



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 3 2026



Message from our Headteacher

To all our friends,

Although the weather is not particularly spring like yet, we have seen such signs of growth in our school this term. I always say that the Spring terms are when we see children make the most progress and this year is no different. The foundations are laid in the Autumn terms so that, when the children come back after Christmas, they are ready to fly - and they really have!

As well as seeing great progress in English and maths, there have been some wonderful topics being studied across the school. The children in Key Stage One have really enjoyed finding out about famous explorers and learning how to master watercolour paints. In Key Stage Two we have seen some amazing websites being built (way beyond my technical ability, vehicles with working axles being designed, great body posture being refined in gymnastics and, as ever, some beautiful singing across the school. We have two very exciting musical events to look forward to after the half term holiday: the Young Voices concert at the O2 and then a small group of children are joining the East Malling Singers to sing part of Carmina Burana. It is such a great experience for the children to be able to sing as part of these large groups and is something they will never forget.

Despite the incredibly wet weather this term, our outdoor learning in forest school inspired learning area has continued in full. The children have enjoyed building dens, climbing trees and playing in the mud as well as creating creatures from natural resources. Of course, a cup of hot chocolate helps everyone to warm up afterwards! We are still in need of logs, large sticks (like broom handles), wooden pallets, cable reels (large), tyres and crates if anyone can lay their hands on any.

All visitors to our school agree that there is an atmosphere of mutual respect and happiness. This was even more so in the last week of term as acknowledged Kindness Week. There were many activities across the school all week culminating in a day focused on rest and relaxation on Friday when everyone wore their pyjamas to school. There certainly was an air of calm about the place and many parents said their mornings had been calmer too! Hopefully, the children have had a good rest over the half term and will return refreshed next week.

DJohnson

Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)



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

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK, MISS STONE!

The last day of term was a sad one as we said 'goodbye' to Miss Stone. She has been an absolute rock, keeping our office running so efficiently for the last seven years. Not only has she answered emails, handed out sick bags and ice packs, rung parents for missing PE kits and put together our newsletter, she has made sure that the cogs of our school have kept running by making she the office is efficient! On top of that, Lucy has had a real passion for helping make sure that our school is a big part of the community by organising visits to care homes, helping at the warm space, promoting open days on social media and ensuring that our lovely volunteers are well looked after. We will miss her sorely but wish her all the best with her promotion at another local school.



Miss Stone's secret talent is being able to keep/hide pens in her hair. In her last assembly, the children were challenged to see how many they could secrete therein. The managed 27!



Nurture Camp

Another busy term, our aim this term was working on our road safety with our wonderful Honeysuckle class. We are fortunate to be able to have a full school assembly on road safety after half term. A big thank you to Kevin Long at Small Steps who has come in on a voluntary basis each week organised by KCC to help teach our children the importance of road safety.

Next term we will concentrate on healthy eating and we will be celebrating Young Carers Day in March. We will also be having a Young Carers whole school assembly to once again revisit the importance of the roles they play as young carers.

This week we took part in Kindness Week where children and staff worked together to create extra opportunities to feel good and be kind this week. Every pupil and member of staff had a bingo card with suggested activities to complete (the adults' were different to the children's!). We are loving seeing the photos coming in of the children doing lots of kind things at home and at school - keep them coming!

Kindness Week

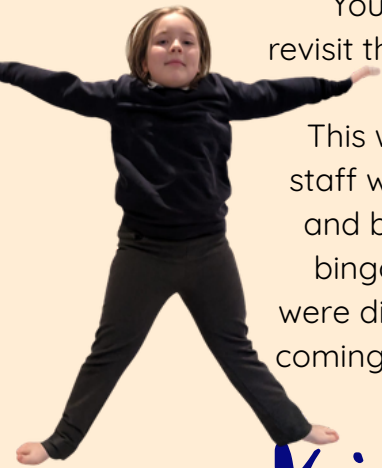


Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer

The wellbeing Team



Rachel Bryant
SENCO



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Feel Good BINGO



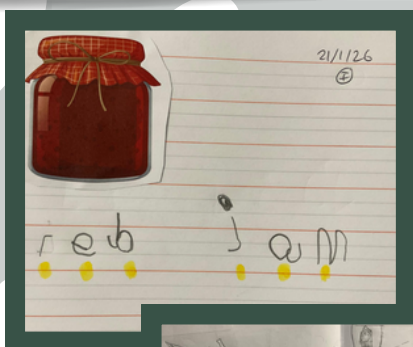
Bramble Class

Term 3 seems to have flown by, but as always, we have been very busy in Bramble Class. Our theme has been 'Ticket to Ride' and we have been exploring different forms of transport and exploration. The children are growing in confidence and their independent work has improved greatly!

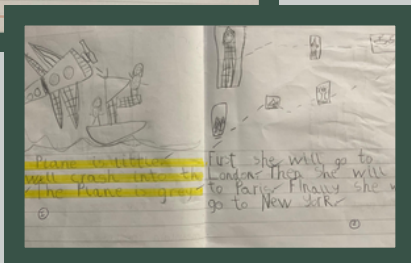


Both year groups have been Numberblock mad this term! They have loved exploring the composition of different numbers, highlighting the important features of each Numberblock and creating their own number stories.

We have continued with our weekly Forest School sessions and the children are now so confident in using the area. It has rained every session, but they are now brilliant tree climbers, den builders and diggers.

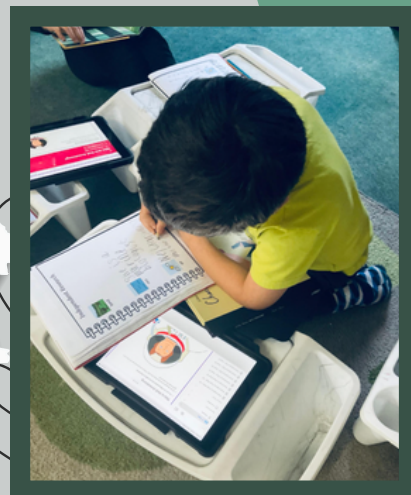


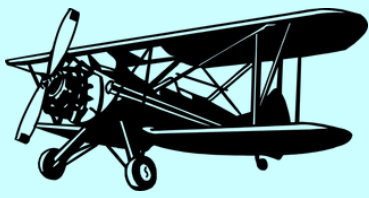
Independent writing has been a big focus this term. We have really been working on securely using our phonics to sound out and looking at what makes a sentence. Both year groups have made fantastic progress!



In history this term, Year 1 have been learning about Famous Explorers. They have thoroughly enjoyed this unit and it has been amazing to see how much they have recalled. They have been using the iPads to research facts as well!

TERM 3





Honeysuckle Term 3

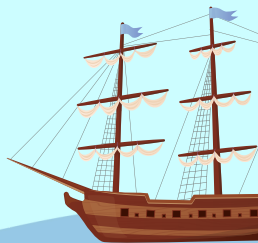


Almost halfway through the year, Year 2 have been making great progress in their learning. We have recently completed a challenging unit on money, where the children explored real-life scenarios by acting out situations and buying items from a class shop. We have also finished our poetry unit, during which the children enjoyed learning about different types of poems and creating their own through fun experiences such as tasting caterpillar cake and expressing themselves through dance



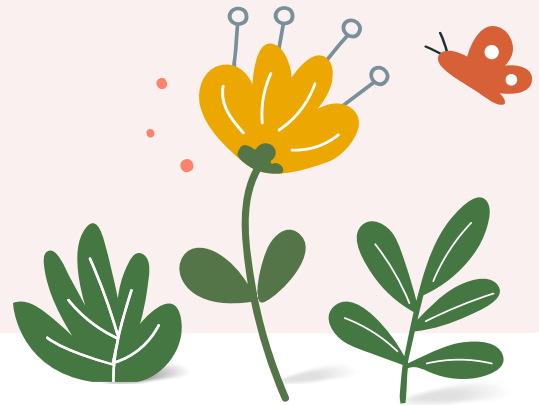
The children have thoroughly enjoyed their art unit this term, where they have looked at using watercolours in different ways. They had a lot of fun experimenting with different techniques, such as using wet watercolour on wet paper. They created some lovely pieces inspired by the music “Carnival of the Animals”.

In history, we have been looking at why and how people explore our world. The children have learnt about sea, sky and land travel, focusing on explorers such as Charles Darwin, Amelia Earhart and Edmund Hillary.



SNOWDROP CLASS

TERM 3



MATHS

We have been working on multiplication and division this term. The children have been using place value counters to solve calculations with 2-digit numbers. They have really got to grips with knowing how many equal groups they have or need and how many are in each group.



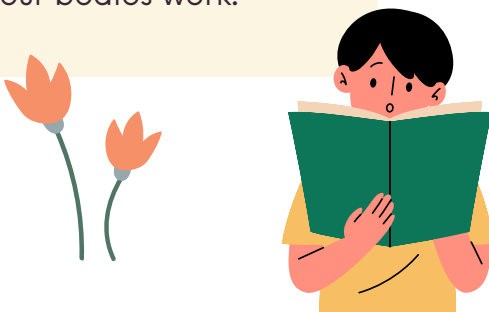
PE

Our focus in gymnastics has been making sequences with the core shapes - straddle, tuck, pike, straight and star. We have had lots of fun doing paired work and some very creative sequences were performed in our final session.



SCIENCE

In science, Year 3 have been learning about what makes a healthy, balanced diet and why humans and animals need the right foods to stay healthy. We have also been learning about bones and muscles, including how muscles contract and relax to help us move. The children made simple models of bones and joints to explore how our bodies work.



BLUEBELL CLASS

Term 3

February
2026

Bluebell Class have had a very busy term with lots of learning. They have worked incredibly hard and produced some amazing work. Well done, Bluebell!

GEOGRAPHY

During our geography lessons, we have been studying the Alps. We have found out where they are, using atlases to locate them in seven different countries. We looked at the physical features as well as why tourists are attracted to this region.

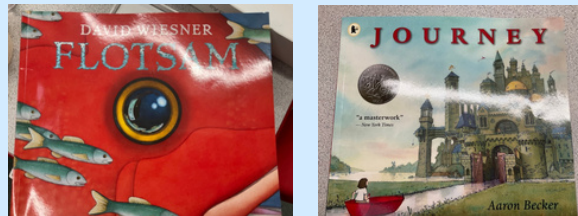
DT

Our DT topic this term was mechanical cars.

We spent the first few weeks making prototypes of different car designs to see which was the easiest to make, which went the furthest and which was the most fun. We then used this knowledge to design our own cars using the prototype design we liked the best.



ENGLISH



In our English lessons, we have studied two picture books, Flotsam by David Wiesner and The Journey by Aaron Becker.

We used the pictures in the book to write our settings, character descriptions as well as our own stories.

PE

This term, Bluebell Class have been studying hockey. We found it quite difficult at first remembering how to hold the hockey stick and how to manoeuvre it to control the ball. Once we had mastered that we concentrated on attacking, defending and shooting for goal in order to play small teams games.



Primrose News

SPRING 1 EDITION

What happened this term...

by Cybil and Rhiannon

English

This term our English has been based on the book 'The Arrival'. We started by writing a narrative about the main character and his story. Then we wrote about the girl's story as a slave. This book is a picture book so it let our imaginations go wild. We got to create our own creature using a mix of animals such as elephants, lions, cats, octopus and more. With these creatures, we created a non-chronological report.

Maths

In maths, we have been doing fractions and decimals. With decimals, we have multiplied by 10, 100 and 1000; we have also added and subtracted decimals. With fractions, we have been multiplying and dividing fractions by a whole number, mixed number and fractions.

Art

In art this term we have been doing activist art. We made posters; we were inspired by the artwork of Luba Lukova. Our posters were about things we wanted to tell the world like: climate change, use your voice, save the trees, extinction and social media.

Computing

In computing, we have been building our own websites, together or solo. We chose lots of different themes such as: animals, sports, charities, comics and fashion. We used google sites to create them all.

RE

This term we have been doing humanism and how they live. We looked at the difference between Christians and humanists. We also looked at how humanists are spiritual.



Art



Our Snowy Day

I have really enjoyed writing the non-chronological reports of our creature. It allowed us to use our imagination which I loved.
-Gus-

My favourite thing this term was forest school. We had lots of fun outside.
-Bonnie

My favourite thing from this term was watching some of the winter olympics.
-Rory

I enjoyed learning about coding in computing.
-Alfie

Have a wonderful half term!
Miss Colyer x