



Newsletter 11

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National Year of Reading



Exciting news!

The National Year of Reading was launched this week by the DfE. It is called GO ALL IN and is supported by numerous ambassadors including famous authors, such as Richard Osman and Nadia Shireen, literacy trusts, as well as footballer, Theo Walcott.

As a Reading for Pleasure school, this is very close to our heart and we know and see the power of reading every day in our classrooms.

Here is a link to a fantastic resource to inspire you and your children to read MORE!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/great-books-guide/>



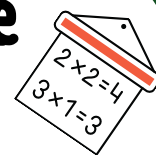
We are pleased to let you know that our school is introducing the Thrive Approach, to further support children's emotional wellbeing and development.

The Thrive approach helps children to feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

Further information about Thrive is attached to this newsletter.

Please contact us if you would like to find out more.

Times Table challenge



This week's times table challenge results are as follows:

3S: 29.76 5L: 44.74

3B:33.17 5BN: 42.53

3L:34.41 5S: 41.75

4B:41.43 6I:46.5

4S:45.07 6A:44.71

4W:40.07 6WG: 45.25



Dates for your diary



January 2026

Tues 27th Jan - Big Outdoor Day

February 2026

Tues 10th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Wed 11th Feb - 6I to Charles Dickens for Science

Fri 13th Feb - Last day of Term 3

Mon 16th - Fri 20st Feb - Half Term

Mon 23rd Feb - Start of Term 4

Tues 24th Feb - Year 6 SALUS event

March 2026

Mon 2nd - Fri 6th March - Book Week

Wed 4th March - Parent Consultations (more info to follow)

Thurs 5th March - World Book Day

Tues 10th March - Shakespeare for Schools (Guilbenkian Theatre)

Wed 11th March - Parent Consultations (more info to follow)

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th March - Prayer Space

April 2026

Thurs 2nd April - Last day of Term 4 - **1.30pm finish**

Fri 3rd April - Mon 20th April - Easter Holidays

Mon 20th April - Inset Day

Tues 21st April - First day of Term 5

Year 6 WOW Day

Year 6 are looking at The Heart and The Circulatory System this term and began the topic, last week, with a full day exploring the Heart, including holding and investigating a Pig's heart.

"This was surprisingly fun!"

This was the best science lesson "ever!"

"It felt slimy and harder than I expected"



"The bottom of the heart was thicker than I'd expected!"



"I felt nervous and excited holding the heart!"



"I didn't realise that the tubes into the heart would be that big!"

"It was a surprisingly enjoyable experience!"

Year 3 WOW Day

Today the Year 3's have travelled back in time to explore the Stone Age as part of their History and Science topics.

They started the day by going on a local area walk to discover what rocks have been used in the area over time, noticing lots of flint, that could be used to make tools.

In the afternoon they have been working on their hunting and gathering skills, cave painting and they even explored the land for wild animals!



Year 5 Film project

Over the next few terms, Year 5 will be working on their Creative Careers Film Project.

This is an exciting opportunity for our children to create, direct, and produce their very own films as film companies within their classes.

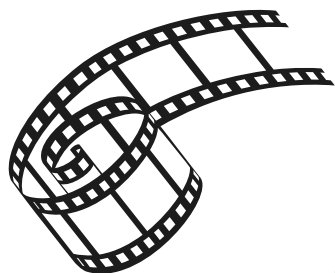
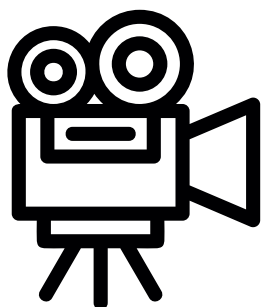
We are looking for members of the school community that have professional film making experience and would like to come into school and talk about their film industry job role with our children.

We would particularly love to hear from you if you have experience in any of the following job roles which the children will be taking part in; producer, script writer (screenwriter,) director, actor, art director (production designer,) costume designer, camera operator, sound recordist (sound mixer,) unit stills photographer, editor.

Please contact the school office if you can help and thank you for your support!

Thank you in advance.

Mrs Baker and the Year 5 team.



Big Outdoor Day

REMINDER: Our Big Outdoor Day will be taking place on Tuesday 27th January to Herne Bay.

Please return the form that was sent home last week, if you haven't already done so, and pay on Arbor. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the whole school to be outside together and explore our local environment.

Please ensure your children comes prepared for the day in warm non-school uniform with sensible walking shoes, a warm winter coat, hat and gloves and a pair of wellies.

We will be outside all day so children need to be warm and comfortable.

Children also need to bring their packed lunch (please remember no NUTS or glass bottles), a drink (this can be warm, in a suitable water-tight drinking vessel) and their Asthma pumps if applicable.

No spending money is required. Please see the letter sent home for details of what time your child is due back to school.

Thank you.



Star of the week!

3L: Madeleine U - for an incredible piece of English writing including lots of exciting vocab. Well done.

3B: Aria S - for being a kind and hard working member of the class, who has made excellent progress in her writing.

3S: Robin H-R - for an excellent piece of English work writing in role with lots of description - well done.

4B: Barnaby C - for his effort and hard work in all subjects this week.

4W: Danielle M - for working hard in all lessons this week. Keep it up!

4S: Mirabel S - for super engagement in lessons - always.

5S: Areesa A - for being a wonderful and hard working member of 5S and always showing the 3R's.

5L: Ellis E - for always being such a kind and helpful member of the class.

5BN: Teddy F - for his enthusiastic attitude to learning and for being a kind/supportive member of the class.

6I: Alfie B - for a fantastic weeks work; an excellent attitude to all his learning. Superb Alfie - keep it up!

6A: Auston H - For fantastic attitude to learning.

6WG: Marnie L - for engaging well in all lessons, working well with her talk partner and trying her best

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