



**Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,**

As we wrap up Term 5, we want to say a **huge WELL DONE to our incredible Year 6 pupils** for completing their SATs! Your hard work, determination, and resilience have truly shone through, and we are so proud of everything you've achieved. You approached the challenge with maturity and a fantastic attitude – congratulations! We hope you enjoy the last remaining weeks with us at Grove Park; they will be packed with fun and laughter for you.



On reflection of the term, we celebrated many achievements and events including a wonderful VE Day Picnic filled with friendship, sunshine, and a real sense of community. It was a joy to see everyone relaxing and celebrating together in true 1940s spirit! Whilst the weather may have been chilly, the spirits of our children and staff was certainly the opposite. Thank you for to all the staff who prepared and supported the event. We hope the children felt they were a part of history.



As well as marking VE Day with a picnic, we also attended the Raising of the Flag ceremony at Bobbing Village Hall. Mrs Flain, companied with representatives from Serengeti Community, Arctic Community and Castle Community joined the Major and local representatives to show our support. Our children, Francesca and Ollie shone as ambassadors for our school, and we are very proud of them. The VE day celebrations do not end there, on 8<sup>th</sup> June, Bobbing Village Hall are hosting a fun day, where pupils from Grove Park will show case work. Please go along and see their wonderful pieces.

We also had an action-packed Sports Day full of energy, teamwork, and great sportsmanship. From sprints to relays, each year group gave it their all and cheered each other on every step of the way – a brilliant day had by all. This year we introduced our Sports Day trophy, seeing victories from Engineers (green team) and Scientists (purple team). We are proud of you all and felt overwhelmed with the smiles and joy seen on everyone's faces. The success of sports events can't happen without our brilliant PE team, who once again prepared staff and children so that the event was enjoyable. Well done to them!

As Term 5 comes to a close, we look ahead with excitement to our final term at primary school. Term 6 is set to be full of even more unforgettable experiences, including trips, leavers' events, productions and celebrations of everything you've achieved so far. Please read carefully the calendar of events below, so that you don't miss out!

Thank you for your continued support – we're so proud of Grove Park and how far it has come and can't wait to make the most of every moment in this final chapter!

Wishing you all a restful break and see you in Term 6!

Warm regards,  
Mrs Flain



## Term 5 in Polar Bear Class

This term has been all about Superheroes & Super-veggies!



We got to plant our own 'beans' just like in the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.



In Maths we have been showing amount using a rekenrek, taking away/subtraction and adding. We have been describing and naming 2d shapes. Remembering to use the vocabulary - sides and corners.

We have been practicing for Sports Day! Including running races, egg and spoon and baton racing.

We are continuing to use our phonics knowledge to write sentences. We need to remember our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



We took part in our whole school VE day celebrations. We had a picnic on the field and learnt about why it is an important day.

We have been enjoying being creative in our junk modelling zone - making castles and beanstalks.



In DT we had fun making our own fruit kebabs. We spoke about healthy eating.

# Puffin Class



This term we have been learning about space. We have enjoyed finding out about space travel and famous people, like Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. It has been great fun learning interesting facts about how astronauts sleep, drink and even go to the toilet in space! We practiced writing questions and then listened with excitement as an AI generated Neil Armstrong answered them!



What was the first  
step in space?  
How do astronauts  
sleep in space?  
What do astronauts  
eat in space?  
How do astronauts  
go to the toilet in  
space?  
What was the first  
step in space?



In science, we have been learning about seasonal changes and how it affects the length of day. We went on a Spring walk and spotted signs of Spring. We have also recorded the weather on a chart and observed temperature changes.



We had a fantastic time at our VE Day celebration picnic, even though it was a bit chilly!!

In maths, we have been learning about grouping and sharing objects. We have also practised finding halves and quarters of numbers and shapes.



A big thank you to you all for supporting your children with their phonics, ready for the Phonic Screening Check in June.

Well done to everyone for a great Sport's Day!

In DT, we have researched and designed our own moon buggies and have learnt about wheels and axles in preparation for making our own versions!

Congratulations to our school values certificate winners this term: Raffaele, Isabelle B, Lacey & Isabelle D.

# Term 5 in Snowy Owls

This term we have been learning about Australia!

Our Value Champions this term were:

Eli, Kayla, Emily, Zaylen



Well done! We are so proud of you for demonstrating our school values, keep it up!



A trip to the park - our attendance prize!



## Sports Day

The children really enjoyed sports day and another huge well done to Scientists for winning on the day! Thank you for cheering us on!



## Science

We have continued to look at plants this term. We began by dissecting various fruits to find their seeds.

Next, we explored the differences between bulbs and seeds. To deepen our understanding, we started an experiment to observe how different temperatures affect plant growth.



## Puppets



## Digeridoo Visitor

We had a diggeridoo visitor come in during the second week of this term. He told us a story about the Aboriginals and taught us to play the diggeridoo!



After our workshop we then designed our own diggeridoo, decorating it with Australian symbols.



In our final term we will be looking at pirates. We are looking forward to finding more information about famous pirates and how they changed life at sea. Have a lovely half term!



# Narwhal Class

This term our discovery topic was 'Who were the Romans?'

What a short but busy term we have had! We have started our learning about the Romans, but this will be carrying on into Term 6. Our learning has started with looking at the Romans in Italy - we have learnt about the different ways they were entertained including watching gladiators and visiting baths. We have also been learning about the different structures that the Romans built and how some are still standing now which shows what great engineers they were.



Our VE Day picnic was a real success and we enjoyed celebrating such a historical event.



We really enjoyed Sports Day. We really impressed the PE team with our relay skills. The scientists were really excited to have won the cup!



Well done to our values winners this term!

Gabriel, Erin, Finley M,

Molly and Isobel R

# YEAR 4 - ARCTIC FOX



This term, the children have really enjoyed diving into our topic on 'The Egyptians', exploring everything from ancient gods to incredible pyramids. As we look ahead, it's sad to think we only have one term left together in Year 4, but we're looking forward to making it a memorable one!



Our school trip to the Beane Museum in Canterbury was a real highlight of the term! We took part in a brilliant Egyptian workshop where we wrote our names in hieroglyphics, mummified teddies, and even did some roleplay as ancient Egyptians. The children had great fun pretending to be pharaohs and placing fake organs into canopic jars. We also explored the museum and examined a range of fascinating artefacts - it was a fun and memorable way to bring our learning to life!



We used our school trip as inspiration for our writing. The children wrote detailed recounts of the day, which we turned into colourful and creative scrapbooks. We also explored the importance of the River Nile by writing vivid setting descriptions and designing dioramas to show how important the river was to life in Ancient Egypt.



We had a wonderful time celebrating VE Day this term! The children created striking VE Day silhouette art and enjoyed a lovely picnic outside, proudly waving the flags they had made. It was a fantastic way to remember and reflect on this important day in history.



We ended the term on a high with our exciting Sports Day! It was so much fun racing against our classmates and cheering each other on. We especially loved having our family and friends there to support us, and even join in with some of the activities too!



We finally completed our 100% Attendance challenge and as a wonderful surprise we took a little trip to the Grove park. We spent the afternoon playing football and laughing with friends to celebrate our achievement.

A huge congratulations to our class value winners for term 5:  
Zara, Logan, Poppy, Stili and Jack

Next term, our topic will be 'The Egyptians'.



# Snow Leopards

Our topic this term has been 'Landfill'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the impact landfill sites have on our planet, local communities, and animal life. They have discovered many fascinating facts and gained a deeper understanding of the environmental issues linked to waste. As part of their learning, the children have also explored practical ways to reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill by embracing the principles of recycling, reusing, and reducing.



As part of their learning journey, the children have engaged in research and produced some truly impressive work. They wrote persuasive letters that showcased their developing writing skills and deep understanding of environmental issues. The children also created comic strips illustrating the journey of a piece of rubbish helping them visualize and communicate the importance of responsible waste disposal in a creative way. The children have explored the negative impacts of landfill sites and compiled thoughtful lists highlighting the environmental harm they cause.

To inspire action within the school community, the children designed eye-catching posters promoting the 3Rs - Recycle, Reuse, and Reduce - demonstrating both creativity and a strong commitment to sustainability.

## Term 5 Forest School

We had another fantastic term at Forest School this term.  
Here are a few of our highlights



VE Day Celebrations

## Sports Day 2025



Respect Responsible Resilience  
Resourceful

Congratulations to Nikola, Harper,  
Michaela, Scarlett & Ella  
for being our value winners  
this term.



Term 6 - Our Topic next term is  
Vanishing Elephants  
We look forward to our trip to  
Howletts Zoo on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June.





## Year 6—Reindeer Class



This term, our topic was:  
Great Explorers



Firstly, a massive well done to the whole class in how they approached and prepared for SATs week! By keeping focused throughout each paper and staying organised, they truly showed what they're capable of. I am so proud of you all for handling a challenging week with such determination and resilience!



In preparation for Sports Day, we practiced our athletic skills in PE. Well done to everyone's participation across all events!



During Discovery and Reading lessons, we have looked at the Earth's Spheres and how people have explored each of these! This has helped us write lovely setting descriptions and narratives; based on the works of Belinda Kirk and Jacques Cousteau!

In PSHE, our topic was Economic Wellbeing, where we discussed the importance of keeping money safe and how to manage money when going to secondary school.

Next term, we will prepare for our Leavers Assembly with our topic:  
'The Greatest Show'!

A huge well done to our  
value certificate winners  
this term: Harvey,  
Sara, Will, Connor and  
Poppy!

## Term 6 Events

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Term 6 Starts Year 4 MTC to start
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Howletts Zoo trip Ostrich Class Catch-up Swimming
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reindeer Class Catch-up Swimming Don Rae Dance Academy
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	French Day – French inspired school meal menu and children can wear red, white or blue Year 2 'Scooterbility'
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	HSA Event - Pop-up Funfair 3.15pm to 5.45pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	A.I.M High at Minterne (selected students from Year 4)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Alliance Sports Festival
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Beach Trip – Polar Bears morning and Giraffes afternoon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	HSA Event – Ice-Cream Friday HSA Event - Year 6 Disco 3.15pm to 4.45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	New Reception 25/26 Juice/Biscuits and OPAL session 1.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 trip to Chessington
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	School Production - 'Aladdin' 7pm to 9pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	School Production – 'Aladdin' 7pm to 9pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed – Staff Development Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 trip to The Light Cinema
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3 Roman Visitor

	Swale Summer Sing @ Fulston Manor (Choir only)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Rhino Class (Group 1 & 2) Catch-up Swimming
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	HSA - Non School Uniform Day
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	HSA Summer Fayre 11am – 2pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Transition Day New Reception 25/26 Stay and Play Sessions 10.00am and 1.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Rhino Class (Group 1 & 2) Catch-up Swimming
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	iRock concert 2.30pm (for parents of iRock pupils only)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home to parents
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Day/Evening Activities – West Faversham Community Centre
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Ostrich Class Leavers Assembly to parents (pm)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Break the Rules Day Rhino Class (Group 3) and Ostrich Class Catch-up Swimming Year R Vision Screening Reindeer Class Leavers Assembly to parents (pm)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6 End of School Year 2024/2025
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	School Closed – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Start of Term 1 (School Year) 2025/2026)

**\*\*Further information about events to follow\*\***