



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

This week we marked Safer Internet Day, an important opportunity to remind children and families about staying safe, respectful and responsible when using digital technologies. As children may encounter the internet in a variety of settings, it is important that they are supported to develop an age-appropriate understanding of how to stay safe. For parents and carers, the following trusted resources offer practical advice and support:

- UK Safer Internet Centre – Guides, videos, and advice tailored for younger children and families
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
- Childnet – Simple explanations, conversation starters, and activities for children
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>
- Internet Matters – Step-by-step guidance to help families make informed choices about digital use
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

We encourage families to use these resources in a way that best suits their own values and routines.

May we kindly remind all parents/carers that when using the Oaks Nursery car park, you must park within the marked bays provided. Please do not double park. The car park operates as a one-way system. Thank you for your co-operation.

As we head into half term, we would like to wish all our children and families a safe, restful and enjoyable break.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our staff for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to our children. Your efforts make a real difference every day and are truly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half term on Tuesday 24th February.



Cross Country Races

All pupils and younger siblings are invited to join the **Blean Runners at Kent College JUNIOR School's Cross Country** events on the following dates:

Friday 27th February: Register before 4pm

Friday 13th March: Register before 4pm

Please arrive early as parking can be very difficult. Sign in, then meet Miss Irons under the tree near the sign-in tables. We really hope to see as many runners as possible. Miss Irons.

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Commonwealth Gymnast Visit

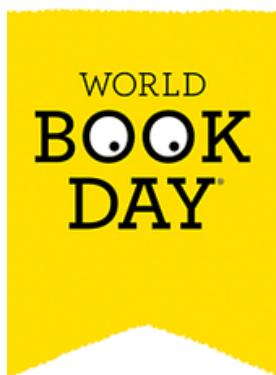
We're delighted to be welcoming Courtney Orange to school on Thursday 5th March 2026. He will lead a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A session. The event gives children the chance to meet an inspiring athlete while raising funds for new school sports equipment and supporting both athletes and para-athletes.

A sponsorship form to help raise money for the event has been sent home and you can also sponsor your child by visiting [Great Athletes](#) and clicking on the button "Set up a Fundraiser Page". Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page. Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office 1 week after the event has taken place, **no later than Thursday 12th March.**



All children will need to wear their P.E kit to school on this day. We hope this will be a terrific and memorable event.

World Book Day



We are excited to soon be celebrating World Book Day. Our celebrations will be held on **Friday 6th March**. The children and staff are invited to dress up, bringing their favourite book character or author to life.

World Book Day reminder for Year 3

Just a gentle reminder that Year 3 will still have their swimming lesson on World Book Day. When planning your child's outfit, please bear this in mind. For example, bulky costumes may not fit in the pool lockers and face paint or hair colouring can't be worn in the swimming pool. Thank you for your understanding and support.

First Day of Term - Cross Country Races

On the first day of Term 4 **Tuesday, 24th February** we will be holding our annual inter-house cross country runs. Could all **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils** please come to school wearing their PE kit, as well as bringing a spare pair of shoes in a bag, to change in to afterwards as the field is likely to be very muddy. Thank you

PE Days - Term 4

Please see below the new timetable for P.E lessons, starting **Tuesday, 24th February 2026**.

EYFS - Wednesday

Year 3 - Thursday & Friday (Swimming)

Year 5 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 1 - Monday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Thursday

Year 6 - Monday & Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday



REMINDERS

Forest School - Term 4

In Term 4, Key Stage 1 will take part in Forest School sessions. Your child's class will have their Forest School session in the afternoon, so please send them to school in their regular school uniform. They will change into their Forest School clothes before the session begins. Please pack their Forest School clothes in a separate, clearly labelled bag and ensure all items are suitable for outdoor play in all weather conditions.

Your child will need to wear:

- A long-sleeved top
- Full-length trousers
- Wellies, sturdy shoes, or boots

Other recommended items:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Hat, scarf, gloves for colder days
- Extra layers in case of cold or wet weather

Please be aware that clothing is likely to get muddy or wet. Avoid sending anything valuable or that you wouldn't want soiled and make sure all clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Year R - Monday

Catman - *Wed 25th Feb (**change of date**), 9th & 23rd March

Pettman - 2nd, 16th & 30th March

Year 1 - Thursday

Dore - 26th February, 12th & 26th March

King - 5th, 19th March & Wed 1st April (**change of date**)

Year 2 - Friday

Bailey - 27th Feb, 13th & 27th March

Cooper - 6th, 20th March & Thurs 2nd April (**change of date**)

Saplings - Wednesday

Every Wednesday, starting from 25th February

Evergreens - Tuesday

Every Tuesday, starting from 3rd March

***Wednesday 25th February - Catman class's session will be in the morning on this day. Please can children wear their forest school clothes to school and have their uniform in a bag, to change in to afterwards.**

Fasting During Ramadan

As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, we want to ensure that we are supporting all of our pupils in a way that respects their personal and cultural practices. If your child will be fasting during Ramadan, please let us know by **Tuesday 24th February**, so that we can make any necessary adjustments to their routine, such as ensuring they have appropriate breaks or support with hydration if needed. We are committed to making sure all of our pupils feel comfortable and supported during this important time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to the school office. You can view our Ramadan Fasting Policy [here](#).

Year 6 Activities Week

The remaining balance for Year 6 Activities Week is now available on ParentPay. You can pay in instalments or use the card machine in the school office.

The deadline for payment is **Friday 1st May 2026**. If you are having difficulty with the cost but would still like your child to attend, please contact the School Business Manager in confidence to discuss support.



Lunar New Year

On Thursday, the children in Keystage 2 were treated to a fantastic assembly all about the Lunar New Year. This assembly was led by four of our children in Years 4 and 6, Hero, Isabel, Josh and Yiting, who told us about how they celebrate, including the special foods that are eaten and what they all symbolise. Hero told us all about the Year of the Horse and then we really enjoyed watching the dance, 'The Spirit of Young Warriors' which Isabel shared. Yiting told us all about traditional foods and Josh told us how families might celebrate. Everyone enjoyed the quizzes and the opportunity to win prizes. Well done Hero, Isabel, Josh and Yiting and thank you.



We're really pleased to share that Isabel, Hero & Kimberly also performed their Lunar New Year dance, The Spirit of Young Warriors, at the Gulbenkian Theatre. The Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Keji Moses, and the Sheriff, Steph Jupe, personally congratulated the children and presented them with certificates, which was a proud moment for everyone involved. They've since been invited to perform at the International Day at Kent College and at East Kent's largest Lunar New Year celebration. A big well done to Isabel, Hero and Kimberly.

Writing Competition

At the end of Term 2, children in Years 1 to 6 entered a competition organised by the Rotary Club of Canterbury. The children were asked to write a short story with either a Christmas or a Winter theme. Last week, I received an envelope containing certificates and am delighted to share the following successes:

These children were presented with their certificates along with a book token in our celebration assembly on Monday.

Congratulations to these children and a big well done to all the children who wrote a story for this competition. Mrs Prior.



1st place: Lochlann (Dore Class) and Kitty (Denly Class)

2nd place: Eloise (King Class) and Finn (Thomas Class)

3rd place: Saffron (Barnes Class)

Year 1 Donations

Year 1 would be very grateful for any donations of small board or card games that are no longer used at home. Items such as Top Trumps, Dobble, Connect 4, Buckaroo or similar small player games would be especially welcome.

If you're able to donate, please drop items at the school office. Thank you for your support.



Year 3 Prehistoric Museum

Year 3 recently transformed the local village hall into a prehistoric museum, showcasing everything they have learned in History over the past two terms. The children worked incredibly hard to create exhibits, artefacts and information displays and were excited to take on the role of museum guides for their parents. Following the museum, the children held a gift shop in the classroom where their handmade mini museums and woolly mammoths raised £130.39 for the Family Food Bank.



Year 5 Mead Hall Experience

Year 5 stepped back in time this week as they took part in their very own Mead Hall Experience to celebrate the end of their Viking learning journey. Gathered around a campfire, the children soaked up the atmosphere of a traditional Viking hall and even sampled a child-friendly mead drink, just like the Vikings would have enjoyed. They took turns sharing the Norse myths they had written themselves, bringing their stories to life with expression and pride. Although the event was originally planned for earlier in the term, it turned out to be the perfect way to round off our learning, a memorable and immersive experience that truly brought our Viking topic to life.



Kent FA Women & Girls Football

Kent FA is hosting a FREE Women & Girls Football Extravaganza on **Friday 7 March** at the University of Kent. This is a fantastic opportunity for girls to try football in a fun, supportive environment.

10:00–11:00am: Wildcats Session (ages 5–11)

11:15am–12:15pm: Squad Girls Session (ages 12–15)

There are also beginner sessions for mums and female family members who'd like to give football a go!

For more information and to sign up for free please view [here](#).



Forest School Newsletter

Mud, Mud and More Fun!

This week marked our final Forest School sessions for KS2, and I am incredibly proud of how all the classes engaged throughout the programme. We've seen some fantastic learning taking place, with the children demonstrating a strong understanding of Forest School rules and expectations.

The winter months can be challenging due to the weather, but all the children showed great resilience in some tricky conditions. As you are all aware, the mud was everywhere and didn't spare anyone - apologies for all the extra washing this week! Thank you to all the children for their excellent efforts and to parents for your continued support and encouragement.



Big Garden Birdwatch

Well done to everyone who took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. We also joined in as a school, alongside an amazing 8,500,000 birdwatchers! Our KS2 children carefully observed and recorded the birds spotted on our Forest School site. It's not too late to take part at home if you'd like to join in. You can find more information and the sign-up form [here](#).

We have also been busy developing our Forest School area, including creating a new frog pond and flower planter ready for new occupants in the warmer weather. In addition, we have identified most of the trees on our site, ready for KS1 children to begin learning about them.

Forest School Donations

We are currently looking for some additional items to support our Forest School activities. If you have any of the items listed below and are happy to donate them, we would be very grateful if you could bring them into school.

Items we are looking for:

- Flower seeds or flower plants ready to plant
- Gardening equipment
- Old cooking utensils
- Digging tools
- Old cooking pots
- Old wellies
- Watering cans

**A SMALL
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**

Wildlife Calendar & Events

Looking for ways to connect with nature this month? Take a look at February's [Birds of the Month](#) from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds for a closer look at the birds you might spot locally.

You can also explore the [February Nature Connection Calendar](#), which has lots of simple seasonal activities to enjoy outdoors as a family.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Catman - Ruby for participating in Creepy Claws workshop.

Pettman - Alice for always trying her best.

Dore - Aoife for using great adjectives in our story retell.

King - Mathilda for working incredibly hard in writing and presenting her learning beautifully.

Bailey - Jesse for always being responsible and for his resilience in his writing.

Cooper - Karlo for your positive learning behaviours.

Moses - Lyus for demonstrating great resilience with his learning this term.

Russo - Whole Class for their incredible prehistoric museum at the village hall.

Barnes - Oliver for resilience in Maths.

Delahunt - Violet for demonstrating resilience in her learning.

Denly - Theo for producing a wonderful and informative leaflet all about Vikings.

Gurnah - Mariah for her amazing book: Freya and the Goblins and **James** for his amazing board game: Vikings.

Shariff - Angelica and Helena for their clear science recording.

Thomas - Whole class for their enthusiasm and participation in our 1940's day.

We are pleased to inform you that this week's attendance winners are...

Saplings
98.1%

We are pleased to inform you that this week's attendance House winners are...

Chestnut
98.6%

We are pleased to inform you that this week's Walk once a Week winners are...

Year - 6 Shariff Class
20 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

[For term dates please click here.](#)

Term 3	05.01.2026 - 13.02.2026
Last Day of Term 3	13.02.2026
Inset Day - School Closed	23.02.2026
First Day of Term 4	24.02.2026
Year 3 Swimming	27.02.2026
Year 6 Offer Day	02.03.2026
Year R - NHS Screening	02.03.2026
Commonwealth Gymnast Visit	05.03.2026
World Book Day	06.03.2026
Year 3 Swimming	06.03.2026

Inset Days 2025/26

01.09.2025	19.12.2025
23.02.2026	20.07.2026
21.07.2026	

P.E Days

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Additional P.E. Days

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Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

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