling into their new routines. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication—it's been a brilliant start to the year.

Next week, the children will continue developing their literacy skills by focusing on character descriptions. They will be writing about 'Om', a character from our class text *Stone Age Boy*. In maths, we'll be building on this week's work on place value, using this knowledge to represent and partition numbers up to 1,000. Throughout this term, our history topic will be the Stone Age. The children will explore how people lived during this time, including how they made tools and created artwork.

A reminder that our PE day is Friday. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits, which should include black shorts or plain black jogging bottoms and their tribal-coloured t-shirt. Please ensure branded sportswear is not worn. No earrings should be worn either.

As we move through the academic year, key messages and photos of the children's learning will be shared on Class Dojo. Please check regularly to stay updated.

## Year 4:

Firstly, welcome back to Year 4! I hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are well rested and recharged for an exciting year ahead! It has been an incredible start to the year with Ash Class starting with their best foot forward dedicated to being the best versions of themselves. I have been so impressed by all members of the class looking to help where they can and ensure that we can help to create the best learning environment not only in our class but in the wider school as well.

This term, our topic is The Rampaging Romans, and the children have shown interest in discovering more about that period of history and how it contrasts life as we know it today. This has led to fascinating open discussions over how things have changed and why.

In Literacy, we are focusing on the text 'The Thieves of Ostia' by Caroline Lawrence. We have started the term with focusing on our descriptive writing of characters within the book. By improving these skills we can make our character descriptions accurate and engaging for the reader.

In Maths we are building on our understanding of place value through representing and partitioning numbers to 1000. Next week we will continue to develop these skills further up to 10,000. The pupils seem to be extremely motivated and keen to get stuck into maths lessons which have been a pleasure to teach so far.

We are so excited for the year to come full of new learning opportunities as we move forward together as a team. There are lots of fun memories to be made, so get ready it is going to be a fantastic year!

## Year 5:

What a fantastic start to Year 5! We have had a wonderful week and are looking forward to the rest of this term. So far, we have started writing a diary entry for our story about Will Montague, a boy from Tudor times. The class really enjoyed acting out the first chapter of the story in order to understand the feelings of the characters. In Maths, we are looking at place value, which involves understanding the value of digits within a number. Our History topic, based around the Tudors, has also been very popular and this week we learned about the first Tudor King, Henry VII. In R.E we are looking at the Hindu faith and enjoyed drawing home shrines. Our Science topic this term is Forces and this week we have looked at Friction.

Remember, P.E is on Tuesdays. Please give your child a raincoat as the weather has become unpredictable.

## Year 6:

Firstly, a very warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's been wonderful to see the children return with such positivity and enthusiasm, and they've already made a fantastic start to life in Year 6. Mrs. D.H. and I are incredibly proud of how quickly they've settled into the routines and expectations of their final year at primary school. Your maturity, teamwork, and positivity have already made our classroom a happy and productive place to be.

This term, our topic is World War II, and the children have shown great interest and curiosity as we begin exploring this important period in history. We've already had some thoughtful discussions and are looking forward to diving deeper into this era.

In Literacy, we are focusing on the text 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne. Over the next two weeks, the children will be working on writing a diary entry from the perspective of Bruno, the main character. This will help them develop empathy, narrative voice, and descriptive writing skills. In Maths, we are continuing to build on our understanding of place value, and next week we'll be moving on to ordering and rounding numbers. The children are already showing great confidence and focus in their learning.

We're really looking forward to a brilliant year ahead, full of exciting learning opportunities, personal growth, and memorable experiences. Thank you for your continued support — we can't wait to see what this year brings!

## Key Term Dates

### Week 1

**01.09.25 – Staff Inset Day (School Closed to pupils)**

**02.09.25 – School Year begins for YN, Y1-Y6 😊**

**03.09.25 – School Starts for YR 😊**

### Week 2

**09.09.25 - Bookings for Extra-Curricular Clubs Open (4pm)**

**11.09.25 – Kent Test (for Y6 pupils registered by parents)**

**12.09.25 – Bookings for Extra Curricular Clubs Close (4pm)**

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### Week 3

**Extra-Curricular Clubs Begin (3:15pm-4:15pm)– See Arbor**

**17.09.25 - Parent Open Afternoon (3:30pm-5pm)**

### Week 4

**Assessment Week**

**23.09.25 – LGB Meeting (4:30pm-6:30pm)**

**26.09.25 – Emotional Wellbeing Team Coffee Morning (for parents) 8:45am onwards**

### Week 5

**Black History Month – from 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**29.09.25 – Y3 & Y4 Road Safety Workshop**

**01.10.25 - Parents Phonics Workshop – YR & Y1 (2:30pm & 4pm)**

**02.10.25 – CENSUS Day (Carnival Themed)**

### Week 6

**08.10.25 – Parent Maths Workshop (All Years) 2:30pm**

**10.10.25 – FLU Vaccination (YR – Y6)**

**11.10.25 – International Day of The Girl (TBC for Week 6)**

### **EXPRESS EVENTS WEEK:**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y5 at 9am**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y4 at 2pm**

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y6 at 9am**

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y1 at 2pm**

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – YN at 9am**

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y3 at 2pm**

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – YR at 2pm**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y2 at 2pm**

### Week 7

**17.10.25 – Show Racism the Red Card (Wear Red Day)**

**17.10.25 – Final day of Term 1 (school closes at 3:15pm)**

**20.10.25 – 24.10.25 Half-Term (School Closed)**



## **Academic Year 2025 - 2026**

### **Term Dates**

#### **Term 1**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**(Staff Inset Day 1 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – School Closed)**

**All children apart from New Reception Class to return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

**New Reception Class to start school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Term 2**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### **Term 3**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**(Staff Inset Day 2 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**(Good Friday Bank Holiday – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed)**

#### **Half-Term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**(Staff Inset Day 3 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School Closed)**

**(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – School Closed)**

**(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – School Closed)**