



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 2025



Message from our Headteacher

To all our friends,

Spring has certainly sprung at Wateringbury with daffodils and tree blossoms well and truly in bloom. Not so good for hayfever sufferers but, beautiful nonetheless.

We have had an incredibly productive term and you will see just a snippet of all that has been going on in the class pages below. What you can't see from those pages, though, is the joy and pride in the children's faces that I see when I talk to them about their learning. Our staff have worked so hard to instil this in the children.

On top of the extraordinary day to day learning that has happening, we have been making the most of our school grounds, local environment and our fabulous community this term. Snowdrop Class have been travelling by train for their swimming lessons each week. The children have been incredibly sensible and members of the public have commented on their outstanding behaviour and fantastic manners. A big thank you to Mrs Henry and Mrs Jandova for overseeing these adventures. There have been numerous walks to the river, the mill pond and the orchards to investigate habitats and look for signs of spring. We have also carried on our work with Mrs Murray to develop the use of our outdoor learning area. Other special events have included a visiting theatre company's production of Alice in Wonderland, a mental health workshop from the NHS, World Book Day, visit to Meadow View, Comic Relief, Easter craft morning and a presentation from the NHS about dental health (they were very impressed with our children's attitudes to teeth brushing!).

The highlight of the term was the Easter production.

Snowdrop and Bluebell Class presented a very thoughtful representation of the Easter story with fabulous singing and acting - a special mention to the very brave soloists, Josef and Bonnie. FOWPS very generously provided Easter eggs and gifts so that each class could have their own Easter egg hunt. Thank you!

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and sunny Easter break.

Debbie Johnson

Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)



Staffing Updates

I am very pleased to welcome Jonny Bryant to our team as caretaker. He will be working alongside Frank to help keep our school and grounds safe and sparkling!

I am sure you will all make him feel welcome when you see him about the place after Easter.



Learning, growing, achieving... our journey together with God.

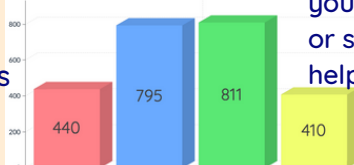
CASTLE POINTS

The two titans of castle points, Rochester and Leeds, have been ruling the school again this term. Although Leeds appeared to be dominating,

Rochester had a last minute surge and have won the most points for this term with 811 points. Rochester pupils can wear their own clothes (preferably green) on Friday 25th April.

CASTLE POINTS
TERM 4 TOTALS

■ Dover ■ Leeds
■ Rochester ■ Tonbridge



WORSHIP

In worship this term we have been learning about the concept of justice and how this can differ from fairness.

We learned how important it was to get the whole picture before making a judgement. We listened to the parable of the vineyard workers and looked at the Ten Commandments. The children were able to give lots of examples of justice in school such as the younger children being given more time to eat lunch, or some children needing different equipment to help them learn.

"Learn to do right. Seek justice."

Isiah 1:17



Nurture Camp

The wellbeing Team

Hi Parents and Carers,

How time flies when you are having fun and we have had some good fun this term. We concentrated on the children's mental health, and we were fortunate to have an assembly "Captain Wonderland and the Esteem Machine" presented by the NHS. Lots of little tips to keep our minds happy and healthy.

Our wonderful young carers celebrated Young Carers Day on 12th March. We celebrated with a party and some little activities. Bianca, from the young carers' charity Imago, visited us too. She has lots of days out coming up soon so, young carer parents and carers, keep an eye on your emails!!

We welcomed a new addition to our school: a therapy dog called Wilf. He and his owner Victoria are currently working with Honeysuckle class, the children are really

enjoying this on a Friday afternoon. Thank you Wilf and Victoria!

Finally, today we were visited by three dental nurses from the NHS, who delivered an Oral Health assembly. Our school was chosen as one of the very few schools in Kent to have this presentation. They were absolutely delighted to see how our children are brushing teeth daily and what a difference this makes for the children's oral health.

(If any parents can supply some toothpaste for our school, it would be much appreciated). Please drop any donations to the office.

Thank you all for your continued support, and wishing you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

Best wishes

Mrs Henry and Mrs Bryant.

MEADOW VIEW & Waterringbury CE School

- Linking generations
- Building community
- Creating joy



Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer



Rachel Bryant
SENCO



Red Nose Day we raised £130!

Thank you to everyone for the donations! We had a lot of fun dancing to the Cha Cha Slide and YMCA. A big thank you to Mrs Barnett for leading the dance moves! Another big thank you to Mr Solomides for filming the dancing with his drone - he got some great footage!

Term Dates:

Term 4: 24th Feb- 4th April 2025

Term 5: 22nd April - 23rd May 2025

Term 6: 2nd June - 22nd July 2025

INSET Days (no children in school)

4th April.



Summer Uniform



When we come back after Easter, children can wear summer uniform: polo shirt and grey shorts or navy blue (not light blue) checked summer dress or loose-fitting jumpsuit. Children should still wear school shoes (no sandals, trainers or boots) and proper ankle socks (not trainer socks). Please make sure that jewellery (other than stud earrings) and smart watches are not worn to school.



Dates for your diary



22nd April First day back to school

22nd April SEN rescheduled parent consultations

23rd April George's Day - Guides and Scouts can wear their uniform

25th April Own clothes day for Rochester pupils (green)

25th April Meadow View visit

28th April Bluebell swimming lessons begin

2nd May Bluebell Forest school (AM), Primrose Forest school (PM)

3rd May FOWPS Chilli and Quiz

20th May Secondary transfer talk (Bluebell parents)



A slot has become available with Amanda Stewart for 1:1 piano lessons.

These are taught in the afternoons in school and Amanda can teach pop or classical.

For more info please email Amanda directly:
amandastewartmusic@googlemail.com

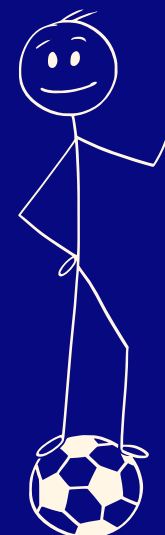


Sol Wanjau-Smith Maidstone United FC

Sol made a guest appearance at football after school club last week. He was fantastic with the children, put together some useful drills and games, and gave them some helpful pointers on their techniques. Thank you so much, Maidstone FC!



HAPPY
EASTER



FESTIVAL THEATRE

at HEVER CASTLE

We're fast approaching the Easter holidays, come and spend the afternoon at Hever Castle for the gorgeous

Shoe Baby on Tues 15 April, 2pm.

A larger than life, thoughtful, explosion of colourful puppets, retelling the beautiful story by Joyce Dunbar. Ticket prices include the opportunity to stay and play in the castle gardens after the hour-long show, until they close at 6pm. Suitable for all the family, our theatre is a relaxed environment, brilliant for first time theatre goers!

We are offering a 10% discount on all tickets with the promo code EGG25 if booked by 31 March. Do join us, for this lovely Easter treat. We can't wait to welcome you.

Book here: www.heverfestival.co.uk, or here 07379 488 477

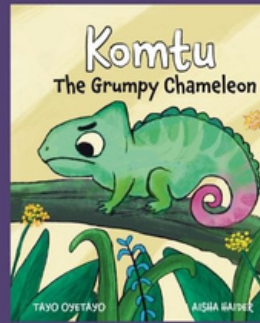


Easter Trail & Craft Fair at Demelza Kent on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April

Our hospice gardens will be beautifully decorated for a whimsical Easter trail, where families can hunt for hidden eggs, unscramble a secret word, and win a prize! There will also be a craft tent, exciting stalls, delicious refreshments from local vendors, and a chance to hear Sittingbourne's 106.9 SFM broadcasting live. All funds raised will support Demelza's vital work in caring for children and families who need it most.

Notices

Join us for a BOOK LAUNCH



Thursday, 17 April 2025
11am - 3pm

Maidstone Leisure Centre
Mote Park, ME15 7RN

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Schools Out!
Easter Holiday Club

Mon 07 - Thu 17 April 2025

South Borough Primary School,
Tovil, Maidstone
7-10 April 2025

Greenfields Community Primary School,
Shepway, Maidstone
07-10 April 2025

Tree Tops Primary Academy,
Brishing Lane, Maidstone
14-17 April 2025



STONES in the community

Easter events at The Den Sevenoaks

MARCH & APRIL 2025

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH
12.30 - 1.30PM &
1.30 - 2.30PM

Meet our Snow Queen from Once Upon A Wish Events!



Come and join us for our snow queen experience, meet and greet, listen to a magical story, play games, dancing, photo opportunities and more. A Tiara & Wand for your little one to take away & a cuppa and biscuits for you to enjoy whilst they experience the magic!

£12.50 per child & one adult
£10 sibling discount
£4.50 additional adult
Babies in arms FREE



EASTER CRAFT SESSION
TUESDAY 15TH APRIL
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-10

(EASTER HALF TERM SPECIAL)
Craft stations will be: Easter bonnet making, Easter wreath making, foam Easter eggs to colour, make Easter stickers, paper chains, paint your own suncatcher, decorations and a bunny, make Easter cards and colour your own Easter bag to take all your goodies away in.

£12.50 per child & one adult
£10 sibling discount
£1.50 additional adult

Enjoy a Cuppa and biscuits included plus a small Easter Gift for your little one to take away too!



PAMPER SESSION WITH OUR FASHION DOLL (ONCE UPON A WISH EVENTS)

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL
10.30AM - 12PM
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-10

(EASTER HALF TERM SPECIAL)

This session has been designed to meet our fashion doll (Barbie). Have their hair styled with our wonderful hairdresser, get their nails painted, have their face painted, themed cake, name them to be the star of the show, doll with dancing and fun games. Lots of photo opportunities & a little gift to take away. Whilst you can sit back and enjoy a cuppa and biscuits!

£30 per child & one adult
£10 sibling discount
£4.50 additional adult

EASTER PLAY SESSION & TRAIL
WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL
10.30AM - 12PM
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-10

(EASTER HALF TERM SPECIAL)
Come and enjoy the pop up play space with lots of role play areas, soft play, dress up, Easter craft, under ones area and so much more! A little Easter egg trail with lift up boxes, once completed your little one will receive an Easter egg prize!

£10 per child & one adult
£7 sibling discount
£1.50 additional adult

Enjoy a FREE cuppa and biscuits whilst your little people have fun!

TREAT DAY

BEEFBURGER IN BUN WITH CHIPS
QUORN BURGER IN BUN WITH CHIPS
KETCHUP
RAINBOW SLAW
PEAS & SWEETCORN
CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE CAKE

THURSDAY

15th May

ALSO AVAILABLE: JACKET POTATO & FILLINGS, SALAD BAR, HOMEMADE BREAD, YOGHURT & FRUIT

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MATCH FUNDING

PREMIER EDUCATION IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN. FOR EVERY CHILD'S PLACE YOUR SCHOOL FUNDS, PREMIER EDUCATION WILL FUND ANOTHER CHILD TO JOIN THE CLUB TOO. THIS INITIATIVE REFLECTS OUR CORE VALUE OF CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE.

THIS OFFER IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR WRAPAROUND CLUBS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS OR EVEN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT ONE OF OUR HOLIDAY CAMPS.

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS INITIATIVE, PLEASE CONTACT MALDIS@PREMIER-EDUCATION.COM



To book your spaces scan the QR code below or contact Sarah from The Den via email: thewishippokentandsurrey@gmail.com



Bramble Class

Term 4 has been a very busy term and the children have been making lots of progress in all areas of their learning. Our theme this term has been "All around the world" and we have been learning about animals and different locations from around the world.



We have been learning about our local area. We went on a walk to the river and learnt how to cross the road and the railway safely. It was such a sunny day, we even had a picnic for snack!

Bramble Class experienced their first World Book week at Watlingtonbury. They really enjoyed dressing up and we all shared our favourite stories!



This term in maths, we have had a big focus on finding different ways to make 10. The children have used lots of different resources including double sided counters to try and find as many ways as they can!



As part of our Easter celebrations, we held a craft morning and lots of family members came to help us. The children enjoyed spending time with some new adults and had lots of fun.

TERM 4





DANDELION CLASS

Term 4

What we have been up to this term:

Maths:

We have been learning about measuring length, mass and capacity. The children measured the length of just about every object in the classroom, using paperclips before we moved on to using centimetres. We compared the mass of objects using a balance.

P.E:

We have loved getting outside for P.E this term, now that the weather is warming up. Every session has started with a three lap run around the playground to try and improve our pace and stamina. We have focused on throwing to a target, using both underarm and overarm throws depending on the distance. The children had lots of fun deciding on their own scoring systems for targets and competing to see who could get the highest score.

Forest school:

We've enjoyed two exciting sessions filled with creativity, exploration, and outdoor learning. The children have engaged with the stories Where the Wild Things Are and Bumblebear, bringing these tales to life with hands-on activities. This has included tree climbing, den building, and making bee-inspired crafts. The children have also been busy metal detecting, digging, and even uncovering the mysterious belongings of the Forest Queen! These activities have not only sparked the children's imaginations but also encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and a deeper connection to nature.

Maths



P.E



Forest school



Reminders

- **Reading at Home and Numbots:** Don't forget to log your child's reading on Boom Reader regularly. Your children should also be using Numbots for 15 minutes per week. We have a weekly awards ceremony and certificates too!
- **P.E. Kits:** Ensure P.E. kits are brought in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ideally keep PE kits in school all the time.
- **Phonics practice:** With the phonics screening date looming, we are encouraging parents to be practising the alien words sent home regularly. Miss Payne will be doing a practice with the children next term.

Honeysuckle Term 4

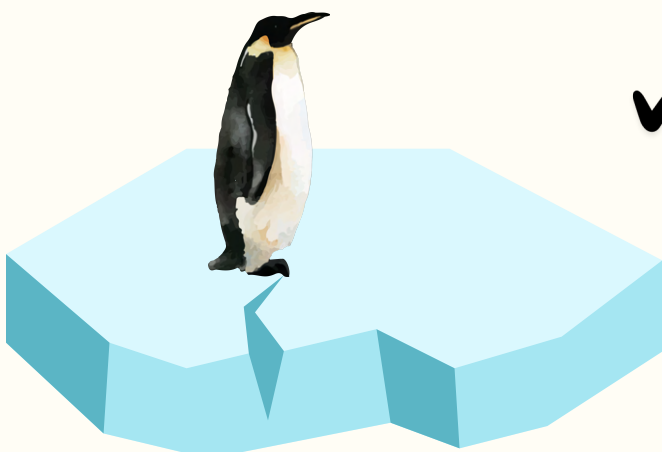
In Year 2 we have been learning about how to write a poem this term, with poetic language and the structure. We studied “Out and About” and were inspired to write our own poems about nature. I was impressed by the children’s thought process and, as a result, some lovely pieces of work were created.

In addition to their poems, the children have created artwork using acrylic paint, exploring its properties and experimenting with various gestures to bring their pieces to life.

Finally, the children have enjoyed learning about hot and cold places, gathering information to answer the final question, “Would you like to live in a hot or cold place?”. The children were able to use key words in their explanations and write a paragraph about their preference. Which one would you choose?



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Snowdrop Class



We've had a fantastic few weeks in Snowdrop Class!

We successfully completed our swimming lessons, and the children showed great progress and confidence in the water. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and determination!

Our Forest School session has been a highlight, with everyone enjoying the outdoor learning experience. The children had a lot of fun exploring nature, developing new skills, and working together in creative and adventurous ways.

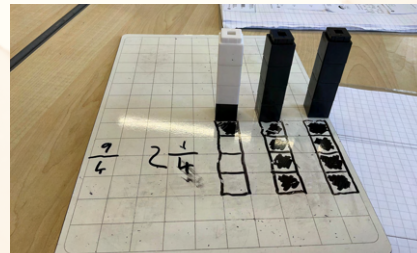
A big well done to all the children for their hard work on our Easter game! Everyone put in a great effort, and it was lovely to see their teamwork and creativity come to life.

This term, the children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects. In maths, we have been learning about fractions, building our understanding. In English, we have been focusing on common nouns and pronouns, learning how to use them correctly in our writing and speech.



Bluebell Class

Maths



This term we have been learning about fractions. We have looked at equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering them as well as converting improper fraction to mixed number and vice versa.

In English, we have been reading *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan. The children wrote their own recounts about the events.

Art

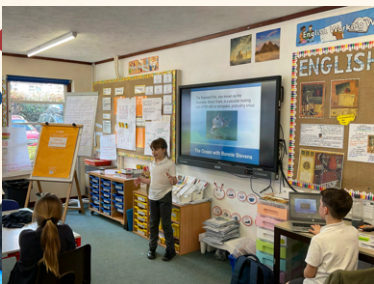
We have been studying mixed media landscapes. We have studied art work from two different artists- Kittie Jones and Vanessa Gardiner.

Science

This term we have been continuing with the circulatory system. We have looked at how exercise affects our heart rate and how nutrients and water are transported around our bodies. We have also studied the circulatory system of fish and insects.

Teacher Talks and Show and Tell.

The children in Bluebell class are taking it in turn to either teach a lesson for 20 minutes or complete a show and tell. The talks so far have all been really entertaining.



Primrose News

SPRING 2 EDITION

What we have been up to

What a busy term it has been! Some key highlights include: World Book Day, forest school and Alice in Wonderland! I have been so impressed with how hard the children have worked and their determination to do well. The amount of progress they have made in the past few weeks is massive! Thank you so much

Primrose!
Miss Colyer



World Book Day

What have we been learning?

English: We have been looking at the book, 'The Arrival'.

Maths : Area, perimeter and angles.

DT: Making waistcoats

PE: handball

RE: Judaism

Science: Light

PSHE: Healthy me



My favourite piece of learning this term was my diary writing based on 'The Arrival'.
-Lottie

I enjoyed writing my non-chronological report on oceans.
-Kyler-Louise

I liked learning about area - especially triangles! I never knew how to do it before.
-Sienna

I enjoyed creating a waistcoat. It was challenging but fun!
-Hallie

I think my English has improved so much this term!
-Reagan

I really enjoyed learning about Judaism. I liked learning about how different it is to other religions
-Finola

My favourite learning was science - I enjoyed the experiments we were doing about light.
-Finley

I loved the geography because I am very passionate about the oceans.
-Annabelle



Hop on over for

EASTER

Fun with Faith

Calling all primary school aged children living in
Wateringbury, Mereworth, West Peckham, Nettlestead and Teston.
Join us to help celebrate and hear the Easter story.

A morning filled with fun, songs, and craft activities on

Saturday 19th April 2025
9.30am until 12.30pm

St John the Baptist church, Wateringbury.

Booking is essential because of numbers
Deadline Wednesday the 16th of April 2025

See mwwpchurches.org to download a booking form or email
easterfun@wateringburychurch.org.uk

Looking forward to hearing from you.
Debbie Bond.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.