



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, accompanied 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 8th 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 Giraffe Class

This term, our learning adventure has been all about superheroes! We explored fictional heroes, real-life heroes like nurses, and even super foods and veggies that help keep us strong and super. Here's a sneak peek of what we have been up to...

We've been very crafty in Art this term! Using our cutting and collaging skills, we have enjoyed folding paper to make snakes and even created beautiful artwork to help celebrate VE Day with the community.



Inspired by the story Jack and the Beanstalk, we learned all about plants and their features. Everyone planted their own beanstalk seeds and we watched them grow with excitement in Science.

In History, we explored kitchens from the past and were amazed to discover how ovens used to be simple holes in walls with fires, and that fridges were very different from the ones we have today!



We have also done lots of exciting activities this term. We have loved our first computing lessons with Mr Matthews in the computing suite, learning to use the keyboard and mouse while playing fun problem-solving games. Last week, we celebrated VE Day with a lovely picnic on the school field, bringing the whole school together. Another highlight was Sports Day, where the children showed off the skills they'd been practising all term during PE lessons for things like relays, egg and spoon and water races, and obstacle courses – everyone had a fantastic time and we are still talking about it!

It's been wonderful to see how much progress we have made this year – in our confidence, independence, and new skills. We look forward to next term, where our focus will be all about Summertime – the final term of Reception before we move up to Year 1!



Meerkat 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 exclamation sentences, as well as created a leaflet about how to become an astronaut.

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

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

Well done to everyone for a great Sports Day.



Mars is called the red planet.
It is next to Earth.



We live on planet Earth.

In Computing, we have created our own books about Space. The class were very creative and were able to type their sentences brilliantly!



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

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



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: Andrei & Grace.



Lion Class- Year 2



Respect Responsible Resilience Resourceful

This term we have celebrated the following members of Lion Class for showing how responsible, resourceful, resilient and respectful they can be. Well done!!

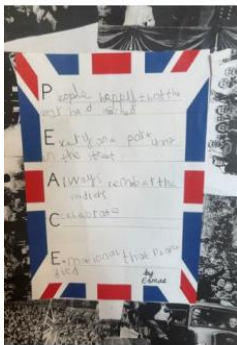
Stanley (respectful), **Maya** (resourceful), **Yayha** (resilient), **Jack** (responsible)
and our Value Champion this term was **Evelin** (all 4 values).

This term, Year 2's topic was 'Australia'. We can answer 'The BIG question'- **Where would you prefer to live- Sittingbourne or Sydney?** We can speak about the climates of each place and human and physical features we might visit. We have also learned to play a didgeridoo!!

In **English** this term, we have been looking at the book 'The Koala Who Could'. We had great fun retelling the story. We have also written acrostic poems to celebrate VE day.

In **Science**, we have been learning about plants and what they need to grow and be healthy. We know that plants grow from both seeds and bulbs and can name parts of a plant.

In **Maths** we have been learning about fractions- halves, quarters, unit and non-unit fractions. We know the denominator is the number on the bottom (it tells us how many pieces to share the whole into) and the numerator is the number on the top (it tells us how many of those pieces we need)



This term we have enjoyed taking part in sports day! We had great fun running, completing obstacle courses and trying not to get wet in the water race! Well done to the Engineers STEAM team (Green team), who finished in first place for Serengeti Community!

We have also been on a school trip to Chatham Dockyard, where we had a great time learning to be pirates! This will help us next term when we learn all about different pirates, what it means to be a pirate and focus on the seas and oceans where they sailed. OOH ARR!!

Elephant Class

In term 5, our topic has been "Rise of the Romans".



The children have loved learning about what life was like during the Roman times. They have applied their geography skills to understand the location of Rome and places they invaded. Children can recall so much historical knowledge in a short space of time. Challenge them and ask them about Roman food, entertainments, buildings, daily life and the story of Romulus and Remus!



They have created incredible non-chronological reports showing their amazing knowledge.

A particular highlight has been the success of sports day and how well they all performed on the day, representing their steam teams. In addition, we produced some work for VE day. They created acrostic poems and created class bunting to be used as part of a celebratory display. The picnic was a success for VE day and the children loved celebrating its historical significance.



Huge congratulations to our values champion this term:

Freddie, Phebe, Aayan, Max, Lottie



Thank you for the incredible homework being sent in.

These have come in many shapes, sizes and formats and each child has been proud to share their home learning with the class.

We hope you all have a fantastic break and look forward to a busy final term. A final term of year 3 and finding out who their new class teams will be in preparation for year 4. It has gone incredibly fast! Elephant class have continued to grow in confidence, and I hope to have successful final term with them!

Next terms topic is "Roman Invasion" Continuing to look at the Romans and how they invaded and impacted Britain.



Zebra Class Term 5 Newsletter



Term 5

Another busy and rewarding term.

Our topic this term and next is Ancient Egyptians and we have been looking at the way the people lived their lives, clothing, food and why the River Nile was so important to them.

In our maths lessons we continued with fractions, decimals and money. The children have worked hard in all of these topics. Fractions, in particular was tricky but the children persevered.

In English we have been using our school trip to write a recount and diary entries. We also wrote letters from soldiers to their families to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

In science we have been looking at states of matter and the water cycle.

PE has been around athletics this term and the children have learned about different techniques of running, jumping and throwing. They have really enjoyed these lessons although there have been some very tired legs after the running sessions.

I would like to say how proud I was of Zebra class on our recent school trip to the Beaney Museum in Canterbury. Their behaviour was exceptional both on the coach, at the museum and in the workshop,

Well done to our values certificate winners for this term.

Have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing you back in term 6.



Year 5 - Rhinos



Our topic this term has been about landfill. The children have enjoyed learning interesting facts about the impacts of landfill sites on the planet, local communities and animal life. They have also learnt about the different ways they can reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill sites by recycling, reusing and reducing.

In our English writing topic, we have been learning about landfill sites. As part of this learning, the children have spent a lot of time researching and as a result produced amazing letters using persuasive language. They have created comic strips about the journey of a piece of rubbish. They have also listed all the bad things about landfill sites and made some incredible posters on how we can recycle, reuse and reduce in school.

In our reading lessons, the children have been researching and then answering questions on pollution, and what impact pollution has in our seas, on our land, and in the air.



Science experiment

Science - This term we have been investigating global warming and sustainability. The children have learnt about decomposition and how it can take many hundreds of years for rubbish to decompose. They have learnt how pollution can impact on food chains and damage life in the ocean. They all took part in an experiment where they learnt how to identify the different plastics and how recyclable plastics are.

Art - This term we have been learning about installation art and why it is important. As part of this topic, we have been researching a famous artist called Yayoi Kusama.

In RE, we explored the big question, "Life after Death". As part of this learning, year 5 has looked at the journey of the soul and researched what life after death means for different religions.

PE - In our PE lessons, the children have been doing practising athletics in preparation for sports day.

In maths, the children have covered their topic on decimals and percentages and are now learning perimeters and area. They have all confronted and overcome some very challenging maths problems, and we are very proud of them. The children have also continued with their mastering number, and we have been amazed by their reasoning of mathematical concepts and connections seen between numbers.

Ostrich Class

Term 3

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting term, we would like to share some of the fantastic learning that has taken place in Year 6. Our main topic this term has been Charles Dickens, which has provided wonderful opportunities for cross-curricular learning.

Our discovery lessons have focused on life in the Victorian era. We examined the harsh realities of workhouses, the difficult conditions for children working in factories and mines, and the contrasts between the rich and poor. We also explored crime and punishment during this time, comparing it to modern-day justice. The children were particularly fascinated by the differences in how people were treated based on their social class, which they presented in class.

In our writing lessons, we have been reading *Oliver Twist*, which has inspired us to write our own descriptive narratives and character studies. In reading lessons, we explored *Great Expectations*, developing our comprehension skills by analysing Dickens' use of language and character development. The children have really enjoyed discussing the themes of these classic novels and making connections to life in Victorian times.

In maths, we have tackled some challenging concepts, including dividing fractions by integers, converting metric measurements, and understanding ratio. The children have worked hard to apply these skills to problem-solving tasks and real-world scenarios.

In science this term, we started a brand-new topic on Evolution and Adaptation, with a focus on Charles Darwin. The children explored how animals and plants have adapted to their environments over time, linking their learning to Darwin's observations and the theory of natural selection.



A huge shoutout to this term's value certificate winners; Samuel, Sofia, Bella G and Darcy.

Also, well done to Toby for being this term's Dojo champion.



Next term, Year 6 will be asking the question, "Can we save the tiger?"



Term 6 Events

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

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

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