
Term 4 – 27th February 2026

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Welcome back to term 4 – I hope you all had a good half term break. You should have received, via Arbor, your child's interim report today which will provide you with the most recent updates on their progress in Reading, Writing and Maths, as well as their learning behaviours in the classroom. This will be the basis for discussions with class teachers at Parent's Evening next week. For those children on the SEN register, parents will also receive a copy of their current provision plan which will again inform discussions at Parent's evening. If you have had any difficulties accessing any of the information, please contact the school office on Monday.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Children arriving late

I just wanted to say that there has been a significant improvement this week with regards to children arriving at school on time, following the letters that I sent out before the half term break. I would like to thank parents for their support in enabling children to arrive promptly – it makes a huge difference to learning at the start of the day.

Pencil cases in school

It is great that children are bringing in their own pens and pencils in a pencil case to help them with their work in school. However, we are noticing that some of these are very large or children are bringing in more than one pencil case and there is just not the room to have them on their desks! Please can I therefore ask that children bring just the one pencil case that ideally is small enough to fit in their tray. If it is too large, they will be asked to put it in their locker. Thank you for your support.

Earrings

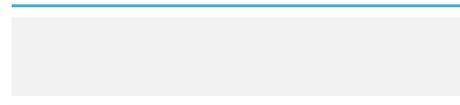
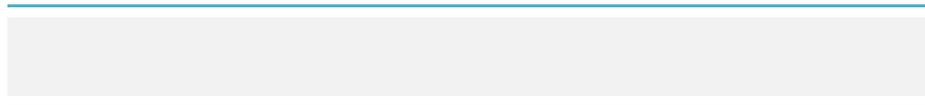
Please can I remind parents that children are only allowed to wear stud earrings in school for health and safety reasons. There have been a number of girls wearing hooped earrings which if caught by accident, could rip their ear lobe.

Celebrating Reading – World Book Day

Our annual fancy dress parade will take place on Thursday 5th March where we invite pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Parents are welcomed to join us in the playground from 8:35 where the parade will take place.

Upcoming Events

27 th Feb	Interim reports out
3 rd March	Parents Evening 5-7:30pm
5 th March	World Book Day
4 th March	Parents Evening 3:30-6:00pm
20 th March	Non-uniform day (Easter Egg donations)
27 th March	Easter Egg Bingo 3:30-5:00pm
31 st March	Easter Service at the Church



School dinners price increase in September

We have been informed by Nourish this week, that the cost of a school dinner (for children in Year 3 upwards who are not eligible for free school meals) will go up by 5p to £3.10 from September. We will of course remind parents again of this change, nearer the time.

Miss Maher's Quiz – 13th March.

Following the success of the last quiz, Miss Maher is organising another one at the school on Friday 13th March to raise money for the charity Sands which has a particular significance at the school, following recent events. Please find attached a flyer with further details. It would be great to see as many teams as possible!

Emotional Wellbeing Teams – additional workshop

The Emotional Wellbeing Teams are offering an additional workshop for 'Understanding Anxiety, Understanding Your Child with Worries & Fears', which will now take place via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 4pm until 6pm. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Kent PACT (Parents and Carers Together) Annual Survey (see attached flyer)

"Kent PACT Annual SEND Survey is now LIVE!

Parents and Carers across Kent are invited to share their experiences of Education, Health and Social Care. Tell us what's working, what isn't, and what needs to change.

With a Kent County Council (KCC) Ofsted inspection approaching, your feedback is more important than ever. Your responses help us build a clear evidence-based picture and directly influence services provided by KCC, the NHS, social care, and national SEND discussions.

Please take a few minutes and click here to complete the survey and make your voice heard - [2026 KP SEND Survey | portal-kentpact.co.uk](#)

As a thank you, 4 participants will win Amazon vouchers: £60, £40, £25 and £25.

Essential gas network upgrade work starting along New Street in Ashford from Tuesday 7 April.

Please see attached letter for more information.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October

Staff Development Days – Tuesday 1st September and Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

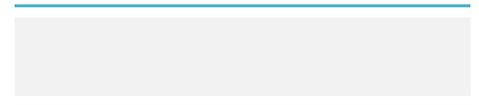
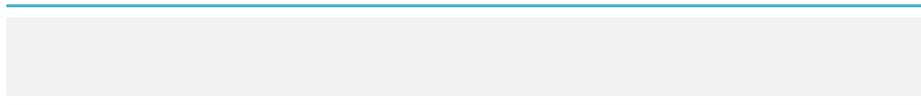
Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July



Staff Development Days – Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 21st July

Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

12 th March	Toucan Class
19 th March	Kingfisher Class
26 th March	Parrot Class
2 nd April	Falcon Class

PTFA News

Amazon Wishlists

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has purchased items from the Class Amazon Wishlists. This is a fantastic way to directly support your child's class with resources! The wishlists remain open for all classes, with just a few items left to get. QR codes for each class can be found on the attached poster.

Do You have any Unwanted Gifts?

We are having a Gift Amnesty to prepare for our next Elfridges! If you were lucky enough to have been gifted more presents than you need, please consider donating them to the PTFA. We rely heavily on donations to stock our shop with a variety of lovely gifts. Any unwanted gifts are gratefully received and can be dropped into the school office anytime in January. Thank you!

