



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 5 2025



Message from our Headteacher

To all our friends,

Well I blinked and Term 5 was over! Although it was a short one, we have packed lots of exciting learning and events into it.

Our infant children have been learning about how things grow and there were squeals of delight across the fields as the butterflies, that they had watched emerge from their cocoons, were successfully released into the wild.

This term has seen the implication of our school led forest school inspired learning sessions with children and staff alike putting into practice all the skills they learned from Mrs Murray. We are constantly adding to our outdoor learning area and now have slack lines, a mini shelter, loose parts (like pallets) and a swing to enhance the practical learning in which the children can participate. The plan is for children to have these sessions regularly so that they can continue to build on the practical and inter-personnel skills that are facilitated in such activities.

May brings joyous events like Bank Holidays, but also signals the beginning of national testing and exams. Many of you will have older children sitting GCSEs, A Levels or even finals. Our Year 6 children had their KS2 SATs a couple of weeks ago. All the staff involved in the testing were so impressed with the positive mental attitude that the children had towards the tests. They worked so hard before the week itself and were focused and determined when the day came. No matter what score they get, they should be so proud of the progress they have made. We certainly are!

The term ended with a sleepover in the school hall for Years 3 and 4. This was a great chance for the children to spend time together singing songs, cooking smores and playing games. For many of these children, this was the first time they had been away from home and we are proud of them all for sticking it out all night (even if they didn't all sleep much!).

Next term will bring a lot more fun, adventures and learning. We look forward to welcoming our new families to our school. Come and see us at the village summer fete on 8th June!

Debbie Johnson

Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)



Hellos and Goodbyes

This term we said goodbye to Mr Harvey who left his post at Wateringbury to pursue other opportunities. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him well in the future.

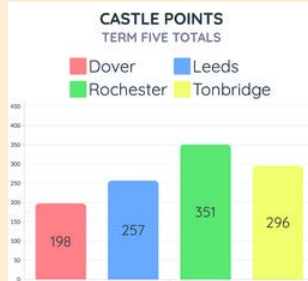
We are so grateful to Ms Crawley who has joined us from another school and our own Mrs Barnett who will be teaching wonderful Snowdrop Class for the rest of the academic year.

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

CASTLE POINTS

Well - they've done it again... Rochester have won the term castle points totals. We have seen the other castles working hard to overturn the winning streak but they haven't quite managed

it yet!
We have passed the task onto the children and asked them to let us know how we can improve the system! Watch this space!!!!



WORSHIP

In worship this term we have focused on the value of **SERVICE**. We looked at different ways that we can serve each other in our school, our families and our communities.

We heard stories from the Bible about times when Jesus served others and when others saw the benefits in helping others.

The children were encouraged to be detectives and look out for those who were serving others with no strings attached!

"Serve one another in love."

Galatians 5:13



Nurture Camp



Another busy term here at Watringbury CEP School with your wonderful children which included our second trip up to Meadow View Residential Home. We took two children from each class (Years 1 - 6). This is always a joyous afternoon with the residents and this term included puzzles, sudoku, crafts and even some German lessons! Your children represented the school fabulously and showed kindness, courage and respect. Well done everyone! We will continue to take children each term, and will email parents when it's their child's turn. Next month we will be taking part in the Green Mile for the NSPCC and keep an eye out for what we are hoping a "colourful" end of year.

Thank you parents for your continued support, we work together to help support your children to have a safe and happy time here at Watringbury. If you have any concerns or need any support please always email me on chenry@watringbury.kent.sch.uk
Have a safe and enjoyable half term break.
Mrs Henry



Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer



Rachel Bryant
SENCo

The wellbeing Team

Course on offer from Face Family Advice:

An online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

June 23rd 7 - 8:30pm
Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to **PARENTS**
on the **Homepage**

ORAL HEALTH



This term, a small team of children made a beautiful Oral Health board which included a massive 3D toothbrush and toothpaste, and information promoting good oral health. The efforts were part of a competition in connection with the NHS and Oral Health Foundation charity.

The board looks so fantastic and it does a wonderful job reminding the children how to look after their teeth. It is so good, in fact, that it won the competition!! Thanks to the group, the school has now won over 200 toothbrushing kits for the children to use.

Thanks to all the children involved, and thank you to parents that help support us in keeping good oral health habits for the children.

Forest School

Friday 6th June

Bramble
Dandelion

Friday 13th June

Snowdrop
Honeysuckle

Thurs 19th June

Bluebell

Fri 20th June

Primrose



For all above dates we would love one parent helper to be involved! It's such great fun and the children love this session. If you are available to volunteer please contact the class teacher. THANK YOU!

Term Dates:

Term 5: 22nd April - 23rd May 2025

Term 6: 2nd June - 22nd July 2025

INSET Days (no children in school)

4th April.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd June	Term 6 begins School testing fortnight, including Y4 multiplication check
Sunday 8th June	Wateringbury village summer fete
Monday 9th June	Phonics screening week
Thursday 12th June	FOWPS Father's Day Shop
Tuesday 17th June	Y6 celebration at Rochester Cathedral
Wenesday 18th June	New Year R (2025) parents' information evening - 7pm
Friday 20th June	FOWPS discos
Wednesday 25th June	New entrants Teddy Bears' Picnic
Thursday 26th June	Vision screening for reception pupils
Friday 27th June	Sports Day - parents welcome in the afternoon
Thursday 3rd July	New entrants 2025 stay and play Whole school transition afternoon
Friday 4th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 9th July	Summer concert 1:15 - 2pm Meet the teacher 2-4pm
Thursday 10th July	New entrants stay and play
Monday 14th July	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 15th July	Y6 production to parents - 6pm
Monday 21st July	Y6 Leavers' Service at church - 10am

**Tuesday 22nd July -
School's out for
summer!**

Concerns & complaints



If you have any significant concerns about your child please pop this in writing and email over to the school office on office@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk with as much information as possible.

This will be forwarded onto the relevant person in school to be investigated.

Please avoid approaching staff with complaints at the start or the end of the day.

All quick/informal messages should still continue to be dojd'ed to the teacher where appropriate

For a full information please refer to our complaints policy via the school website

Reminder

Morning Drop Off



Reception Class children

- Children can go into class through the blue door near Bramble classroom from 8:30am
- All children to be in class by 8:40am
- Parents can approach the blue door with their child, but please don't enter the school
- In preparation for going into year 1, please do try and encourage your child to leave you at KS1 playground and walk in themselves.

Year 1 upwards

- All children to go to KS2 playground from 8:30am
- Bell rings at 8:40am and all children can enter school
- No parents to go passed the wooden gazebo on KS1 playground at any time

If your child is not willing to walk independently, please drop your child to the school office.

SPORT NEWS

With the summer term underway and the sun shining, some of our children have had the opportunity to take part in sports matches against neighbouring schools. Fifteen children from Year 2 took part in a friendly but competitive game against Yalding Primary. It was fantastic to see such a wide range of participants—from complete beginners eager to give it a go, to confident players who practise every day. A big thank you to Yalding for coming to play us and helping make it such an enjoyable experience for everyone involved!

Classic Motor Show

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE
10 AM TO 3PM

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YALDING, KENT, ME18 6AH

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Entry £5 per person, under 16's free

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Children from Year 4 also had the opportunity to take part in a slightly more formal sports match, playing away at East Peckham Primary. They represented the school brilliantly and really enjoyed the experience. It was a pleasure to see them showing such great sportsmanship and working so well as a team. Although they didn't come away with a win this time, they gave it their all—and we're hopeful for a victory next time!

PE Lead Mr Stevens

Things to do this half term

May Half Term Schools Out Club 2025

Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 12 to participate in a range of sports & fitness and arts & craft activities. Sessions run for 4 hours between 10:00 - 14:00.

Schools Out May Half Term 2025 Club locations:

South Borough Primary School, Tovil, Maidstone 29-30 May 2025	Greenfields Community Primary School, Shepway, Maidstone 27-29 May 2025	Tree Tops Primary Academy, Brishing Lane, Maidstone 27-29 May 2025
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Book your place today - £5 per day per child by visiting stonesinthecommunity.org

(Once places are booked, payments are non-refundable)

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KIDS COMPETITION
Task: Design a new activity for summer 2025!

ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- Based on existing activity with a twist
- Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- Add your theme to an activity
- An activity you love already which you'd like to see at camp

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!
ENTRIES SUBMITTED TO FUN@BARRACUDAS.CO.UK BY 16TH JUNE

INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE & NAME & LOCATION OF SCHOOL WITH YOUR ENTRY!

WE WILL REPLICATE YOUR ACTIVITY IDEA AT CAMP!

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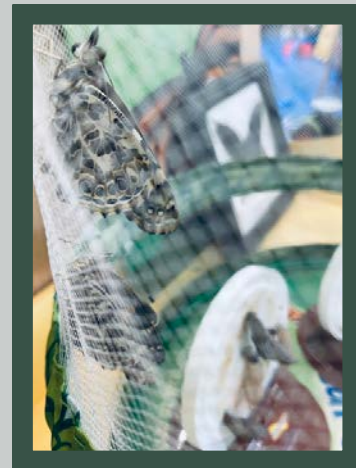
Bramble Class

Term 5 has been full of growth. As well as noticing that the children have suddenly shot up, our theme this has been based around Amazing Animals and exploring different life cycles. .



We have really enjoyed our Forest School sessions this term. There have been some new additions to the area such as a swing and slack line and the children are getting much more confident at using tools.

To support our learning, all of Key Stage 1 have been looking after some caterpillars. We watched them grow into butterflies and our plan is to release them before the holidays!



We had a lovely picnic to celebrate VE day. The children made their own sandwiches in the morning and they were very good at sharing their food. We also enjoyed playing and dancing with the rest of the school on the field.



In maths this term, we have been completely The Sunflower Project. The children used their fantastic number skills to use tens frames and work out that we had 211 seeds altogether!



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Science

We welcomed five caterpillars into our classroom! Over the term we have observed them closely, watching them get larger and then form a chrysalis. This week five beautiful butterflies emerged. We ended the term by releasing them into the school grounds.



RE

In RE we have been learning about Judaism. We found out about Moses and how he was their leader. To help us remember the story of his life, we made a sliding picture showing baby Moses in a basket on the river Nile.

Maths

The children have taken their first steps towards learning about multiplication and division. We have completed lots of practical activities to help us make equal groups using cubes, counters and any objects we can find in the classroom! They can now count in steps of 2, 5 and 10, with the help of some catchy tunes.





Honeysuckle Term 5



In Year 2, we have been learning how to write character descriptions. The children have been exploring a range of exciting vocabulary to describe different characters from stories we have read in class. They have impressed us with their creativity and imagination, using powerful adjectives and similes to bring their characters to life.

In science this term, the children have been learning about life cycles and have particularly enjoyed observing the butterfly life cycle first-hand in our classroom. At the start of the term, we welcomed some tiny caterpillars, and the children were fascinated as they watched them grow, form their pupas, and eventually emerge as beautiful butterflies.

This term, our topic has been The Great Fire of London, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed becoming "history detectives." They have developed key historical enquiry skills by examining and interpreting a range of evidence from the time, including Samuel Pepys' diary. We have also held lively debate-style discussions exploring different viewpoints on who was to blame for the fire. Was it the baker in Pudding Lane? The Lord Mayor for his slow response? Or was it simply a tragic result of the dry weather and wooden buildings?

We have been incredibly fortunate to have a Forest School specialist join us this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and shown great enthusiasm for outdoor learning. They have worked collaboratively and embraced new challenges. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explore and learn in the natural environment.



Snowdrop Class

It's been lovely to get to know Snowdrop Class this term! Please read below to find out more about what we have been up to.

Ms Crawley, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Jandova and Mrs Boswell

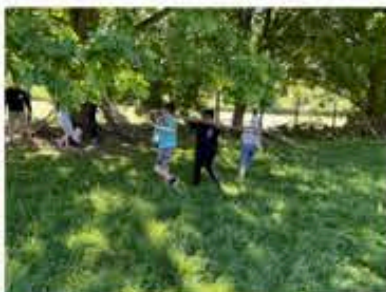
Upcoming Events

Term 6 begins – 2nd June

Sports Day – 27th June

School Concert – 9th July

Last day of term – 22nd July



Maths

In Maths this term, we have continued our learning of fractions and have expanded this to understand tenths as decimals. The children have done a fantastic job tackling this new topic with courage and perseverance.

We have also been learning about area and perimeter on Mondays and Friday with Mrs Barnett, and have been enjoying working out the perimeter of 2D shapes.

English

We have had a fantastic time this term watching a silent film, *The Catch*, and using this to inspire our writing of diary entries.

In reading, we have laughed a lot at George's antics in Roald Dahl's classic tale, *George's Marvellous Medicine*.

Other Activities

In Music, we have started to learn a song related to our learning on the water cycle, and we are enjoying kicking off our rivers learning by creating models of the three river courses. Thanks to all parents who sent in resources!

We had a lovely time at Forest School exploring the natural environment and practising our team work skills. We also enjoyed our VE Day celebrations with arts & crafts and a picnic in the sun.

Reminders

Please ensure your children have their PE kits in school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

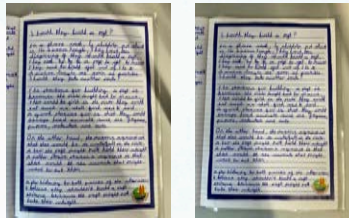
Please also ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

BLUEBELL NEWSLETTER

Our learning

English

We have been reading the book, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. It is about a group of children who get lost in the Amazon jungle. We have written a balanced argument about whether the children should build a raft to escape or not? We then focused on writing a non-chronological report about rain forests.

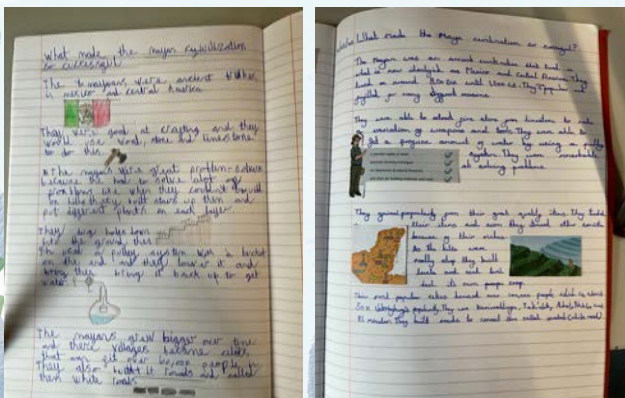


Maths

The children have worked so hard this term mainly on fractions and decimals.

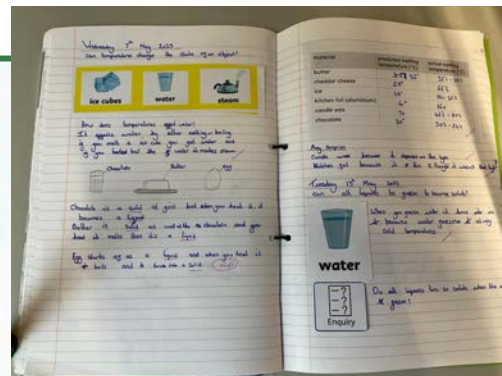
History

We have begun learning about the Mayan civilisation. We know that they were great problem solvers having worked out how to access water from underground as well as how to use the steep hillsides for farming.



Science

In science, we have been looking at states of matter and whether temperatures can change these states. We also looked at the melting point of various materials.



PE

- Our PE sessions have focused on improving our swimming skills as well as our cricket game. We improved our striking and fielding skills.

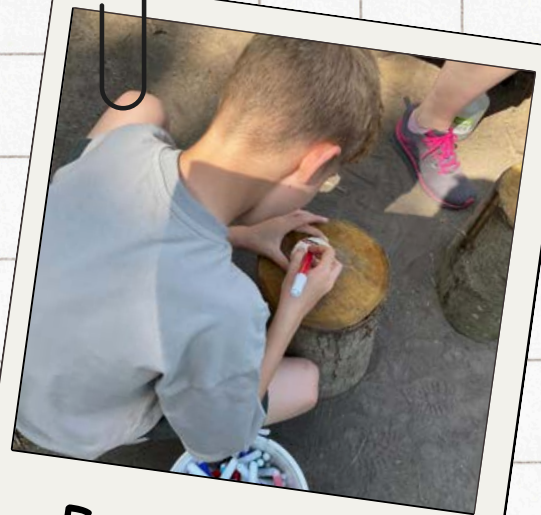


Primrose News

SUMMER 1 EDITION

What we have been up to

This term, we have been doing lots of learning, but also recapping all of our knowledge from our time at school. We have loved learning about crime and punishment through the ages in history, and we are continuing that into next term. We have also had some forest school sessions - it's been great to see the children's confidence grow and how much they collaborate.



Forest School

What have we been Learning?

English: We have been looking at a Three Little Pigs story where they are found guilty of insurance fraud. The children have written newspaper reports.

Maths : Area, perimeter and angles.

Art: Take a Seat

PE:Fielding games

RE: racism

Science: Animals including humans

I have really enjoyed history because learning about crime and punishment is interesting
-Reagan

I have liked doing our newspaper reports because I like learning about the features
-Hallie

I liked learning about the circulatory system

-Kyler-Louise

I liked learning long division in maths as I really had to persevere and I got it in the end!
-Maryam

I like looking at the artists and starting to think about designing our chairs
-Finola

I liked learning how to use a protractor
-Sienna

I liked our SATs breakfast.

-Miles

I liked doing the arithmetic test in SATs.
-Sofia