



Sycamore	<p>Mrs Hartley & Mrs D-H would like to praise Paakow and Maisey for being excellent classroom monitors this week. They would also like to praise Harley and Charlie for working hard to improve their presentation in all areas of the curriculum. A special well done goes to Mrs Hartley's early morning catch up group for their continued hard work and resilience with fractions.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Tanjim for her emotive language in her diary entry this week.</p> <p>Maths Master: Kelsie for applying her knowledge of place value to accurately read and record numbers to 10,000,000.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Sonny for always being fully prepared for lessons, listening well & completing tasks to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Maisey</p>
Birch	<p>Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise Thomas, Jonjoe, Devon and Michelle for their support around the class this week. We would also like to thank Aiyla for supporting a child within Year R with their learning and understanding.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Paige and Emilia, for great work in their paired write.</p> <p>Maths Master: Georgie, for excellent presentation in maths.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Melda, for a great first week.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Archie S</p>
Ash	<p>Thank yous from Ash class this week go to Bailey-Jay, Ivy and Harper for continuing in their dedication to volunteer for helping Mr Green with odd jobs around the classroom.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Harry B for his attention and dedication into improving his Roman god description work.</p> <p>Maths Master: James for assisting those around him when they get stuck with their work.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Josiah for his positive attitude infectious smile and dedication across all subjects.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Darcey</p>
Beech	<p>Miss Budgen and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Bobbiee, Reuben, Amber, Parker, Joel, Mariama, Veronika, Rosie, Teddiee and Arthur for being fantastic classroom helpers. We would also like to praise Belkisa and Noa for showing an excellent attitude towards their learning and for always being on task.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Freddie Sh and Reuben for working well collaboratively when writing a character description.</p> <p>Maths Master: Oscar W for his excellent explanation of one thousand this week.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Amber for always being ready to learn and always trying her best.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Ernie</p>
Maple	<p>Miss Patston and Mrs Dixon would like to praise and thank River for her commitment to her friends and class, she has been extremely kind and helpful this week. We would also like to praise Harrison, Paulsamuel and Ella for their bravery when explaining place value in maths this week.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Tia for her use of and understanding of adjectives in her character description this week.</p> <p>Maths Master: Lucy for her confidence in exploring place value this week.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Grace for her perseverance and dedication to her learning this week, she was an amazing leader for her literacy group earlier in the week as well.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Sofia</p>
Willow	<p>This week Miss Hardy, Mrs Earney and Mrs Stan would like to praise Alice, Arthur, Isobel and Ronnie-Mae for working hard to show the school value of exploration during our activities this week especially within science when they did lots of guessing what was in the sock! We would also like to thank Ruby, Indie and Dominic for helping to tidy up the role play area at the end of our lessons.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Mason for working hard to describe pictures from our book Elmer.</p> <p>Maths Master: Ayomiposi for representing objects correctly on a tens frame.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Rophe for showing our school value of aspiration within all her work.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Rosabelle</p>
Oak	<p>This week within Oak Class we would like to praise Eliza, Lucy, Akin, Mabel and Darrel for trying sure hard to use the correct letter formation to write your names. We would also like to thank Jak, Haisley, Grace and Iris and Maxwell for doing good sitting on the carpet.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Maggie, for trying super hard to use the correct letter formation to write your name.</p> <p>Maths Master: Aiden for creating numbers to 10 using the peg boards.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Jack D for settling so well in the mornings, we are all super proud of you.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Abdullah, for being super brave on his first week of school.</p>
Cherry	<p>We would like to praise all of the children in Cherry class for another fantastic week at Nursery! Well done everyone!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Archie for his excellent writing skills to write his name and writing numbers.</p> <p>Maths Master: Isaac for ordering objects in the class from smallest to tallest!</p> <p>Star of the Week: Florence for her growing confidence in class this week using her words more to communicate.</p>

KEY DATES

Mon 15th Sept

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

Weds 17th Sept

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

Mon 22nd Sept

Assessment Week

Tues 23rd Sept

LGB Meeting – 4:30pm

Fri 26th Sept

Emotional Wellbeing
Team Coffee Morning (for
parent) 8:45am onwards

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

We have had an excellent week at school this week – our children have not only been busy in class completing excellent learning, they have also been deciding as classes who will be representing them at the following councils: School Council (including anti-bullying ambassadors), Eco Council & Sports Council. Year 6 have also been applying for the role of Head Boy and Head Girl. These positions shall be announced shortly.

As many of you may know, over the summer holidays, sadly Jo Murphy (Sienna's Mummy) passed away. Our thoughts and condolences remain with Jo's family and friends who are still coming to terms with Jo's passing. I would like to say a huge thank you for the kind thoughts year 3 have shared in their card to Sienna.

Next week we have an exciting week ahead, with extra-curricular clubs beginning. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Miss Coleman for organising all of these clubs and special thank you to all of the staff who will be giving up their time to run these clubs. Thank you. On Wednesday we will be having our first Parent Open Evening of the year when we invite parents to come and see their child's learning. This is also an opportunity for you to have an informal chat with your child's teacher.

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

Assessment Week – 22.09.25

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

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

Our overall attendance is currently 94.09%. Well done everyone! This week YR have been awarded Reggie with 100% attendance. Well done!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer

Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

A massive thank you to all our parents for sending in your family photos this week, our family display is nearly complete.

Could we please ask if you have any empty household items such as cereal boxes, egg boxes etc that you bring them in so we can add these to our home corner. This week we have continued with our topic all about me, we have looked at our houses and who lives in them and used paints to create a visual representation of what our houses look like.

Year R:

This week within Oak Class we have continued to learn all about ourselves using mirrors to observe the colours of our skin and eyes. We then mixed paints together to create the right tones that matched our skin. We then drew members of our immediate family who live with us and practiced writing our names. Next week we will continue talking about our families and sharing photos of them with the rest of class.

We would like to send a huge thank you to those that have kindly already sent through images of the children's immediate family and newborn pictures of the individual children. We will be using these photos to learn all about 'our' past and present. If you haven't yet had the chance to do so, please can you send images via Dojo.

Year 1:

It has been a busy week in Year 1 where the children have had their first spelling test, returned their first piece of homework (thank you so much for all your support with this) and have tried some new lessons such as PE, Computing and PSHRE.

In Literacy this week we have continued focusing our writing around our book Elmer. The children had lots of fun writing sentences that started with 'the' - we were amazed at some of the describing words the children came up with for the elephants. On Friday we looked at the magic finger to celebrate Roald Dahl day and the children had lots of fun pretending to cast a magic spell on their peers. Next week we move on to a new book called Hair Love where the children will continue exploring sentence structure.

In Maths we have continued our place value unit and this week explored how to represent numbers using tens frames. We used our counting and number recognition to do this. Next week we continue looking at place value, exploring writing numbers in words.

In our PE this term we are learning ball skills. We were able to throw and catch with a partner, as well as roll our ball to each other. Next week we will work on controlling the ball using our hands and feet ready for some team games.

During our art lesson we practised drawing parts of the body that we will in a few weeks put together to make an abstract self portrait in the style of Picasso. Finally we really enjoyed our music lesson this week where we explored some percussion instruments. We were able to name most of them and had a go starting and stopping when instructed to do so by our teacher. It was lots of fun! We hope you have a restful weekend, from the Year 1 team.

Year 2:

We have had a brilliant week in Year 2. The children have settled in wonderfully and have demonstrated excellent teamwork across all areas of learning. Their enthusiasm and cooperation have made for a very positive start to the term.

In Literacy, we have completed our unit on character descriptions. The children worked collaboratively in groups and pairs, and also produced some fantastic independent writing. Next week, we will begin our new focus on setting descriptions, where we will explore how to describe places and environments in detail.

In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of place value. This week, we focused on exchanging ones for tens using a place value chart. The children engaged in a range of practical activities to support their learning and showed great confidence in applying their knowledge.

In Science, we have been learning about mammals and discussing what humans need to survive. The children asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed exploring this topic through hands-on activities. Next week, we will be learning about birds and comparing their features to those of mammals.

In History, we have started creating a timeline of key events in Kent, beginning with 576 AD and continuing through to 2010. The children have shown great interest in how things have changed over time. Next week, we will be building on this by comparing life "then and now" through discussion and creative tasks.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week ahead! Miss Patston and Mrs Dixon

Year 3:

Next week in literacy we will be moving on from our character descriptions and will be focusing on diary entries. We will be working towards writing a diary from the point of view of the boy in our book, to his parents, telling them about his exciting new friend and trip to the Stone Age.

In maths we will begin our continuing our topic of place value. We will be using number lines to order and compare numbers up to 1,000. We will finish the week by counting in 50s, to consolidate our understanding of place value.

In science will begin to identify and name bones in a range of animals and explore animals that do not have a spine.

Year 4:

Continuing with our topic of the Romans we have been plotting key Roman events onto a timeline. We have been linking this to our descriptive writing topic in literacy by creating our own Roman gods and writing descriptions of their appearance, personality and powers.

In Maths we have been looking at developing our partitioning skills but this time moving into 10,000s and different ways to represent these numbers.

Throughout the week we have been pushing ourselves to complete the best level of work we can achieve and supporting those around us with their struggles where we can.

Year 5:

This week we have begun our work writing a diary as William Montague, a boy from Tudor times. We have seen some great writing already and this was particularly apparent in the fact files the class made about Henry VIII; which I was very impressed with. Our maths learning has continued to centre around place value, especially using words correctly to write numbers. In science we have looked at air resistance and made paper airplanes to test aerodynamics. In PE we learned some hockey skills, which the class really enjoyed.

Just a quick reminder that homework is sent home on a Friday and must be returned by the following Friday. Thank you with your support with this.

Year 6:

What another amazing week the children have had. Mrs D-H and I are so impressed with all the children for their exceptional attitude to learning. They really have settled in so well to the routines and structures of Year 6 - we couldn't be any prouder.

Next week in literacy the children will complete their first independent write of the academic year. They will be writing a diary entry from the point of view of Bruno from our class text on the evening after moving from Berlin to the countryside. The children will be using all their prior leaning on informal and emotive language to support their writing.

In maths we will be continuing with our place value of numbers up to 10,000,000. We will use our knowledge from last week to help us round, order and compare numbers to 10,000,000.

This week reading folders were sent home, please can you encourage your child to read each night and record this in their reading record books. Reading folders need to be returned to school every day.

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)

12.09.25 – Roald Dahl Day

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 1st 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 6th Oct – Y5 at 9am

Mon 6th Oct – Y4 at 2pm

Tues 7th Oct – Y6 at 9am

Tues 7th Oct – Y1 at 2pm

Weds 8th Oct – YN at 9am

Weds 8th Oct – Y3 at 2pm

Thurs 9th Oct – YR at 2pm

Fri 10th 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 1st September – Friday 17th October

(Staff Inset Day 1 – Monday 1st September – School Closed)

All children apart from New Reception Class to return on Tuesday 2nd September 2025

New Reception Class to start school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half-Term

Monday 20th October – Friday 24th October

Term 2

Monday 27th October – Friday 19th December

Half-Term

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Term 3

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

(Staff Inset Day 2 – Monday 5th January – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Term 4

Monday 23rd February – Friday 3rd April

(Good Friday Bank Holiday – Friday 3rd April – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April

Term 5

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Term 6

Monday 1st June – Tuesday 21st July

(Staff Inset Day 3 – Monday 1st June – School Closed)

(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 20th July – School Closed)

(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 21st July – School Closed)