



# KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

<b>Y6 Sycamore</b>	Mrs Hartley and Mrs D-H would like to praise the whole class for adapting to changes this week with resilience and a grown-up attitude. They would also like to praise Summer and Eli for being excellent classroom monitors and helping out Mrs D-H. A special thank you also goes to George H for supporting with his computing skills and Michael for helping to tidy the classroom at the end of the day. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Eli for his research and presentation of facts on WWII air raid shelters in history. <b>Maths Master:</b> Charlie for striving to exceed scores consistently in TTRS this week. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Damian for his positive attitude in all aspects of learning this week. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Michael
<b>Y5 Birch</b>	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise Aiyla, Ella, Maddie and Amber for tidying up the maths resources. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Matthias, for excellent writing in literacy lessons this week. <b>Maths Master:</b> Devon, for working hard to understand everything she does. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Maceo, for always getting on with his work and being well behaved and responsible. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Maddie
<b>Y4 Ash</b>	This week Ash class would like to thank Logan, Georgie, Sophie and Sophie-Leigh for always being the first to volunteer for jobs to help their classmates. Fantastic to see so many selfless acts being completed each day. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Bailey-Jay for fantastic improvement on his presentation in Literacy really working on his spacing and handwriting. <b>Maths Master:</b> Christian for leading by example in our rounding challenge. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Mollie for consistently giving her best effort in class. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Harry B
<b>Y3 Beech</b>	Miss Budgen and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their enthusiasm and mature attitude during our Road Safety workshop. You all listened attentively and provided excellent ideas and discussion points. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Ernie for his improved attitude in his literacy lessons this week, you have worked very hard and completed your work well. <b>Maths Master:</b> Bobbiee for working incredibly hard when ordering and comparing numbers. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Bethany for consistently ensuring her presentation in all books meets expectations. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Avana-Mae
<b>Y2 Maple</b>	This week Miss Patston and Mrs Dixon would like to praise and thank our monitors for their hard work, thank you Cyra, Poppy, Lyle, Paris, Amelia and Siyana. We would also like to praise Tia and Ava for their hard work in all lessons and Oliver-David for his growing confidence in reading. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Isabella for her determination in phonics and writing her setting description this week <b>Maths Master:</b> Polly-Anna for her amazing work in maths this week, she has worked so hard <b>Star of the Week:</b> Paulsamuel for his commitment to his learning this week <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Shivani
<b>Y1 Willow</b>	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs Earney and Mrs Stan would like to praise Gabriel, Mason, Ayomiposi and Lana for trying hard in phonics lessons this week. We would also like to praise Franky and Blake for coming to complete their work quickly with a smile, we are very proud of you. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Ariana for being able to use the conjunction 'and' in her sentences. <b>Maths Master:</b> Gabriel for being able to count objects correctly. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Ruby for always working hard and being a good friend to others. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Alice
<b>YR Oak</b>	Within Oak Class this week we would like to send a huge thank you to Theia for encouraging our class friends to work as a team to get the job done, helping Mrs Ambrose to find the missing name cards. We would like to send praise to Darrell for using key vocabulary within our Maths learning, using the words 'more and not the same'. We would also like to praise Ronnie, Maxwell and Samuel for trying hard. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Eliza for trying so hard within your letter formation <b>Maths Master:</b> Iris, for comparing objects by size. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Jide for a successful first week at school. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Grace
<b>YN Cherry</b>	The adults in Cherry class would like to thank Lennie for being an amazing role model, showing his peers the class rules and being helpful throughout his days at nursery. Well done Lennie! Thank you also to the parents who sent in photos of their homes, the children enjoyed looking at the different types of homes and talking about their homes. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Florence for the use of different tools to create marks. <b>Maths Master:</b> Daniel for demonstrating how he counts in sequence. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Bella for demonstrating the values of our school by showing kindness and compassion to her peers.

### KEY DATES

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

**W/C Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Express Events**

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Parents Maths Workshop  
(All years) 2:30pm**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct  
FLU Vaccination (YR – Y6)  
Wear Yellow Day!**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Show Racism the Red  
Card (Wear Red Day)**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Final Day of Term 1 –  
School finished at 3:15pm**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 24<sup>th</sup>  
Oct  
Half-term (School Closed)**

### Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

#### 🎉 Celebrating the Y3 & Y4 Road Safety Workshop! 🎉

This week our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a **Road Safety Workshop!** This engaging and educational event empowered our young learners with essential knowledge and practical skills to stay safe on the roads. The children explored key topics such as:

- 🚶 **Pedestrian safety and awareness**
- 🚦 **Safe crossing techniques**
- 🚦 **Staying alert near traffic**

The workshop was not only informative but also fun, sparking curiosity.

Let's continue to promote road safety in our school and community—because every step towards awareness is a step towards safety! 🎉 🙌

#### 🌟 Reception & Nursery Tours at Kemsley Primary Academy 🌟

We are delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to visit our wonderful Early Years provision at Kemsley Primary Academy. Please click [here](#) to book a school tour.

**Tour Dates** 📅 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9:15am; Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1:15pm; Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 9:15am; Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1:15pm; Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1:15pm

📍 Kemsley Primary Academy, Coldharbour Lane, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2RP

Come and explore our vibrant Reception and Nursery classrooms, meet our dedicated staff, and discover how we nurture a love of learning from the very start of your child's educational journey.

### 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

**Our overall attendance is currently 95.11%. Well done everyone! This week Y6 have been awarded Reggie with 97.04% attendance. Well done!**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer  
Headteacher



# News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

## YN Express Event - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9am

### Year N:

This week in Cherry class we have read our book 'All Kinds of homes' the children have told us what their home looks like and we found out what different types of homes we all have. In phonics we are working closely on our listening and attention skills with a range of games such as 'Simon says' and 'Head shoulders knees and toes'. In maths we are continuing to compare quantities using 'more than' and 'less than'.

Next week our book is called 'Sometimes', we will be talking about our feelings and emotions. We will be looking at the different emotions we can feel and learn how we can talk about them.

## YR Express Event – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

### Year R

This week in our Maths learning we have been comparing and ordering objects, recognising that all objects can be compared and ordered by mass (weight) and capacity (size). Within our Personal Social and Emotional Development and key worker groups, we have also been practicing how to be a good friend and consider the feelings of others. We have praised the children lots this week for doing such fantastic phonics, working on our handwriting skills and letter formation.

Next week we will begin our PE lessons on Thursday, please can we ask that all children come in wearing their tribal colours only, black trainers, black or grey jogging bottoms (no large branding). Please can we also ask that hair is tied back/up and earrings are removed. If earrings are not removed, then children are not allowed to take part in PE.

## Y1 Express Event – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

### Year 1:

This week in Year 1 we have been working hard within Literacy to write sentences using 'and' to join our sentences together. We have started a new book, 'The Lion Inside' and we have been using pictures from the story to help us form sentences. We will continue next week with this book and we will be ordering events in the story.

In Maths we have been learning about fewer and more. We were able to compare amounts of counters and identify different quantities. Next, we will continue with our place value unit and start learning about number lines.

In Science we have been exploring the human body and the senses. We looked at touch this week and explored different textures in our practical exploration. We will look at smell next week to complete our senses work. In History we designed outfits for the King based on how fashion has changed over the years. In our computing lesson we worked hard to open a word document and type text. Some of us were even able to change the colour of our words!

## Y2 Express Event – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

### Year 2:

This week, we have been working hard on our stories for the BBC 500 Words competition. The children have completed their setting descriptions and will begin writing adverts next week. In English, we have continued learning about nouns and will be exploring persuasive language as part of our writing.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value, focusing on comparing numbers using more than, less than, and equal to. Everyone has shown great effort, and we will continue with place value next week.

In Science, we wrapped up our topic on animals by learning about amphibians and reptiles. The children also completed their end-of-unit assessment. Next week, we will begin a new topic on healthy living. In Computing, we created roads for our Bee-Bots to follow. This helped us learn how to give clear instructions (algorithms) and how to debug when something doesn't go as planned.

Well done to all the children for their fantastic work this week!

## Y3 Express Event – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

### Year 3:

Next week in maths we are starting our new topic of length and perimeter. We will start the week by exploring measurement in metres, centimetres and millimetres. We will measure a variety of objects and consider which measurement would be best to measure each item.

In History children will be exploring The Notting Hill Carnival as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Children will spend some time researching when the carnival began and why it happens every year. Children will then work in groups to present their findings.

Finally, in Science we will begin to explore joints. We will consider the different joints humans have within their body. Finally, we will consider how different joints move differently and consider why this is important.

## Y4 Express Event – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

### Year 4:

In Ash class during Maths this week we have been rounding off our place value knowledge by recapping our learning to solidify any weak points or areas in which we have struggled ahead of moving on to our next topic of addition and subtraction.

In Literacy we have been polishing off our newspaper article project producing some fantastic article based on our 'Thieves of Ostia' text. Next week we are moving on to a new letter writing topic to extend our knowledge and writing styles even further.

## Y5 Express Event - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9am

### Year 5:

This has been an interesting week in year 5, with lots of writing for the short story competition. The class really applied themselves to the task of writing a short story in 500 words. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for the task and their excitement to be able to let their imagination fly.

In Science we conducted an experiment into water resistance and compared how long it took for different shapes of clay to reach the bottom of a cylinder. We found that a cylinder was the most streamlined shape and therefore moved the quickest through the water.

We also enjoyed playing football in PE this week.

## Y6 Express Event – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9am

### Year 6:

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge well done to the whole class for embracing the changes this week with such a mature and a sensible attitude. All the children have shown great adaptability, and we're really proud of each and everyone one of them.

#### **Looking ahead to next week:**

- **Literacy:** We'll be writing informal letters from Bruno's perspective, based on *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. These letters will be addressed to his grandparents back in Berlin. The adults in class are really looking forward to reading the children's independent pieces and seeing how they bring Bruno's voice to life.
- **Maths:** We'll be revisiting multiplication, focusing on the long-written method to solve problems confidently. Following this, we'll recap the short division method (bus stop method) before progressing to the long-written method of division.
- **History:** Our focus will be on Anne Frank. We'll be researching her life, particularly her time in hiding and her experiences in the concentration camp. The children will then present their findings in a way that helps us all understand her story more deeply.

P.E. will return to Monday next week as normal. Please can all children come to school dressed in their full P.E. kit.

## 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 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)

10.10.25 – Hello Yellow Day – Wear Yellow Day!

11.10.25 – International Day of The Girl (TBC for Term 2)

### **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

13.10.25 – Reception & Nursery Tours for Perspective Parents – 9:15am (Please click [here](#) to book a school tour)

14.10.25 – Reception & Nursery Tours for Perspective Parents – 1:15pm (Please click [here](#) to book a school tour)

**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)**