10th July 2026 Newsletter

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July	
Monday 13th	**2.15pm - Year 2 Leavers Assembly –** parents/carers at invited to attend
Tuesday 14th	**3.20-3.50pm – Meet you child's new class teacher –** please come to your child's new classroom after school
Wednesday 15th	**2.15pm - irock concert -** parents/carers of children who attend these sessions are welcome to attend.
Friday 17th	**Last Day of Term 6**

Your views, compliments or suggestions…….

We welcome any feedback from you which can be completed formally via parent view (www.parenview.ofsted.gov.uk) or via email (office@downs-view.kent.sch) or via the box in the front Reception area.

We hope that you enjoy reading your child's report which have been sent home today. Our teachers have dedicated time and care to writing each report and Miss Stanley and I have the pleasure of reading every one and making a comment. The report celebrates your child's many successes and achievements across the year as well as identifying their next steps.

The Year 2 show was a great finale to the year/ the children's time at Downs View. The children were absolute stars and should be proud of their performance. We look forward to the year 2's final award ceremony on Monday 13th July, where we will acknowledge their achievements and successes.
We are looking forward to the children's last week of term which will enable children to finish their curriculum and to bring some closure to the year.

The children were very excited to create and fly their planes for Huxley yesterday. We will be sharing a video of this. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this special cause we have raised over £60.

Mrs Collins

Special Achievements

We are pleased to celebrate with you special achievements made this week. Two children from each class have been recognised for doing something that has demonstrated one or more than one of our school values.

Class	Awarded to	Recognition
Bee	**Genevieve**	An amazing attitude to her learning and choosing to do independent writing.
Bee	**Lottie**	Always being ready to learn and following the school rules and values.
Ladybird	**Freya**	Using amazing creative skills to make her own piece of art using the artist Henri Rousseau painting 'Surprised' as her inspiration.
Ladybird	**Rijker**	Recalling some amazing facts on tigers and then using his phonic knowledge to write a fact using correct punctuation within his sentence.
Turtle	**Theodora**	Sharing with the class ways to keep the environment safe for sea creatures.
Turtle	**Sylvie**	Being ready to include others in her games at lunchtime.
Dolphin	**Edward**	Being respectful and helping to tidy the classroom after ID. Well done Edward!
Dolphin	**Florence**	Always being ready to learn and showing respect to adults by listening intently during carpet time. Well done Florence!
Starfish	**Monty**	Being ready to learn in maths and excellent knowledge of money.
Starfish	**Lyra**	Being a great role model during tidy up time and encouraging others.
Snow Leopard	**Finn**	For being ready to try again and show resilience in his learning.
Snow Leopard	**Mollie**	For writing an amazing story using all the key skills that we have been practising in English.
Penguin	**Logan**	Working so hard to write an interesting and engaging tiger poem. Well done, Logan!
Penguin	**Lamar**	Being so respectful and helpful around the classroom. Lamar has been a superstar!

Weekly Class Achievements and updates

EYFS

This week we have had great fun taking part in the 'Take One Picture' art project. We looked at the painting 'Surprised' by Henri Rousseau which led us to having some amazing discussions about the painting but in particular about tigers. We decided we wanted to learn more so researched some amazing facts about tigers i.e. Every tiger has a different pattern of stripes. We then used this idea to create our own paintings of tigers with their own stripy patterns and because Rousseau hid the tiger in the jungle, we printed with leaves on top of our tigers to make ours hide too!
Why not explore some other paintings by Rousseau and talk about what you like / don't like about them and maybe try creating your own piece!

Year 1

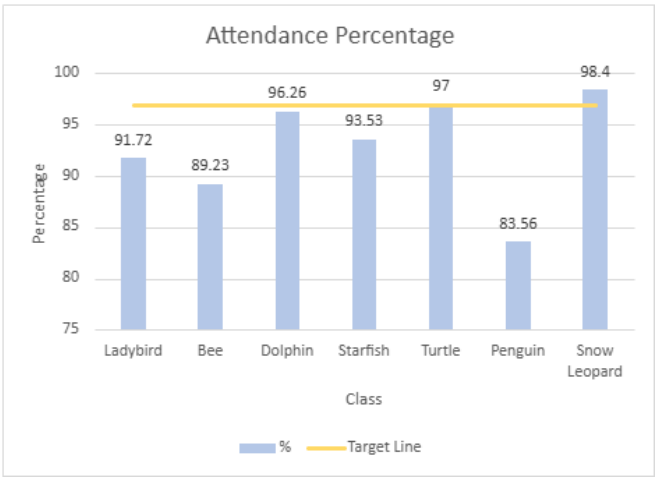
This week we have learnt about British coins and notes. Can your child recognise the value of these? Can they practise paying for items in a shop?

Year 2

Well, what a fantastic week for Year 2! We hope you enjoyed our End of Year Show at Kennington on Wednesday. We also had fun with the Year 3 children when they came to visit us and created some art work of our special places. We can't believe we only have one more week to go. How did the year go so quickly?

Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is **93.27%**, which is **4%** lower than last week. This week has been significantly affected by term time holidays.



Every day really does make a difference. When children miss school, they miss important learning, fun activities, and valuable time with their friends. This week was full of exciting opportunities to enjoy and learn from, and we don't want anyone to miss out.

This also includes arriving on time each morning, as it helps children start the day calmly, join in with their friends, and be ready for learning right from the first lesson, lateness this week has meant that **196 minutes** of learning has been lost.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve attendance. If you would like any help or have any questions, please feel free to reach out, we are here to support you.

Farewells
We will be saying goodbye to Miss Hunt, Starfish Apprentice Teacher, Mrs Page, Turtle Teacher, Mrs Swaisland, Learning Support Assistant at the end of this academic year. Miss Hunt and Mrs Page are moving on to new schools and Mrs Swaisland to a nursery school. We wish them every success and thank them for their hard work and for their valuable contribution to the school. They will be greatly missed by us all and we are sure you will join us in wishing them every success for the future.

Term Dates 2026

Term 6 – Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026(Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026 – Training Days – school closed to children)

Term Dates 2026/27

Term 1 – Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October 2026
(Training Days – Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September and Friday 23rd October 2026 – school closed to children)
Term 2 – Tuesday 3rd November – Friday 18th December 2026
(Training Day – Monday 2nd November 2026 – school closed to children)
Term 3 – Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2027
Term 4 – Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March 2027
(Friday 26th March 2027 – Bank Holiday – school closed)
Term 5 – Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2027
(Monday 3rd May 2027 – Bank Holiday – school closed)
Term 6 – Monday 7th June – Tuesday 20th July 2027
(Training Day – Wednesday 21st July 2027 – school closed to children)

Vacancies
Downs View Infant School is looking to recruit a temporary cleaner to cover staff absence. This position will be fixed term from 1st September 2026 – until 17th October 2026 however this will be reviewed and the contract may be extended.
The hours of work are 4.15pm – 6.15pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday term time only.
This is an opportunity to be part of a small, friendly cleaning team who play a key role within the school.
The aim of the role is to provide a good cleaning service that is responsive to the needs of the school, resulting in a clean and healthy environment for pupils and staff.
Duties include all aspects of cleaning within a school including the daily cleaning of classrooms, office, corridors and washroom areas.

We are looking for someone who is:
Reliable
Responsible
A good time-keeper
Have some previous experience of cleaning preferably in a school (training will be provided)
If you would like to apply for this role please either phone the school office on 01233 632339 or email office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes
We have received the following from Morrison's Cafes which we would like to bring to your attention and ask that you share with parents/carers.

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes. This is available to both children and adults, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu

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OPAL PLAY

Opal
OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO SUPPORT OUR AMAZING PLAY.

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THESE ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE: 01233 632339

FARM

FARM ANIMALS, TRACTORS, BARNS, FENCES, HAY, CROPS, LOOSE PARTS

WOODLAND

FOREST ANIMALS, TREES, LOGS, LEAVES, PINE CONES, STICKS, LOOSE PARTS

SAFARI / JUNGLE

LIONS, ELEPHANTS, GIRAFFES, MONKEYS, VINES, ROCKS, PLANTS, LOOSE PARTS

TOWN / COMMUNITY

HOUSES, ROADS, PEOPLE, SHOPS, BUSES, EMERGENCY SERVICES, LOOSE PARTS

FAIRY GARDEN

FAIRIES, GNOMES, TINY HOUSES, FLOWERS, GEMS, BRIDGES, PLANTS, LOOSE PARTS

PIRATES

PIRATE FIGURES, TREASURE CHESTS, BOATS, ISLANDS, BLUE FABRIC, LOOSE PARTS

ARCTIC

POLAR BEARS, PENGUINS, SEALS, COTTON WOOL OR WHITE STONES, LOOSE PARTS

BEACH / OCEAN

SHELLS, SEA CREATURES, BOATS, BLUE FABRIC, SAND, LOOSE PARTS

SPACE

ASTRONAUTS, ROCKETS, PLANETS, ALIENS, MOON ROCKS, STARS, LOOSE PARTS

ZOO

ZOO ANIMALS, ENCLOSURES, TICKET OFFICE, VISITORS, LOOSE PARTS

CASTLE

KNIGHTS, DRAGONS, PRINCESSES, CASTLE WALLS, FLAGS, LOOSE PARTS

AIRPORT

PLANES, HELICOPTERS, TERMINAL, LUGGAGE, VEHICLES, LOOSE PARTS

ENHANCE EVERY THEME WITH LOOSE PARTS

WOODEN BLOCKS | PEBBLES AND STONES | STICKS AND BARK | PINE CONES | FABRIC (BLUE FOR WATER, GREEN FOR GRASS, BROWN FOR MUD) | SMALL LOGS AND TREE SLICES | CARDBOARD TUBES | BOTTLE TOPS AND CORKS | ARTIFICIAL GRASS OR MOSS MATS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR AMAZING PLAY!

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RIDE ON CARS

SAND TOY TRUCKS

RIDE ON MOTORBIKE

BUGGIES (STROLLERS)

ROCKING HORSE

SLIDES

PLASTIC SEESAW

CABLE REELS

SCAFFOLD PLANKS

TOY TREASURE (GEMS, COINS)

SEA CREATURE TOYS

POTS AND PANS

COOKING UTENSILS

WOOD CUT OFFS

PLASTIC TREE SWINGS

DRUM BARRELS

LARGE WATER PIPES

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