



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 13 January

Whole School

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts: See below for the attendance data for this week, well done to Year R (BILLY Class) for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.1%	94%	94.2%	90.5%	90.5%	92.9%	91.9%

Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a productive and eventful 2025 and we have got off to a fantastic start with the delivery of our brand-new minibus! This is a significant investment, but we know what a difference it makes, and it allows us to get out and about more than many schools, so we are very fortunate.

We would also like to thank the Mortimer Family for their contribution as the amazing Christmas lights display at their home raised an incredible £1437.23 for the school from donations from the public. But it gets better! NatWest, have a charity matching scheme and have donated an additional £500, bringing the total to £1937.23. This will help us fund the minibus and other school projects and we are so encouraged by the support from the local community, it means a great deal to us all.

Medical Appointments: Due to the increased number of children attending appointments during school time, we are requesting that you either bring in the appointment letter or show the text prior to the appointment date; we will require this in order to code this absence as a medical appointment.

Please note the menu swap for Thursday 16 January and Friday 17 January. On Thursday our catering company - Aspens - will be serving fish fingers/cheese and bean wrap and chips - pasta and jacket potato will also be available and there will also be a chance for all those having a school meal to win a lucky ticket! As part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals offer, all children in Reception and KS1 will be offered the chance to try any of the menu but they can also bring a packed lunch if they still wish.

Music Lessons: If your child has music lessons this term, please remember to pay for them through the School Shop on Arbor. Many thanks.

Elite Football Club: For those children who attend, please ensure that your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear for playing football! Due to the weather, we will mainly be on the playground, when this changes we will let you know.

Friday Football Club: Going forward this club will run every Friday, unless you are informed otherwise. Please can you inform Mr Harrison or the school office if your child is unable to attend a session. For those children who attend, please ensure that your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear for playing football! Due to the weather, we will mainly be on the playground, when this changes we will let you know.

Squid Games: It has been brought to our attention that many children are watching this programme, it is recommended that children do not watch this because of its violent and gory content which is

inappropriate for their age; it is only suitable for adults. As a parent/carer please keep a watchful eye on what your children are viewing.

Billy Class

Well done to all the children for returning to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn!

Next week we will learn these sounds in Phonics: oo (as in moon), oo (as in book), ar and or.

We will learn the new tricky words: was, you and they.

We will continue our RE topic of what is special about our world next week. The children are enjoying this topic and have spoken lots about what is special in nature, what they are good at and who they think made the world.

In Maths, we will learn about finding 1 more, 1 less and the composition of numbers 0-5.

Billy Class has Bikeability on Tuesday 14 January. This is to see if the children are able to ride a two-wheeled bike independently and to see if they can balance and use the brakes.

Please remember that PE is on a **Friday** now.

Can all reading books and library books be returned by **Wednesday** each week.

Angora Class - Year 1

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a chance to rest and recuperate over the festive season. This term has kick started with a visit from Ian at KiC Theatre, who role-played the Great Fire of London. Ask your child all about what started the fire and how they put it out (or attempted to!).

Cycle Ready, year 1 - Wednesday 15 January

This term we will be exploring the question ‘Why do we remember key events (and what can we learn from them)? This will specifically cover the Great Fire of London in 1666 and the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. If you would like to investigate this together at home. The [BBC Teach Primary History](#) has some fantastic and engaging information.

Ear piercings: For PE we cover ear piercings with micropore tape to prevent injury - this is not popular but is necessary. If you would rather do this at home (or just remove the earrings), that is fine - previously some children have preferred this. A gentle reminder that piercings should be **stud earrings** (as per our uniform policy) as these reduce the chance of being caught!

Phonics this week:

- y (ee as in funny)
- ea (e as in head)
- wh (w as in wheel)
- oe (oa as in toe)
- ou (oa as in shoulder)

New Tricky words: any, many, again

Reviewing Tricky words: want, water

Upcoming Date: During week beginning **27 January**, Angora will have a ‘Week of Stories’. Each child can bring in a book from home to share with others during story time. If they want to bring in a different book each day that is fine!

Class Dojos: This term we are trialling a new reward using Class Dojos. Each child has an online creature which collects ‘points.’ The points can be exchanged at 10 (certificate), 20 (sweets), 30 (prize box), 40 (bike time), and 50 (Show and Tell free choice). Children earn a point for every day that they have consistently made good choices. Pupil of the Week and Values certificates also earn 5 Dojo Points!

Goat of the Day: Each day in Year 1 there will be a ‘Goat of the Day’. This is someone who has been extra helpful, kind, caring, tried extra hard etc. This earns them 5 Dojo points.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! We have had a great week in Alpine Class and the children have settled into a new routine so well.

The children loved our KIC theatre session on Wednesday. They were all wonderfully imaginative and had great fun acting.

In English next week we will be writing short narratives retelling the short film, 'Adventures are the pits.' They have been creating expanded noun phrases and similes this week as well as exploring the language, ready to use in their writing next week.

In Maths, we will continue our work with money. We will be comparing amounts, calculating with coins and notes as well as then moving onto solving problems.

Please remember that PE continues to be on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Kinder Class - Year 3

Welcome back and Happy New Year. It has been a brilliant week in Kinder class. All the adults have loved seeing the children and they all have settled back in really well.

The children loved our KIC theatre session on Wednesday all about our topic of the Stone, Bronze and Iron age. They all were incredibly imaginative and acted with plenty of enthusiasm.

We will be visiting Godinton House again on **Wednesday 22 January** as part of our food project. Similar to last time we will travel by minibus, 15 children will attend in the morning and 15 in the afternoon. The children will have lunch at school. They will need a winter coat as we will be outside for some of the time planning their vegetable beds ready for planting in the Spring.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p. 26

English - p. 14 and 15

Last term, we set homework based on topic of the Stoneage. Please choose three of these tasks to present on **Monday 10 February**

Please could you continue to practise times tables with your child. We are focusing on the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s. Please where possible practise these on TTRS. We have started to put the children's logins in the front of their reading records. If your child is struggling to login into TTRS at home, speak to an adult in Kinder class and we will happily assist you. There are some great videos/songs on the internet to help with this!

PE will be on **Mondays** and **Tuesday**, so children can wear PE kit on these days. Just a reminder that children should be wearing the school PE kit of Goat Lees which is a purple PE top, plain dark bottoms, trainers and school jumper.

Your child will continue to bring home a stage book, please could the book be read twice through to check for understanding and fluency. When your child has read, please sign and date their reading record. We will change their books as often as needed to keep up their love of reading! If your child continues to not bring in their reading record, they will have to stay in to do reading with an adult at playtime as it is so important they read regularly.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Bikeability level 1 for Year 4 - Thursday 16 January

We've had a great first week back starting with a few new topics in all lessons! We will be studying the Rainforest this term and I'm sure the children will find it extremely interesting! We had a great time with Ian from KIC theatre and the children got into their acting stride with our work. Well done, to those children who did lots of reading over the break, now we are back, please do make sure you are encouraging the children to read regularly at home, as it has such a big impact on their learning, thank you for your support with this.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.52

English - p.24

Reading 3 days a week minimum.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on **Monday** or **Tuesday** and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them.

Pygora Class - Year 5

Welcome back, it has been lovely to see the children after their holiday ready to learn; we have some exciting topics coming up this term - including the Maya, food technology and coding! Well done to those children who did lots of reading over the break, now we are back, please do make sure you are encouraging the children to read regularly at home, as it has such a big impact on their learning, thank you for your support with this.

While I am very disappointed that I missed out on the children's KIC theatre session, they told me all about it and it sounds like they had a super afternoon doing drama on Wednesday with Ian and Ms Adams told me she enjoyed teaching the class for a day, which was lovely to hear.

I would also like to say the children were brilliant on our first swimming session and they were all so polite when getting on and off the minibus. Swimming will continue every **Tuesday** afternoon in terms 3 and 4.

Year 5 also have another exciting opportunity coming up. Next term, we will be having a sleepover at school! The children will be bringing home a letter, kit list and permission slip about this today and I will also be talking to the children and answering any questions they have. We would love for all the children to attend as it is a great way for them to gain confidence before their residential in Year 6, and when we have done this previously, all the children had a fantastic time. If you do have any follow up questions after reading the letter, or need to discuss anything, then please do come and see me next week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday) at 3:20 at the end of the school day.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.23 - Mental multiplying and dividing

English - p. 84 & 85 - Suffixes

Reading 3 days a week minimum.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on **Monday** or **Tuesday** and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Happy New Year! It is lovely to see everyone refreshed from the holidays, and we have a busy term ahead of us! We have already had a visit from KIC Theatre this week, which was a great way to start off our new geography topic for this term.

Class Dojos: This term, we will be using class dojos as a reward system in class. Children can receive dojos for various things - using good manners, being kind, and keeping on task to name but a few. Once your child has collected 25 dojos, they will be able to choose their reward. Our class have come up with a list of things that they would like as a reward, for example, spending extra time with their Billy Buddy, or sitting on the teacher's comfy chair for the afternoon!

We will be starting some **after school booster groups** this term, in preparation for the **SATs in May**. These will mostly take place after school, and we will send a letter home with the children that we think will benefit from these sessions. We strongly recommend that the children attend the booster sessions, to help them achieve the expected standard that they deserve at the end of the academic year.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.42 Unequal sharing

English - p.54 Its and it's

Reading 3 days a week minimum.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on **Monday** or **Tuesday** and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them.