12th June 2026 Newsletter

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June	
Wednesday 17th	**Bee Class Cycling Workshop**
Friday 19th	• **Sports Day 9am –** Parents/carers are invited to attend • **Father's Day Shop –** further information below
Wednesday 24th	**Ladybird Class Cycling Workshop**
Saturday 27th	**12-4pm –Kennington Summer Fayre –** Raffle ticket information/request form has been sent home with your child and tickets will also be sold afterschool on the playground – The Friends of Downs View would welcome any helpers, for setting up and supporting on our stalls Please email friendsofdownsview@gmail.com if you are available to help.
July	
Wednesday 1st	**2.45pm - OPAL stay and play session** – parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 9th	**Fly a Plane for Huxley –** please see information below
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.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone sports day today and the Year 2 visit to Kennington CE Academy yesterday due to the weather conditions. We hope next week the weather will be more favourable, our sports day is now scheduled for Friday 19th June at 9am. The Year 2 visit was

rearranged for this afternoon, the children explored the playground and had fun with their friends outside. Have a lovely weekend.

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	**Freya T**	Her perseverance and attitude towards Phonics.
Bee	**Peyton-Marie**	Always being a super helper and having a positive attitude throughout her day.
Ladybird	**Alfred**	His hard work during Maths this week when using the Rekenrek to work out more and fewer than a given number.
Ladybird	**Daisy**	Using her sounds with confidence to write labels for a given picture from our new story 'The Sea Saw'.
Turtle	**Harry H**	For amazing work with fractions in maths.
Turtle	**Xanthe**	For always being willing to help with jobs in class.
Dolphin	**Antoni**	Being ready to learn and trying his best in his learning all week. Well done Antoni!
Dolphin	**Tess**	Being safe by making sure her wellies are always neatly put away on the welly rack. Well done Tess!
Starfish	**Myla**	For trying so hard in her phonics this week.
Starfish	**Denas**	For always joining in with his ideas on the carpet.
Snow Leopard	**Megan**	For working hard on the key value of being ready by helping friends with their learning.
Snow Leopard	**Isla W**	For working hard on the key value of being ready by growing in independence in writing.
Penguin	**Nevaeh**	Working so hard in maths lessons! Nevaeh has been learning how to tell the time to o'clock and half past.

Penguin	**Ellis**	Writing a character description for his giant using interesting adjectives and powerful verbs. Well done, Ellis.

Weekly Class Achievements and updates

EYFS

We have started a new text within EYFS called 'The Sea Saw'. The children have already worked out that the title of the story means that the nook is not about a playground piece of equipment a sea saw but about what the ocean (sea) saw. This week we have been looking at an image from the story when the storm clouds rolled in and wrote labels to recall what we could see. We even tried adding some adjectives to make our labels more exciting for the reader to read i.e. soft sand, squawking seagulls. This week encourage your child to describe different objects around the home. Encourage them to use their adjectives to provide further details.

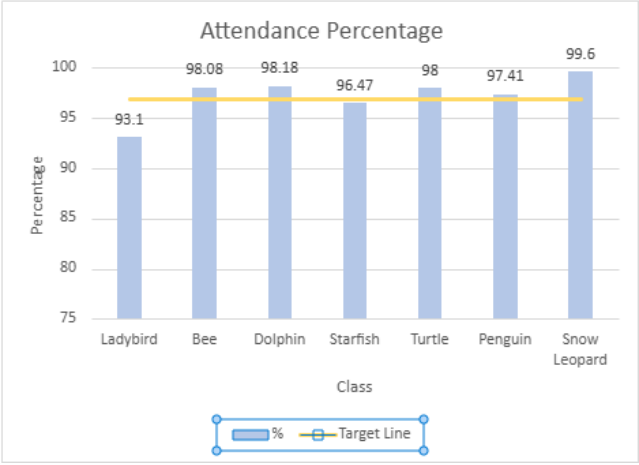
Year 1

This week in Science we have learnt about what plants need to grow. We have started our experiment and planted cress seeds in different conditions, whether they have water and/or sunlight or neither. We will track the progress over the term and make conclusions about what plants need to grow. Can you do some planting with your child and discuss what plants need to grow?

Year 2

This week in Maths, we have begun to learn to tell the time, looking at 5minute intervals past the hour. We know that when the long minute hand is on 12, we call it o'clock and when it is on 6 it is half past. When the long minute hand is on 3 it has gone a quarter of the way around the clock and so we call it quarter past.

Attendance



Our school attendance for this week is 97.15%, which is 2% higher than last week. It's fantastic to see five classes getting over 97% this week. Well done.

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 332 minutes of learning has been lost, this is slightly lower than last week, hopefully we can continue to reduce this number during term 6.

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.

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)

We are celebrating father's day

Gifts will be available for the children to buy for all the super heroes in their lives on **Friday 19th June** in school.

Buy online via the QR code or send £3.50 cash in with the below form

Child's Name..... Class.....

I have enclosed £3.50 for the sale to celebrate Father's Day. Please return the money to the office by Wednesday, 17th June at the latest. Thank you

FRIENDS OF DOWNS VIEW
NEWSLETTER

I can't believe we are in the last term of the year - the Friends have a couple more events before the summer holidays, and we really need your help.

KENNINGTON SUMMER FAIR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We need Volunteers from 12 pm-4 pm, for 1hr (or longer) slots to run the games on our stall. It's a great day out, and such an important day in our Community's calendar, it helps raise thousands for local charities, Downs View being one of them. Please email friendsofdownsviewegmail.com if you can help.

JOIN THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE
In September, the Friends of Downs View will be holding their AGM. We will be looking for people to join the committee to help raise crucial funds for the school. Letters with more info will be sent out at the start of the new school year.

FINALLY...Thank you to all the little gardeners who joined the **Planting workshops** and the bargain hunters who joined the **Nearly New Event** last term. These events helped us raise over £2000 for the school's OPAL provision.

EVENTS COMING UP

June 19th - **Father's Day Shop**

June 27th - **Kennington Summer Fair**

Sept TBC - **Friends AGM**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OR VOLUNTEER IN ANY WAY, PLEASE JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

SCAN ME!

FLY A PLANE FOR HUXLEY
& help him fight Leukaemia
Thursday 9th July 2026
All children will have the opportunity to fly a paper plane during the school day.
A voluntary donation of 50p can be handed to the class teacher in the morning of the event day.
All donations collected will go to the GoFundMe.
Huxley is ten, he needs urgent leukaemia treatment not available in the UK. By donating & flying a paper plane you'll be part of his journey. Every donation, no matter how small, adds a named plane to his trip. Together, they'll help carry himhome.
Donate. Download. Fold & Fly!
#PaperPlanesForHuxley
HelpforHuxley

NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

Charity No. 1179982

COMICON

AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 20TH-21ST 2026

10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

BOOK HERE

@RAF Manston History Museum

WHAT THREE WORDS - REMARRIED.MORNINGS.PAVE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

Harper's Cafe Presents

Pride in the Park

June 21st

10.30am - 3.30pm

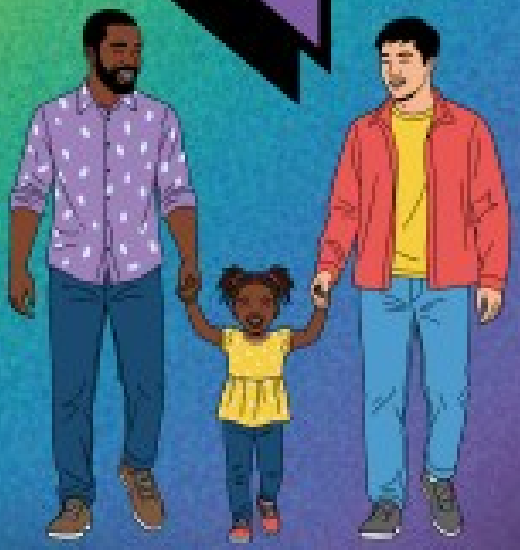
Food Crafts

Face Painting

Rainbow Trail

Selfie Booth

BBQ



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FAMILY FUN STARTS RIGHT HERE, AT JOSS BAY

UNLIMITED PLAY ALL DAY WRISTBANDS

KIDS CORNER (AGES UP TO 12).
TRAMPOLINES, BOUNCY CASTLE & SLIDE!

JUST £8.50!

KIDS PLAY, YOU RELAX.

THE DECKCHAIR HUT.
ALL £5+£1 DEPOSIT.

SUN LOUNGERS, WINDBREAKS, PARASOLS AND DECKCHAIRS.

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NOW - OPEN EVERY WEEKEND! & EVERY DAY FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS (22ND JULY – 6TH SEPT)

"JOIN FOR EXLUSIVE DISCOUNTS, GIVEAWAYS AND WEATHER UPDATES!"

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kent adult education

Online Courses June 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
153641	Supporting ADHD in the Home	03/06/26	24/06/26	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
153759	Autism Awareness	10/06/26	01/07/26	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
153764	First Aid for Babies	03/06/26	03/06/26	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
153871	Fathers Matter	03/06/26	03/06/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
154441	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	18/06/26	18/06/26	Thursday	10:00	11:00
154443	Strategies to Support your Autistic Child Webinar	10/06/26	10/06/26	Wednesday	19:00	20:00
153758	Calm together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child	09/06/26	09/06/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
153760	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	17/06/26	17/06/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

To book your place on one of these FREE courses, scan the QR code or go to

www.kentadulteducation.co.uk

and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information Call 03000 41 22 22

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