19th June 2026 Newsletter

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June	
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. 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
Wednesday 8th	**6pm – Year 2 End of Year Show at Kennington CE Academy**
Thursday 9th	**Fly a Plane for Huxley –** please see information below
Monday 13th	**2.15pm - Year 2 Leavers Assembly –** parents/carers at invited to attend
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.

It was great to see so many parent/carers join us for sports day today. It was lovely to see children having fun together and enjoying a range of sporting activities. The children were amazing and put every effort into all races, despite the warm weather. Thank you to the Friends of Downs View

for buying the ice lollies for the children, they were greatly appreciated after the race. A big thank you also goes to the Year 6 children who supported and kept scores from Kennington Junior Academy. The most important thing is that the children enjoyed working as part of a team and kept active! Thank you for your support.

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	**Luna**	Always trying her best a having a positive attitude throughout the day.
Bee	**Ollie**	Continuously being ready to learn, helping and supporting with his friends and their learning.
Ladybird	**Henry**	His hard work during Maths this week when using the Rekenrek to work out all the different ways to make the number 5.
Ladybird	**Thea**	Her amazing recognition of instruments in the orchestra and for being able to sort them into the correct sections.
Turtle	**Matei**	For being ready to challenge himself to use new sounds he has learnt in his writing.
Turtle	**Jessamine**	For being respectful of the classroom by always helping to tidy away the resources.
Dolphin	**Azura**	Showing respect to the classroom during tidy-up time by helping to tidy areas, she had not been playing in. Well done Azura!
Dolphin	**Heidi**	Being ready to learn during English lessons and writing an interesting diary entry about Bear's day in the busy city. Well done Heidi!
Starfish	**Cadan E**	Being ready to learn in English and writing his diary entry independently and confidently.
Starfish	**Bonnie-Fay**	Bonnie-Fay: Being so focused during Reading Practice and carrying on afterwards as she wanted to finish the book
Snow Leopard	**Ivy**	For being ready to learn in Maths.
Snow Leopard	**Finley**	For being ready to learn to tell the time.

Penguin	**Archie**	Working so hard to write a persuasive letter to Billy from our story, 'Grandad's Secret'
Penguin	**Ivy**	Her enthusiasm for learning! Ivy always chooses to challenge herself. Well done, Ivy!

Weekly Class Achievements and updates

EYFS

This week we have been looking into an orchestra through our music lessons. We learnt about the different sections of the orchestra and matched the instruments into the right section i.e. violin in the string section, clarinet in the woodwind section. We also got an opportunity to listen to the sounds of some of the instruments that we had not seen before. We then saw an orchestra in action as they played the theme tune to Bluey!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvG7Bjg_Hzs
This lesson inspired us to not only make our own conducting sticks but some different instruments from junk materials and then through ID created our own bands!
Perhaps at home watch or listen to some other music played by an orchestra and see if you can see / hear and identify the instruments playing.

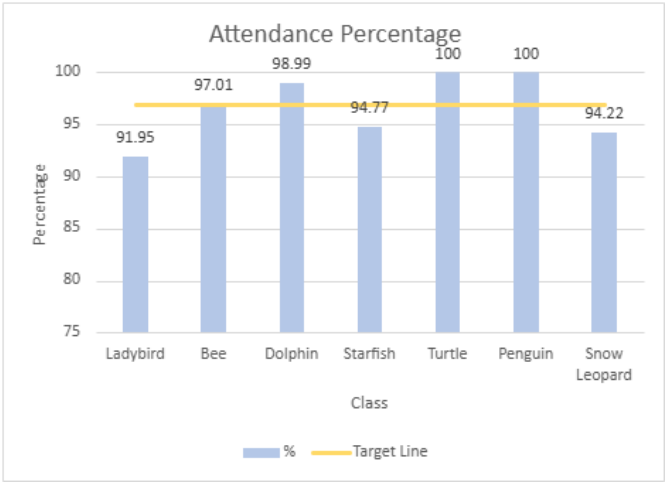
Year 1

This week we have absolutely loved getting ready for sports day! We worked so hard within our teams to take part in the different activities, making sure we were cheering each other on! Can you take part in a sporty activity this weekend? This could be going on a bike ride, a run, playing football, making up a dance or anything else that you would like.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, Billy met the Secret Giant! We have written dairy entries and letters and used persuasive language to tell Billy what we think he should do. What would you do if you met a giant?

Attendance



Our school attendance for this week is **96.57%,** which is close to last week, only slightly lower. It's fantastic to see four classes getting over **97%** this week, with two being on **100%**. 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 **231** minutes of learning has been lost, this is **100 minutes lower** than last week, it's been wonderful to see more children in on time and ready to learn, hopefully we can continue to reduce this number during this term.

This term we are also trialling a new form which will be sent out on Parent Mail, we understand it can be difficult to send your child to school if they aren't quite feeling 100%. If you want your child to give school a go, this form lets our staff know they are 'under the weather', so they can keep an eye on them and help quickly if they start to feel worse. The NHS online guidance 'Is my child too ill for school?' gives advice on when to keep your child at home and when it might be better to send them into school.

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.

Parking

Could we kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and responsibly around the school site. We would also appreciate parents and carers avoiding arriving too early in the morning where possible, as many of our families use Breakfast Club and the 8:10am Early Drop-Off Club and are finding it difficult to find suitable parking spaces.

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)

Are you a working parent?

Do you need support with childcare costs for your primary school aged children before and after the school day? You may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare.

Scan the QR codes for more details.

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Or call the Kent Children and Families Information Service: **03000 41 23 23**

Or email:
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School Age Childcare Survey

The need for childcare does not stop when children reach school-age, we know that families continue to need childcare before and after school, and during the school holidays. As a result, the Department for Education is taking a strategic approach to the future of School Aged Childcare (SAC) which builds on the successes of programmes such as the National Wraparound Childcare programme, the Holidays Activities and Food programme (HAF) and the national rollout of the Free Breakfast Club programme, to ensure families are supported, year-round, by an outstanding SAC system.

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents and carers to determine their term time and holiday childcare requirement for children aged 0-14 and up to 18 for disabled children.

The information will help us assess if there are any gaps in provision and how best to meet the needs of all families. Please find below the link and QR Code. We would be very grateful if you could please complete by 17 July 2026.

Parent and Carers School Age Childcare Survey – Fill in form

We are also offering a 12.5% discount on all House & Garden, Garden, and Family Workshop tickets for visits between 25th June and 1st September 2026. This is part of the government's Great British Summer Saving Scheme.

GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS

SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY WORKSHOPS 2026

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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.
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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

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BBQ

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Ashford Borough Council

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- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:

4th , 6th , 10th and 13th of August 2026

Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm

Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit.You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking

4th August
6th August
10th August
13th August

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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