



# KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

<b>Sycamore</b>	Mrs Hartley and Mrs D-H would like to praise George H, George G, and Miles for their excellent concentration and focus during maths this week. They would also like to commend Lilley for supporting one of her peers in developing their understanding of multiplying by 10, 100, and 1,000. A special thank you goes to Harley and Lilley, our lunch trolley monitors this week, who have done an exceptional job. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Willano, for his effective use of descriptive language in his setting description. <b>Maths Master:</b> Paakow, for his exceptional reasoning skills and for always persevering until he reaches the correct answer. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Charlie, for the exceptional progress he has made in his SATs practice papers this week. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> George H
<b>Birch</b>	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise Henry, Jaden, Freya and Archie S for clearing up after the express event. We would also like to thank Isaac, Victoria, Jude and Morgan for their help in the classroom this week. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Jaden for a big effort with presentation. <b>Maths Master:</b> Devon for working hard with division. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Victoria for always being kind and grateful. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Ella
<b>Ash</b>	Mr Green, Miss Filipovic and Miss Laming would like to praise Taylor, Annabelle, Max, Bode, Dele, Harry P, Mollie and Sophie-Leigh for the high standards they set in the classroom: for their attitude towards hard work, resilience and commitment to their learning. They always complete their work with drive, determination and no fuss. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Harry P for showing great determination with his writing and bringing in some work he had completed at home. <b>Maths Master:</b> Harley for working hard on TTRS every lunch and breaktime. Making so much progress. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Sophie-Leigh for the massive upturn in all classes for her motivation to contribute and produce fantastic work. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Harry G
<b>Beech</b>	Mrs Mercer and Miss Spenceley would like to praise the whole class for pulling together this week and all helping with jobs thought out the week, from giving books out, tidying parts of the class but most of all helping Mrs mercer settling in well. A special well done for how amazing you all were in our express event on Monday, very proud of you all! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Avana-Mae for her lovely detail of instructions, about how to bath a woolly mammoth. <b>Maths Master:</b> Chester for putting so much effort into his maths this week. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Bobbiee for trying her hardest this week in every lesson. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Grace
<b>Maple</b>	Miss Patston and Mrs Dixon would like to praise and thank the whole class for their behaviour this week, for working hard and for all of their support in class and for showing respect to all the adults supporting them. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Timeea for her exploration of acrostic poems and use of descriptive language. <b>Maths Master:</b> Tia for her exploration of sharing into equal groups this week <b>Star of the Week:</b> Cyra for her determination to succeed in her learning and for always putting in the effort to present her work beautifully. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Lyle
<b>Willow</b>	Miss Hardy, Mrs Earney and Mrs Stan would like to praise Serenity, Annabelle A, Ruby, and Alice for working hard to further their learning by completing extra challenges in maths this week. We would also like to thank Rosabelle, Lottie and Holly for helping to wash the paint brushes and tidy up after our art lesson. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Isobel for being able to retell the story using conjunctions. <b>Maths Master:</b> Holly for adding two numbers within 20. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Lana for showing creativity when acting and painting. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Mason
<b>Oak</b>	Mrs Ambrose and Mrs Gaffney have been absolutely blown away by the children using their fantastic Maths skills to represent amounts of one more with the use of a five frame. We would like to give special praise to Eliza, Nancy, Maxwell, Jide and Charlotte for their brilliant examples in Maths. A big well done also goes to Millie, who has been a complete superstar in all areas this week. Finally, our thanks go to Mabel, who has been a wonderful and caring friend to others. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Jak for taking care whilst forming letters, checking sentence structure and using his segmenting fingers to place his sounds together. <b>Maths Master:</b> Haisley for her explanation of one more with the use of a five frame. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Lucy for amazing progress within all areas of her learning. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Nancy
<b>Cherry</b>	Mr Abrahams, Mrs Mackie, Miss Thrall and Mrs Pullen would like to say a special thank you this week to Artie and Lennie for helping Dominic settle in. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Bella, for showcasing great mark-making on her whiteboard this week. <b>Maths Master:</b> Charlie, for continuing to improve showing his numbers on his fingers. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Dominic, for doing a great job of settling in and adjusting to the class rules/routines.

## KEY DATES

**Safer Internet Week**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Y5 (and Y6) Swimming Lessons**

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Safer Internet Day**

**Y5/Y6 Football Match – 2pm**

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Y5/Y6 Sports Multi-Skills Event**

**Fire Safety Talks**

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Y2 Forest School**

**Road Safety Talks (YR, Y1 and Y2)**

**Dentist Workshop (YR & YN)**

**Final Day of Term**

## Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

This week has been incredibly exciting – we have held eight Express Events, during which the children show cased their amazing learning and extended their topic learning alongside their parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this – it was wonderful to see so many of you there! In addition to this, we have been celebrating Children’s Mental Health Week, which follows on well to our Safer Internet Week next week. This week, children and staff have been decorating puzzle pieces which will be assembled into a display, demonstrating our sense of belonging. Throughout the week, there have been many other exciting activities taking place: Cluster 8 Pupil Parliament at Brampton Primary Academy, where Tanjim (Y6) and Oscar (Y6) fantastically participated in a debate about reading and AI; Y1/Y2 children brilliantly took part in a Cricket Workshop at Swallows Leisure Centre and Y6 Mexican Night, where they enjoyed watching the film of their class text, Holes and tried Mexican food, cooked by themselves! Amazing!

## Governor Vacancies

Following on from Mrs Carter’s resignation from Governors, which was shared before Christmas, we still have a parent governor vacancy which we are keen to fill. This is a pivotal role in the governor body, because as a parent governor, you would represent all of our parents and carers. If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please contact the office at [office@kemsley-academy.org](mailto:office@kemsley-academy.org) We would love to hear from you!

In addition to this, we are also seeking to appoint a new co-opted governor, following the recent resignation of Mr Macrow. On this note, I would like to thank Mr Macrow for all of his expertise, support and time. Again, if you are interested in this role, please do contact the office.

## Key dates for next week:

**Safer Internet Week**

**09.02.26 – Y5 (and Y6 non-swimmers) Swimming Lessons**

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**12.02.26 – Fire and Rescue Service Workshops (all years)**

**13.02.26 – Y2 Forest School (Group 1)**

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**13.02.26 – Dentist Workshop for YR & YN (PM)**

**13.02.26 – Final day of Term 3**

**Attendance currently stands at 93.93% and the class who have won attendance of the week is Year 1 with 97.32%. Well done!**

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Miss Homer

Headteacher

# News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

## **Year N:**

This week's book is Topsy and Tim go to the doctor. It's all about Tim who is poorly and goes to the doctor to learn how doctors can help make us better. In phonics this week, the class has started developing their understanding of alliteration. They had a great time accompanying "Bertha the Bus" on her day at the zoo! In Maths this week, Cherry class learned about positions, patterns, and routes. They particularly enjoyed improving their positional and directional knowledge on an obstacle course outside. In line with our topic for the week, Cherry class had a visit from a nurse who they were able to learn a lot from.

Next week our book is Vet (first time). This book will help the class learn all about how the vet works and how they can help our pets when they are poorly.

## **Year R**

This week in Oak Class, we continued our termly topic of *Everyday Superheroes*, focusing specifically on vets. We discussed what vets and veterinary nurses do and how they help to care for animals, as well as what we might need to do if we wanted to become a vet ourselves.

To bring our medical theme to life, we were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Butcher, a nurse. She talked to the children about what number to call in an emergency and explained her role in helping people feel better. The children were fascinated as she showed them some of the equipment a nurse uses. One highlight was a special full-body suit that demonstrated how the organs inside our bodies work.

The children were full of excitement and couldn't wait to take part in a hands-on activity where they practised placing medical badges on each other, with adult guidance.

It has been a wonderful week of learning, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the amazing real-life superheroes who help to keep both people and animals safe and healthy.

Upcoming dates next week

Thursday 12th February:

David Hopkins from the Fire and Rescue Service, who will be speaking to the children about fire safety.

Friday 13th February, we have two special visitors on this day:

-We have a road safety talk in the morning

-Then we have a dentist in the afternoon who will talk to the children about oral hygiene and how to look after their teeth.

## **Year 1:**

This week Year 1 had a fantastic express event where we completed a quiz and some artwork themed around nurses. It was so lovely to welcome so many of you into school, thank you for coming. We have also been focusing on mental health this week and we have been completing a different activity each day, to mark children's mental health week. The children have been exploring feelings and how we all belong.

In literacy we started a new book: The Selfish Crocodile. We have been retelling the story this week and next week will be rewriting the narrative, changing the characters to make it our own. We have shown a huge improvement in our handwriting and use of capital letters and full stops this week, which is fantastic to see. In maths we have moved onto addition and subtraction. We are working within 20 using different methods such as counting on, number lines and crossing out. Next week we will practise adding and subtracting further to consolidate this before the half term. During our science lesson this week we explored amphibians and reptiles. We were able to identify key differences between these animal groups. Next week we will classify and identify different animal groups using a classification key. Finally in PE this week we built on our rolling skills and explored jumping and then rolling linking 2 movements together. We have really enjoyed gymnastics and cannot wait to complete this unit next week.

## **Year 2:**

We have had a brilliant week in Maple Class and are pleased to share what we have been learning. In literacy, we have been exploring acrostic poems and learning how to write them. The children have enjoyed practising different ideas and looking closely at how each line begins with a letter from the chosen word. Next week, the children will be planning, writing, and publishing their own acrostic poems, and on Friday they will have the chance to perform them. In maths, we have been learning about division. The children have been working on sharing objects into equal groups and making equal groups by grouping. We have also been reminding ourselves how to count confidently in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. In Science, we have started learning about different habitats. Our first focus has been the polar habitat, and the children have enjoyed finding out about the animals that live there and the ways they survive in such cold conditions.

We have also been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Each morning, the children took part in short, calming activities to help them prepare for the day. These activities supported wellbeing, mindfulness, and emotional awareness, and the children responded very positively.

We are incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

## **Year 3:**

We have had an incredibly busy week in Beech class! At the beginning of the week, we enjoyed sharing our learning with our Parents and Carers at our Express Event. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us. Throughout the week, we have been drafting instructions for how to wash a woolly mammoth! This has been great fun! The children's presentation is really improving which is fantastic to see! In Maths we have been learning about multiples of 10, how to identify them and how to calculate them. In Science we have been conducting an investigation learning about different types of soil. In History we have continued learning about the Bronze Age with a particular focus on Bronze Age art.

## **Year 4:**

In Ash Class this week we had a fantastic Express event, thank you to everyone who came and was a part of it. It was an incredible opportunity to share with you the amazing work we have been doing this term, showcasing our stop bullying song, our PE skills on the apparatus and also our Anglo Saxon learning.

Next week we will be finishing off our learning in Literacy by finalising our advertising writing style that we have been introduced to this week. In Maths we have been looking into length and perimeter. Next week we will be starting a new area focusing on fractions. In Science this week we completed an experiment looking into how volume reading change based on distance from the source. We will review and evaluate our findings in the week to come. In Art we have been looking at planning our final project of working with different materials to create textile-based artwork based on our focus designer Vivienne Westwood. Next week we will use those plans to create our piece using a variety of different materials to create different effects. In computing, we have been collecting and inputting data with Excel to create different graphs and charts. We have then been inserting hyperlinks into PowerPoint presentations to allow better efficiency in moving between slides. Next week we will continue to grow in confidence with this as we look to combine both the hyperlinks and the data we have collected.

## **Year 5:**

This week year 5 had a wonderful Express event. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of making Ancient Greek clay pots. We are hoping they will soon dry so that they can be painted and decorated. This week in maths we have started looking at division and in writing we are starting to write instructions. In art we are also using clay, to make sculptures. The sculptures are based on the work of Gaudi. We are looking forward to sharing pictures of them with you soon.

## **Year 6:**

I can't believe we are about to enter our final week of Term 3 — this means we are already halfway through Year 6! Where has the time gone?

Next week in literacy, we will be writing a recount of our Mexican Night, giving us the chance to relive the fun evening we all enjoyed. In maths, we will begin the week by dividing decimals by integers before moving on to multiplying and dividing decimals in real-life contexts. In history, we will be concluding our learning about the Maya by researching the different theories surrounding their downfall. Our science topic will also come to an end as we investigate the spectrum of light, carrying out an experiment that involves passing a beam of light through a glass prism. Finally, just a reminder that our Term 4 trip to the London Aquarium is now open on Arbor. Please sign your child up if they would like a place.

## Key Term Dates

### Week 1

**05.01.26 – Staff Inset Day (School Closed)**

**06.01.26 – Term 3 begins – School Open**

08.01.26 – Additional IRock Session from Term 2

09.01.26 – Y2 Forest School (Group 1)

### Week 2

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS BEGIN**

12.01.26 – Y5 (and Y6 non-swimmers) Swimming Lessons Begins

13.01.26 – Governors Meeting (LGB) – 4:30pm-6:30pm

14.01.26 – Y3 Trip to The Lion King

15.01.26 – Spring Census Day

16.01.26 – Y2 Forest School (Group 1)

### Week 3

19.01.26 – Y5 (and Y6 non-swimmers) Swimming Lessons

21.01.26 - Eco-Council Litter Pick – 1:45pm-2:30pm (POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER)

23.01.26 – Y2 Forest School (Group 1)

### Week 4

#### **Assessment Week**

26.01.26 – Y5 (and Y6 non-swimmers) Swimming Lessons

27.01.26 - Eco-Council Litter Pick – 1:45pm-2:30pm

28.01.26 – Y5/Y6 Football Match at Richmond School (leaving 12:45pm)

29.01.26 – PC Matt visit YR & YN

30.01.26 – Y2 Forest School (Group 1)

### Week 5

#### **Children's Mental Health Week & Express Events Week**

02.02.26 – Y5 (and Y6 non-swimmers) Swimming Lessons

04.02.26 – Nurse Workshop for YR & YN

05.02.25 - C8 Pupil Parliament – 2x Y6 pupil attending PM – Copperfield Primary Academy

05.02.26 – Y1 & Y2 Cricket Workshop (Swallows) – Parents will be informed if their child is attending

05.02.26 – Y6 Mexican Night 4pm-6pm

**06.02.26 Non-School Uniform Day – Children's Mental Health Week**

06.02.26 – Y2 Forest School (Group 1)

#### **Express Events Week**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Y3 Express Event (2pm)

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Y6 Express Event (9am)

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – YR Express Event (2pm)

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Express Event (9am)

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y1 Express Event (2pm)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5 Express Event (9am)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y2 Express Event (2pm)

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – YN Express Event (9am)

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## **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)**