



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 6th October 2025

Y6 Sycamore	Mrs Hartley and Mrs D-H would like to praise Lauren and Maisey for helping to sort and file the SATs papers this week. They would also like to thank Damian, Lauren, Miles and George H for helping to set up the hall for our Express Event. Writer of the Week: Paakow for his excellent use of emotive language within his informal letter this week. Maths Master: Joyzer for his confident use of mental arithmetic to solve problems with multiplication this week. Star of the Week: Bentlee for truly shining in every area of the curriculum this week. His hard work, determination, and positive attitude have been outstanding! Dojo Champion: Isabelle
Y5 Birch	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise, Victoria, Harley, Kacper and David for helping to hand out books and support around the classroom. We would also like to praise Paige and Amber for keeping our class reading corner tidy. Writer of the Week: David, for always presenting his work beautifully. Maths Master: Freyla, for showing excellent presentation and a confident attitude. Star of the Week: Aiyla, for always working to a high standard and being a kind and thoughtful member of the class. Dojo Champion: Henry
Y4 Ash	Ash class this week would like to thank: Arlie, Darcey, Ronnie, Taylor, Sophie-Leigh and Ivy for representing the school so well on the trip to Cascades on Wednesday. We would also like to thank the rest of the class for adapting to the change in routine this week and still completing some fantastic work with Mrs Elmer. Writer of the Week: Darcey for producing a fantastic newspaper report and developing her written work across all subjects. Maths Master: Dele for developing his Maths both problem solving and reasoning to show his understanding. Star of the Week: Arlie for leading by example on the school trip on Wednesday, showing real talent in his first time playing Boccia and growing in confidence in class. Dojo Champion: Mollie
Y3 Beech	Miss Budgen and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Freddie St, Freddie Sh, Grace, Samuel, Ernie and Ellis for their excellent behaviour during their school trip this week. Writer of the Week: Eden for his well-written and descriptive diary entry. Maths Master: Troy for working incredibly hard when measuring in cm and mm. Star of the Week: Samuel for taking part and showing enthusiasm in activities. Dojo Champion: Belkisa
Y2 Maple	We would like to praise Shivani and Grace, Jaxon and Harrison, Lucy and Pearl for their efforts to keep our classroom clean and for demonstrating how to be a good sport in our class games. Writer of the Week: Kevin for achieving 10/10 in his spelling tests for 3 weeks in a row! Maths Master: Poppy for her hard work and understanding of our topics this week. Star of the Week: Paris for her enthusiasm when answering questions this week, you have been so enthusiastic! Dojo Champion: Amelia
Y1 Willow	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs Earney and Mrs Stan would like to praise Rosabelle, Rophe, Ruby and Franciszek for showing beautiful sitting on the carpet, looking at the board and being ready to learn. We would also like to praise Franky, Ayomiposi and Ayla who worked hard within literacy lessons to write independently. Our thanks goes to Indie and Ariana for ensuring our classroom is tidy at the end of each day. Writer of the Week: Blake for working extremely hard to sound out his words. Maths Master: Indie for being able to use 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols when comparing numbers. Star of the Week: Annabelle A for always showing care and kindness to others. Dojo Champion: Annabel N
YR Oak	This week within Oak Class Mrs Ambrose and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise Maxwell and Lucy for trying very hard with their letter formation during our phonics writing. We would also like to thank our classroom monitors Akin and Lucy for taking the register Arlo, Theia and Azalia for helping to keep our classroom super tidy. Writer of the Week: Samuel, for trying his very best to form letters. Maths Master: Maggie for creating fantastic, repeated patterns. Star of the Week: Jack for his amazing accomplishments this week. Dojo Champion: Iris
YN Cherry	Thank you to our parents who came and attended our stay and play on Wednesday, the children really enjoyed playing and exploring their nursery with their parents. We want to thank our parents for your continued support this term. Writer of the Week: Levi for expanding his mark making skills using different tools and objects. Maths Master: Charlie for counting objects in sequence. Star of the Week: Lennie for showing kindness towards his peers and making good choices.

KEY DATES

Black History Month – from 1st October

Mon 13th Oct

YR & YN School Tours
9:15am

Tues 14th Oct

YR & YN School Tours
1:15pm

Weds 15th Oct

YR Local Area Walk
9:30am-10am

Fri 17th Oct

Show Racism the Red Card (Wear Red Day)

Fri 17th Oct

Final Day of Term 1 – School finished at 3:15pm

Mon 20th Oct – Fri 24th Oct

Half-term (School Closed)

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

A huge thank you to all of our parents who joined us for our Express Events this week! The children had an amazing time! Thank you. Tremendous praise goes to our Y3 and Y4 children who took part in the Sporting event at Cascades on Wednesday. Well done! You all represented the school beautifully.

☀ 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 13th October 9:15am; Tuesday 14th October 1:15pm; Tuesday 28th October 9:15am; Tuesday 28th October 1:15pm; Friday 21st 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.

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

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15.10.25 – YR Local Area Walk (9:30am-10am)

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)

Our overall attendance is currently 95.39%. Well done everyone! This week YR have been awarded Reggie with 100% attendance. Well done!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer

Headteacher

Kemsley Primary Academy Tours - Reception & Nursery Places



News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week we have been speaking about our emotions and what can make us feel happy or sad. We have been on our wellie walk and went and collected loose parts to create different emotions using the resources we collected.

Next week is our final week of term 1, we will be consolidating this week over everything we have learnt in the last 6 weeks. We will be recapping on the different types of homes, how we are all different in our own way and looking back at our feelings and emotions.

Year R

This week within Oak Class we have been reading the storybook little red riding hood, the children have enjoyed retelling the story by creating their own story maps and using props to act it out. Some of the children have then written initial sounds to label their drawings.

We have also been looking at comparing capacity and weight within Maths, we have done this by filling up containers to see who has more than or less. Within our topic learning this week we have been talking about where Kemsley is on the map and would love to bring this experience to life by taking the children out of school. We will be exploring the immediate area and its landmarks. To do this we will be seeking parental permission, if you haven't already filled in the form, please do see myself or Mrs Gaffney.

Year 1:

We have had a brilliant week in Willow class! We had our express event on Tuesday where we created different pieces themed around our history topic. Thank you so much to all who were able to attend! We also celebrated Black History month this week in our history lesson where we learned all about a significant individual, look out for some photos of our work on Dojo. Finally, we celebrated 'Hello Yellow Day' on Friday where we wore yellow clothing and learnt about ways to look after our emotions. Thank you again for your support with this event, the children looked fabulous in their yellow clothing.

In our literacy lessons this week we recounted our book 'The Lion Inside' where we were able to use full sentences and describe each event in order. Next week we will look closely at the story and write our own version using sentences and changing the characters for different animals.

In maths we have completed our place value unit this week where we looked at greater and less than mathematical symbols and we also explored number lines. Next week we will begin a new unit, addition and subtraction. In our science lesson this week we had lots of fun experimenting with different smells! We completed an experiment where we smelt different things and identified if they were fruity, soapy or sweet smells. Next week we will be looking at the seasons focusing on autumn. Finally in art this week we created our final self-portraits. We used our plans and drew them ourselves using thick and thin lines. We also were able to focus on adding different colours and making our faces look abstract using key shapes. Again, please check dojo for some photos of our amazing work.

Year 2:

In literacy, the children have been exploring the world of advertisements. We've looked at how adverts persuade people, especially when selling holidays. The children had great fun acting out their own holiday adverts, using expressive voices, gestures, and persuasive language. There were some very convincing sales pitches – we may have a few future travel agents in the making! Next week, we'll be putting all our learning into action by writing our own holiday adverts. We'll be focusing on using powerful adjectives, catchy slogans, and persuasive phrases to make our writing stand out. We can't wait to see where the children's imaginations take them!

In maths, we've continued our work on place value, building confidence with counting in 3s and ordering numbers. The children have been using number lines, practical resources, and games to deepen their understanding. We've seen fantastic progress in recognising patterns and explaining their thinking using mathematical vocabulary. It's been lovely to see their enthusiasm and growing independence in solving problems.

We ended the week with a joyful Express Event to celebrate our learning in art and history. The children created beautiful portraits and drew scenes from our local area, linking to our topic work. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine and their pride in their work. The classroom is now full of colour and character – a true gallery of Year 2 talent! The children really enjoyed sharing their work with each other and reflecting on what they've learned.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another week of exciting learning ahead!

Year 3:

Next week in maths we will continue our topic of measurement. We will begin the week by exploring equivalent lengths including centimetres, millimetres, and metres. Finally, we will compare lengths before adding lengths.

In History children will be finishing their topic of The Stone Age, we will be presenting all the facts and information we have learnt in a double page spread. This will focus on the three stages of The Stone Age.

In ART we will be creating our final masterpiece of a collage, in the style of Picasso. We then review and evaluate our pieces of artwork. Finally, we will have a harvest festival celebration assembly and a Black History Month celebration assembly as a school.

Year 4:

Ash class this week had a wonderfully successful Express event where we were able to show off all our learning in History, Science, Art and Music learning this term. In Literacy we have enthusiastically delved into our letter writing style and working on identifying how and when to use informal and formal vocabulary. In Maths we have been recapping our learning to act reflectively to address areas that we may have struggled to allow us to deepen our understanding, grow in confidence and complete successfully.

Year 5:

This week in Birch Class we have been exploring our emotions and discussing how we can show each other kindness and empathy. In PSHRE lessons, we have learned about the ways in which children can ask for help and guide each other when dealing with their feelings. Please do encourage your child to talk about this at home, as the children are very keen to pull together to support each other.

In History this week we looked at the author Malorie Blackman as part of Black History Month. The class made fact files about Malorie, some of which will be presented to the school in assembly next week. In our writing lessons we have been looking at Kennings, a type of poetry which was first used by Anglo Saxons! The class have produced some amazing poems which we will share with you on Dojo.

Finally, please remember that Tuesday is PE day and that earrings should not be worn.

Year 6:

As we approach the final week of Term 1, there's still plenty of exciting learning and creative activities ahead!

Literacy - We'll be focusing on writing a setting description inspired by *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. Using the "view from the window" described in our class text, children will explore their senses and apply a range of figurative language to bring their writing to life.

Maths - This week, we'll be learning how to use the long-written method for division. Once confident with the technique, children will apply their new skills to solve a variety of division problems towards the end of the week.

History - Our WWII topic continues with a focus on Anne Frank and her significance during the war. We'll also be getting creative by making air raid shelters out of clay, combining history with hands-on learning.

To conclude our study of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, we will be watching the film version at the end of the week. The film is rated PG, so parental permission is required. If you haven't already given consent, please do so by commenting on the post on Class Dojo or by sending me a private message.

Without permission, your child will not be able to watch the film.

Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a memorable end to the term!

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)

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 6th Oct – Y5 at 9am

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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

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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)