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## A message from Miss Harris

It has been great to welcome the children back to school this week – and to see the sunshine in the last couple of days too. We do hope you had a good break at Easter – and were able to enjoy the lovely weather then too. There is lots going on this term (even though it is a short one!) – curriculum newsletters will be sent out very soon so you know the topics for this term.

You may have noticed on the lower playground that we continue to develop the area with new fencing which looks much smarter – we thank Mr Lewis and Mr Gillinder for doing this for us... the rest of the fencing will be replaced soon too. On the upper playground, the children have been enjoying chalking on new blackboards which have been hung too.

This newsletter contains quite a bit of communication from Kent Police which we hope you will find useful – and you may perhaps choose to share it with your child (depending on their age).

## Attendance Ted

Attendance for this week has improved from the data from Term 3. Let's hope we can keep up the percentages this term. 😊



<b>Year R</b> Willow 95.2%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Ash 98.5%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Birch 94.6%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Elm 92.8%
<b>Year 3/4</b> Chestnut 95.6%	<b>Year 3/4</b> Hazel 95.2%	<b>Year 3/4</b> Pine 97.3%	
<b>Year 5</b> Maple 94.2%	<b>Year 5</b> Sycamore 98.1%	<b>Year 6</b> Oak 92.7%	<b>Year 6</b> Yew 98.2%

## Punctuality Pup

Particular well done to all the classes with 98%+ punctuality this week! Punctuality in school really has improved! 😊



<b>Year R</b> Willow 98.3%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Ash 99.2%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Birch 100%	<b>Year 1/2</b> Elm 96.5%
<b>Year 3/4</b> Chestnut 96.6%	<b>Year 3/4</b> Hazel 96.1%	<b>Year 3/4</b> Pine 97.6%	
<b>Year 5</b> Maple 99.1%	<b>Year 5</b> Sycamore 98.4%	<b>Year 6</b> Oak 96.4%	<b>Year 6</b> Yew 98.5%

## A Reminder from Kent Police : Staying Safe Online and Social Media Trends

We would like to remind students of the importance of not taking part in viral social media trends that may involve risky or illegal behaviour. Unfortunately, several young people across Kent have recently become involved in such trends, resulting in Police intervention.

Becoming involved in activities that lead to a criminal offence can have serious and lasting consequences, including the possibility of a criminal conviction that could impact a young person's future opportunities. This can include something as simple as reposting content which may inadvertently mean they have committed a criminal offence themselves.

We all share a responsibility to keep one another safe. Please encourage your children to speak up if they witness or feel pressured to take part in inappropriate behaviour—only when and where it is safe to do so. They should always talk to a trusted adult and report any concerns to their school, the Police, or anonymously via Fearless at [crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless).



## Communication from the Kent Police Child Centered Policing Team

These posters have been sent to us to share and say that, across Kent, officers continue to see young people placing themselves at risk through the misuse of catapults, e-scooters and knives. This could be worth sharing with your children.

### Catapults – Know the law

Catapults can be classed as offensive weapons.

If you **carry one in public** without a reasonable excuse, you could face up to **four years in prison**.



If you use it to **threaten** or **injure someone**, or **damage property**, the penalties could be even higher.

### Is it worth it?

**Remember** – A criminal record can change your life.

- You may not be offered a college or university place.
- Getting a job will be more difficult.
- It can even prevent you from travelling to some countries.



Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)  
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)  
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**  
If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.  
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.  
[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)   

### E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



#### Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.  
For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit [www.kent.police.uk/road-safety](http://www.kent.police.uk/road-safety)

## Dates for your Diary

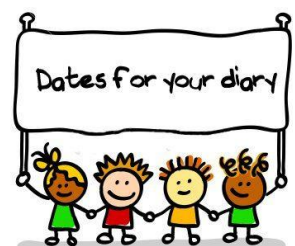
### Term 5:

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April @ 5.45pm – Year 6 Residential Meeting for parents/carers
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Book Fair in school and open after school in the New Hall
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 to visit Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School to watch a production
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday; school closed for pupils
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – David Attenborough Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs week for Year 6
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Secondary School Meeting for Year 5 parents/carers
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Event – Non-Uniform Day (Donation for Summer Fair)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Residential and Activity Week
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of Term 5

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Summer Term break – School closed for children

### Term 6:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET Day; school closed for children
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Term 6 begins for children
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Year 3/4/5/6 classes
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Reception and Year 1/2 classes
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of Term 6



The calendar for 2026-2027 can now be found on our school website by following this link: [Term Dates](#)