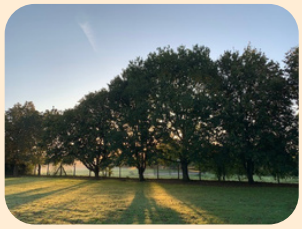
WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 5 2026



Message from our Headteacher

To all our friends,
What fabulous weather we have been having - very unusual for bank holidays! Although Term 5 is a short one, we have still packed plenty of learning and activities.
You can find more information about the learning across school in the class pages below. As the weather improves we like to make the most of our wonderful outdoor learning environment. It is great to see the children's skills with tools, teamwork and creativity improving with their regular sessions outside.
At Wateringbury, we really value those other experiences that we can offer our children. In the first week of term we had a visit from the Bishop of Tonbridge, Bishop Simon along with Ruth Parnell (the Schools' Adviser from the Diocesan Board of Education). They both enjoyed seeing the classes across the school as well as leading worship in the morning. However, the highlight was the Q&A session with representatives from each class. The children were beautifully behaved and asked some very deep and thoughtful questions. My two favourite were "Is God your boss?" and "Is it hard to be nice to everyone all the time?".
We welcomed some our of new (for September) pupils and families for a taster session. It was lovely to see the current reception children showing 'the little children' around the classroom and making sure they all knew the rules!
There were lots of other things going on in May including our art festival at the church, the statutory tests (SATS) for our hardworking Year 6s, a very informative assembly from the Young Carers and our mental health fun run.
The last term of the academic year is always jam packed with lots of extra bits as well as some fond farewells. We are looking forward to all the fun.

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Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)

Save the Date!
19th September 2026

Next academic year, our fabulous village school is FIFTY years old! FOWPS (our PTA) are organising a party afternoon to celebrate fifty years of learning, friendship and community.
As well as the usual games and some love entertainment, there will be a chance to look around the school and reminisce over school photos with friends old and new.
We would love to see as many ex-pupils and members of staff as possible, so please spread the word and we'll see you all there!

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

Nurture Camp

Another great term in nurture camp with the return of Chewy our therapy dog, wearing green for mental health awareness day and completing our mile run.

During gardening club this term we have grown peas, rhubarb, parsley, peppermint, spring onions, wild garlic and sage. In our vegetable patch we have planted cucumber, lettuces, peppers, chilies, pumpkin and courgettes.

In celebration, we picked our vegetables and ate our bounty turning it into wraps.
Please keep an eye out for our poppies as we are expecting our best crop this year.

The Wellbeing Team

Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer

Rachel Bryant
SENCo

Some reminders

Our phone lines are back up and running, please use our normal number 01622 812199 to report absences or speak to the office. You can also use Dojo and email us.

I's getting hot, please remember to bring a named water bottle for your child. There is a water fountain in school for refills. Please make sure it is only water in the bottles.

For Term 6, Bluebell class will be finishing their swimming lessons the first Wednesday back (3rd June). After this, Primrose class will be start swimming on Wednesdays from 10th June onwards. Letters will come home the first week back from half term.

Summer Uniform

Reminder for summer uniform. Summer dresses or playsuits should be navy gingham.

Please make sure playsuits are not too tight to run around and sit in! White polo shirts and grey tailored shorts can also be worn. Shoes should still be black leather-style school shoes, no sandals or canvas shoes. Children all need a sunhat to wear outside and a lightweight waterproof coat (can be kept at school).

Dates For You Diary

1st June - INSET Day
2nd June - Pupils return to school and school testing fortnight for Yr 3, 4 & 5.
5th June - Class photographs
8th June - Phonics Screening
7th June - Village fete
17th June - New parents info evening
24th June - New Entrant's Teddy bear picnic
1st July - Bikeability
2nd July - New Entrants Taster Afternoon
3rd July - Sports Day
8th July - Open afternoon & concert
9th July - New entrants taster Afternoon
20th July - Y6 leavers service
21st July - Last day of term

Check the weekly update letter for more dates.

Looking after our mental health and being creative

The month of May saw the return of our biennial art festival at St John the Baptist Church. Every child in school had the opportunity to have their artwork displayed in the church for everyone to come and see. It was a lovely so many families from school, members of the church congregation and interested members of the public. After lots of cups of tea, delicious cakes and wonderful chats, the day ended with an act of worship and thanksgiving led by Rev. Gary. The winners were also announced. Congratulations to all the winners: Olivia (KS1), Eva (LKS2), Carol (UKS2) and Aiden (overall winner) and thank you to Mr Witts for organising the event and presenting the prizes in assembly.

Olivia

Eva

Carl

Aiden

On Friday 15th May, the school wore something green to raise awareness of mental health day. There were lots of fun activities happening in the classrooms. We also had a school fun run (a week later) to show the positive effects of exercise, especially when we do such things together! The fun ended with a few minutes of quiet and calm lying under the trees watching the clouds and the world go by. Thank you to Mrs Henry and Mr Stevens for organising the day and the run.

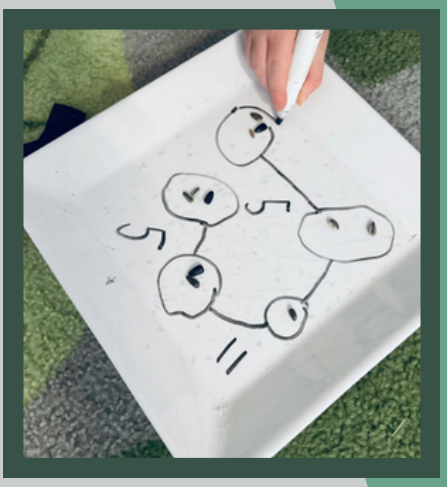
Bramble Class

Term 5 has been full of growth and all of the children seem to have shot up! Our theme this term has been 'We can be Heroes' and we have been reading about superheroes and real life heroes.

Both year groups have been working hard to develop their watercolour skills this term. Reception have been looking at what shapes they can see before they paint and Year 1 have been practising their brush techniques.

In history, Year 1 have been learning about the history of healthcare and medical science. They have looked in depth at Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell and Rosalind Franklin. They even made their own model of DNA!

The children have loved their Forest School sessions this term. It definitely helps having the sun out! One of their favourite sessions was making butter with Miss Johnson around the camp fire.



In maths this term, Reception we have been completing The Sunflower Project. The children used their fantastic number skills to use tens frames and work out how many seeds we have.

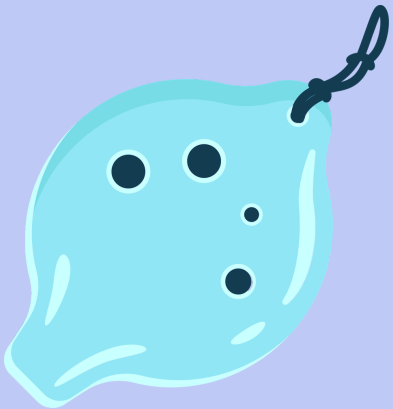
TERM 5

Honeysuckle Term 5

This term, the children have been working hard to deepen their understanding in all areas of the curriculum, in preparation for moving into year 3 at the end of next term. I have been so impressed by their maturity and effort and I have enjoyed seeing them grow over this year. The children have particularly enjoyed learning about influential women linked with chaging the course of medicine and medical science. Thay have enjoyed learning about Mary Secole, Edith Cavell, Florence Nightingale and Rosalind Franklin.

Year 2 have continued to build on their learning about materials in science and can now confidently discuss the purpose and suitability of different materials.

In art, the children applied the watercolour techniques they have been developing to produce some stunning artwork for the school art gallery. A special congratulations go to Olivia, whose beautiful autumn scene was awarded first prize in the KS1 competition.



Look out for Year 2 in our music concert next term! The children have been learning to play the ocarina and are looking forward to performing a selection of well-known pieces for parents and the rest of the school.

SNOWDROP

SCIENCE

This term we have been investigating light. We have learnt about reflection, shadows and how to protect our eyes from the sun.

GEOGRAPHY

In geography, we have been looking at volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes. We have been learning about the causes and effects of volcanoes and earthquakes and how they impact people's lives afterwards.

RE

We have been learning about the Christian festival of Pentecost. To bring the story to life we created freeze frames of each event in Acts 2.

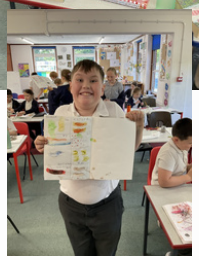
REMINDERS

P.E days: Tuesday and Thursday
Homework: Monday
As it is getting warmer, please remember to send your children in with a hat, a bottle of water and suncream they can apply themselves.

ART

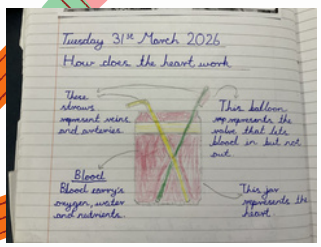
For the art gallery at the Church we created some volcano art to link with our geography topic. We used lots of the skills we have learnt this year and used paint, charcoal and pastels.

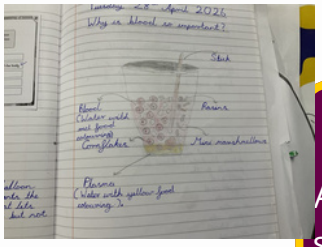
Bluebell Newsletter



Art

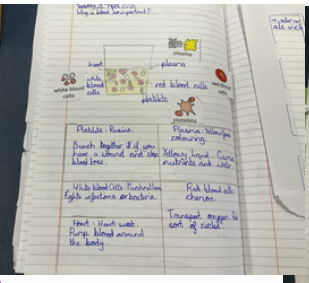
Bluebell really enjoyed our art topic about landscapes. We began the topic by looking carefully at the school grounds and sketching out favourite view. studying the colours carefully we tried out a vareity of tints and shades. We used different techniques with our paint brushes.

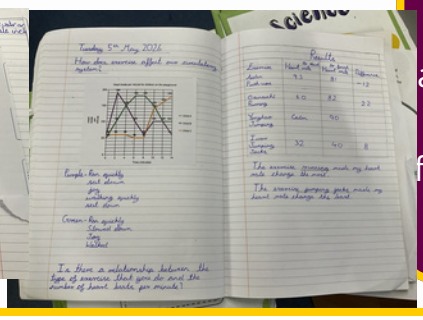




Science

As part of our learning about the circulatory sytem, we made model hearts to show how the blood is pumped around the body. We also made blood out of various materials to study the components and their jobs. We finished off by looking at the health benefits of a balanced diet.





History

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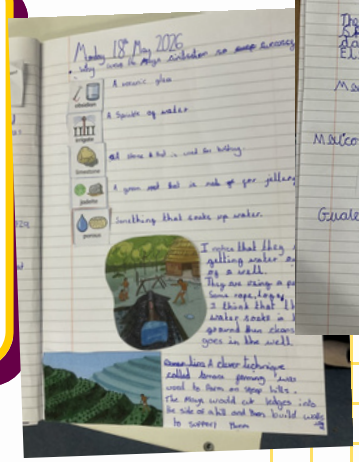
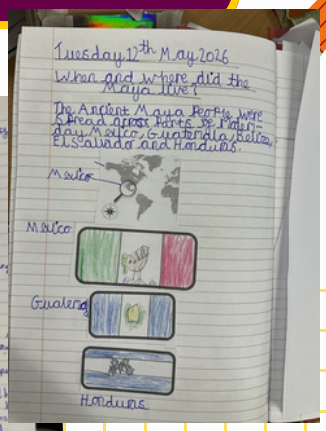
We have looked where and when they lived and how they became so sucessful.





Primrose News

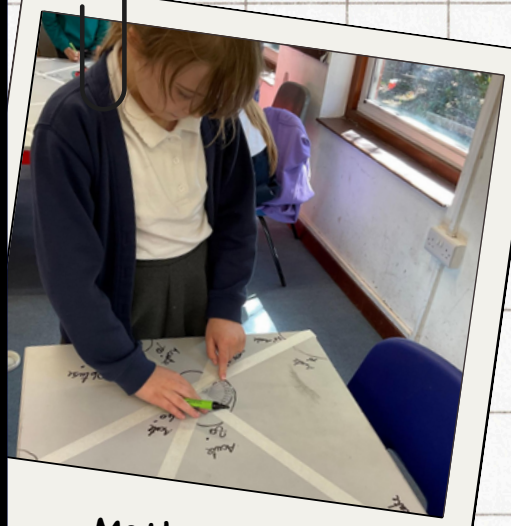
SUMMER 1 EDITION

What happened this term...

by Imogen and Emily

This term, Primrose have been learning about many things to prepare us for SATs. In maths, we have been learning about shape which includes: angles, circumference and diameter. We also have learnt about percentages and have done lots of arithmetic to support us. In English, we have been doing balanced arguments, setting descriptions and news reports. We really enjoyed the news report we did on a twisted tale of 'The Three Little Pigs', as it allowed us to use our imagination. In science, we have been studying light. We did an experiment on reflection in mirrors by creating a mirror maze and another on refraction by placing a pencil in a clear, glass cup. We found that the pencil appears distorted when you look through the part of the jar that is filled with water. In PE, we have been practisng our athletics skills to make sure we get the right technique when running. In PSHE, we have been discussing relationships and the effect different behaviours have in relationships online like online scammers pretending to be someone else. In DT we have been learning how to to program microbits and creating a product in TinkerCad. Lastly, in history we have been lookng at crime and punishment, eexploring different punishments across time and the crimes that were prevelant at the time.

Imogen said she enjoyed learning about crime and punishment the most as she likes knowing how different the world was and Emily's favourite was writing the news report.



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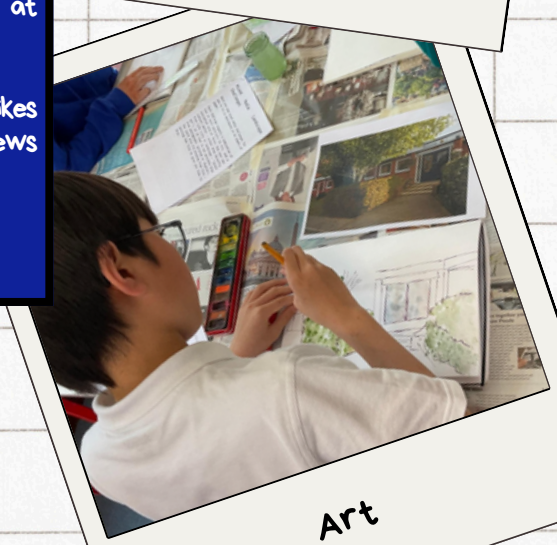

Art

I have really enjoyed doing the microbits as I have liked programming our pedometer and compass.

-Josef

I enjoyed learning about different art media for our art gallery.

-Carl

I like when we wrote our newspaper reports because it was fun to experience what being a news reporter would be like.
-Winnie

I liked our RE topic on racism because we got to learn about different situations that have happened in the past.
-Cybil

Have a wonderful half term!

Miss Colyer x