



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 22nd September 2025

Sycamore	Mrs Hartley and Mrs D-H would like to praise Lauren and Maisey for helping the dinner ladies in the hall this week. They would also like to praise Ayobami, Miles, Eli and Damian for their excellent defending skills in hockey. A special thank you goes to Lucy and Joyzer for being fantastic classroom monitors this week. Writer of the Week: Bentlee for generating emotive sentences independently. Maths Master: Lucy for applying her understanding of common factors and multiples this week to solve some tricky reasoning problems. Star of the Week: Lauren for demonstrating resilience and positivity when solving reasoning questions in maths this week - she didn't give up even when it was tricky! Dojo Champion: Oscar
Birch	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Fletcher and Miss Spenceley, would like to praise Maceo, Maddie, Noah and Archie M for their support around the class this week. We would also like to praise Isla and Maddie for some outstanding work in history. Writer of the Week: Henry, for making an amazing effort to start his 500 word short story Maths Master: Amber for her excellent work on place value. Star of the Week: Thomas for great effort in every subject this week. Dojo Champion: Kacper
Ash	Ash class would like to thank Miss Filipovic, Miss Laming, Miss Altringham and Mrs Elmer for the fantastic work they have been doing supporting all of the Ash class especially Mr Green! We would also like to thank Max, Kara and Emma for being consistent role models within the class not just with behaviour but with manners as well. Writer of the Week: Bode for understanding the key characteristics of a newspaper article and being able to reflect these well within his writing style. Maths Master: Mia for pushing through difficult lessons and persevering with her learning. Star of the Week: Tabitha for being kind and considerate in the classroom and always doing her best. Dojo Champion: Harry P
Beech	Miss Budgen and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Parker, Teddy P, Joel, Amber, Troy and Veronika for working incredibly hard during their history session this week. We would also like to praise Teddie, Ernie and Rosie for their contributions to class discussions this week. Writer of the Week: Joshua for his excellent and well written fact file on the Stone Age. Maths Master: Oscar W and Mariama for doing fantastic on their times table assessment. Star of the Week: Belkisa for being a resilient and hard worker. Dojo Champion: Troy
Maple	Miss Patston and Mrs Dixon would like to would like to praise Amelia and Paris for demonstrating all the school rules consistently. We would also like to thank Jaxon for how helpful and kind he has been this week. Writer of the Week: Shivani for her beautiful presentation and descriptive sentences as we explored nouns. Maths Master: Kit for his continued hard work in maths as we explore place value and number lines this week. Star of the Week: Kevin for always having a positive attitude, a willingness to help and always working hard. Dojo Champion: Lyle
Willow	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs Earney and Mrs Stan would like to praise Ariana, Serenity, Mason and Arthur for working hard in both literacy and maths this week showing focus and positivity when completing their work. We would like to thank Ayomiposi, Lottie, Ruby and Indie for helping to keep the pencil pots tidy and organised. Writer of the Week: Franciszek for working hard to write sentences using adjectives. Maths Master: Dominic for being able to count backwards within 10. Star of the Week: Amelia for always showing kindness and care to others, helping to make us all smile. Dojo Champion: Lana
Oak	Mrs Ambrose and Mrs Gaffney would like to thank Nancy and Millie for being super friends towards others and Charlotte, Barney, Maggie and Jak for being our classroom monitors this week. We would also like to give lots of praise to Darrell, Delilah, Theia and Maxwell. Writer of the Week: Millie for your beautiful letter formation. Maths Master: Lucy, for your fantastic object sorting. Star of the Week: Eliza, for trying very hard with her letter formation. Dojo Champion: Darrell
Cherry	A special praise to Florence and Charlie who are becoming more confident and showing independence at nursery, well done! Writer of the Week: Isaac for his excellent mark making outside using chalks. Maths Master: Lennie for his excellent contribution to maths sessions talking about more and less. Star of the Week: Archie for continually following classroom rules, being kind and caring towards his peers and just being a superstar daily!

KEY DATES

Mon 29th Sept
Y3 & Y4 Road Safety Workshop

Weds 1st Oct
Black History Month Begins

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Thurs 2nd Oct
CENSUS Day (Carnival Themed)

Weds 8th Oct
Parents Maths Workshop (All years) 2:30pm

Fri 10th Oct
FLU Vaccination (YR – Y6)

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Today we celebrate National Teaching Assistants Day by thanking our hard working team of Teaching Assistants for going above and beyond every day. Mrs Hornsby and I would like to thank our incredible team – we are very lucky to have you! Thank you for teaching with full hearts and thank you for always striving to make a difference to our children's lives.

This morning our parents met with Mrs Steadman and the Emotional Wellbeing Team at a coffee morning. It was so lovely to see so many parents here! Thank you so much to those of you who attended and thank you to Mrs Steadman for organising and hosting this event. We look forward to the Wellbeing Team attending our school throughout this academic year. More information will be shared on this by Mrs Steadman in due course.

Next week, Y3 & Y4 will be taking part in their annual Road Safety Workshop and on Wednesday we begin learning about Black History Month as a school, celebrating the achievements, culture and history of Black people. On Wednesday, we shall also be inviting YR & Y1 parents to a Parents Phonics workshop at 2:30pm and at 4pm. On Thursday it is CENSUS day so Caterlink will be providing a special menu – Carnival themed (please see Miss Coleman's Dojo message).

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Our overall attendance is currently 95.1%. Well done everyone! This week YR & Y1 have been awarded Reggie with 98.43% attendance. Well done!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer

Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

Our book this week has been 'This is Me'. We have looked at how we are different and what makes us special and unique. In phonics we have been focusing on our listening skills playing Simon Says. This is helping us to follow instructions too. In maths we have been looking at more than and less than comparing different quantities to see who has the most or least. Next week our book is 'All kinds of Homes' where we will be looking at the different types of homes and what type of home we live in.

Year R

This week within Oak Class we have been learning how to make sense of our own life-story and family history. We have done this by using our family photos to draw pictures of the family that live with us at home. We have also played a guess who game where the children demonstrated an understanding of their own past and present. In Maths this week we have been sorting objects in a variety of different ways; by colour, shape and size. We have also continued to develop our phonics knowledge, this week learning the phonemes i,n,m and d (the sound the letter makes) and how to write them.

Year 1:

In Willow Class this week we have been so impressed with how well each and every member of the class has entered the room ready to learn. Also we have been very impressed with the quality of homework so thank you so much for supporting your child with this.

Within our Literacy lessons this week we have continued looking at our book 'Hair Love'. We have been describing settings using adjectives in sentences. In Maths we have continued our place value unit. We counted backwards within 10 using number tracks to help us. Next week we will continue looking at place value and comparing numbers.

Also this week we had a very exciting science lesson where we got to taste test some different foods! We had lots of fun identifying if they were sour or sweet. In PE we are learning ball skills and practised throwing and catching this week using one hand. Some of us were very accurate and so were challenged to use a smaller ball. We also had lots of fun in computing this week where we started to open a word document and type some text. We managed to type our names and really enjoyed changing the font and colour.

Year 2:

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 2, filled with learning, creativity, and curiosity. The children have shown fantastic focus and enthusiasm across all subjects, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts.

In literacy, we've been working hard on building vocabulary to support our setting descriptions for *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse*. The children have created word banks full of nouns, adjectives, sentence openers, and emotive language. These will help them paint vivid pictures with words as they begin to describe the contrasting settings of the town and countryside.

In maths, we've continued exploring place value, with a particular focus on number lines. The children have been practising counting in tens and ones, and learning how to estimate where numbers belong on a number line. These activities are helping them develop a deeper understanding of number patterns and positioning.

Our history lessons have taken us on a journey through time as we investigated three significant historical figures from Kent: Anne Boleyn, Charles Darwin, and Octavia Hill. The children have been asking thoughtful questions about each person, showing great curiosity about their lives and contributions. We'll continue exploring these figures in more detail over the coming weeks.

In science, we've been learning about fish and what they need to survive in their habitats. The children enjoyed discovering the features that help fish live in water, and next week we'll be turning our attention to amphibians—another fascinating group of animals.

We are so proud of Year 2 for their hard work, positive attitudes, and growing independence. They continue to impress us every day with their enthusiasm for learning.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.

Year 3:

Next week in literacy we will be taking part in a writing competition hosted by the BBC, the children will create their own story using their imagination! In addition, the children will be writing their diary entries written from the point of view of the boy from The Stone Age boy.

In maths we will be completing our final week of place value. We will start the week by comparing numbers up to 1,000 before ordering them in ascending and descending order. Then the children will explore counting in 50s. Finally, the children will complete an end of unit assessment based on their place value topic.

In History children will be exploring Stone Age art and will create their own examples of cave paintings. Finally, in ART children will explore the term cubism and experiment with a variety of materials. Children will use tissue paper, newspaper and card to create different effects within their work.

Year 4:

In Ash class this week we have been stretching our Roman History learning by learning about Boudicca and her Revolts against the Romans. In Maths we have been looking into using number lines and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and even 10,000!

We have developed our learning and knowledge in Literacy over newspapers. We have been focusing on understanding this new style of writing and its features. We look forward to next week where Ash class will turn into reporters to begin their final editing process for our very own newspaper articles.

Year 5:

This week in writing lessons we were lucky enough to be able to watch the BBC live lesson for the 500-word short story competition. The class really enjoyed the lesson and have all made plans for their story; it was wonderful to see them so engaged with the idea of story writing. In maths lessons, we are coming to the end of place value and we will be moving on to addition and subtraction. We spent an afternoon this week making and testing parachutes; whilst our parachutes were not completely successful, we did find that the bigger the surface area the slower the parachute moves through the air. This week in art, we have used photographs taken by the children to make digital collages and I look forward to sharing these with you when they are finished. In French lessons, the class are learning to say the date in French - this is something we do regularly in year five and therefore they are quite adapt at it.

If possible, please start sending children in with coats as it has become colder suddenly, and the children are still going out to play whatever the weather.

Year 6:

Firstly, a huge well done to all the children for their fantastic effort this week in completing their practice SATs papers! Every child worked incredibly hard and gave their best—what a brilliant achievement!

Looking ahead to next week:

- **Maths:** We'll be strengthening our understanding of the four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We'll also explore prime numbers up to 100, square numbers, and cube numbers. Towards the end of the week, we'll focus on practising the long-written method for multiplication.
- **Literacy:** Our work will continue on writing an informal letter from Bruno to his grandparents. We'll be focusing on using emotive language to create a strong emotional impact in our writing.
- **Black History Month:** Next week, we'll begin our learning around Black History Month. Over the coming weeks, the children will research significant individuals and present their findings in a celebration assembly in a couple of weeks' time.

A quick reminder:

P.E. takes place every **Monday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full P.E. kit each Monday.

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

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Week 6

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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)