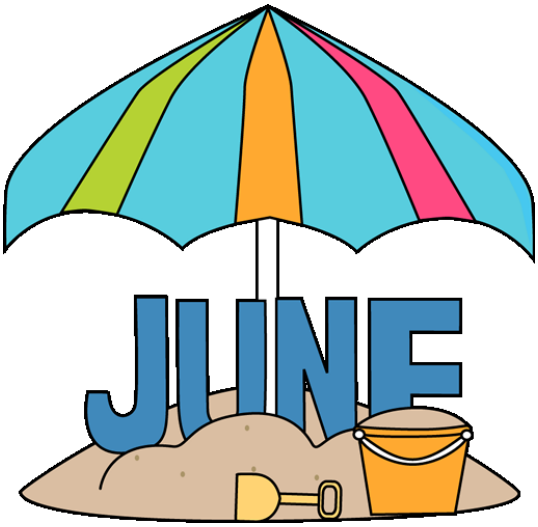

26th June 2026 Newsletter

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June	
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.
Tuesday 30th	**Year 2 children Transition Day at Kennington CE Academy – All children will need a packed lunch –** please let the school office know if you would like a school packed lunch – the children will come to school as normal and return to Downs View before the end of the school day.
July	
Wednesday 1st	**2.45pm - OPAL stay and play session** – parents are welcome to attend
Wednesday 8th	**5.45pm for 6pm start – Year 2 End of Year Show at Kennington CE Academy**
Thursday 9th	**Fly a Plane for Huxley –** please see information below
Friday 10th	**End of Year Reports to be sent home**
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.

Thank you to parents/carers for following the guidance we gave earlier in the week regarding the extreme weather conditions. The children and

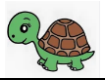
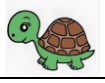
staff have coped exceptionally well. We are grateful for everyone's support and cooperation.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Kennington Summer Fayre tomorrow! Come along and have some fun whilst raising money for your children. Please don't forget if you do have some time on Saturday to volunteer to support the Friends on the stall, this would be much appreciated.

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.

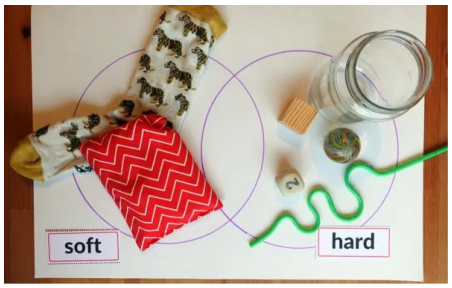
Class	Awarded to	Recognition
Bee	**Emma**	Trying really hard with her reading this week and engaging well in teacher directed time.
Bee	**Cody**	Great turn taking with his friends in child-initiated time.
Ladybird	**Jeremiah**	His hard work during our Literacy lesson this week and independently writing his own sentences to describe how the bear in our story 'The Sea Saw' was feeling.
Ladybird	**Uzuri**	His hard work during science this week. Being able to match different objects according to the description given i.e It is hard, made of plastic and bumpy – It is Lego.
Turtle 	**Arthur**	For offering to look after a friend who was hurt.
Turtle 	**Rose**	For always offering to be a friend to everyone.
Dolphin	**Isla**	Showing respect to her friends by helping others with their learning. Well done Isla!
Dolphin	**Rosie**	Being ready to learn during Guided Reading and making great progress. Well done Rosie!
Starfish	**Annabelle**	Being ready to learn in English and writing her own ideas independently.
Starfish	**Betsy**	Being a supportive partner during practical maths tasks.
Snow Leopard	**Joris**	For writing well-structured sentences in English and using persuasion effectively.

Snow Leopard	**Willow**	For showing respect through daily kind and thoughtful actions.
Penguin	**Sofia**	For her imaginative and persuasive writing. Sofia has used powerful verbs and adjectives in her work – well done!
Penguin	**Paisley**	For working so hard to challenge herself in maths. Paisley showed impressive reasoning skills in statistics – well done!

Weekly Class Achievements and updates

EYFS

This week in science we have been continuing to explore different materials. We collected a variety of objects from around the classroom and used our knowledge to sort them into those that are made of plastic, wood, glass, paper, card, fabric, etc. We then chose a few objects to look at more closely. We then used scientific vocabulary to describe the chosen objects further, i.e. hard, soft, stretchy, strong, flexible, elastic, transparent, opaque. This week please encourage your child to continue using the new vocabulary learnt to describe different objects around the home.



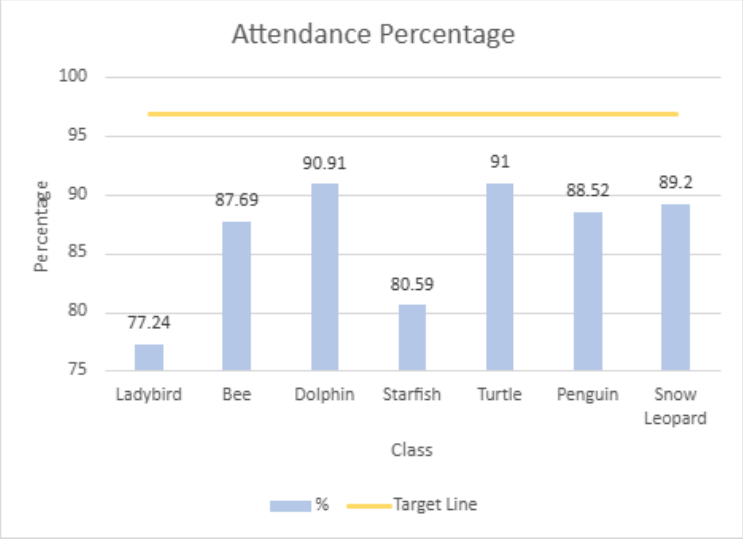
Year 1

This week we have learnt about the countries within the United Kingdom. Can you ask your child the 4 countries that make up the UK? Can your child tell you the capital cities, flags, national flowers and animals of the 4 countries?

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have enjoyed visiting Kennington for lunch. We are looking forward to our next visit!

Attendance



Our school attendance for this week is **86.77%**, which is **10% lower** than last week. We understand that this week has been a challenge due to the heat we have experienced, hopefully some cooler weather is on the way for next week.

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 **282** 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.

Smoking/Vaping
It has come to our attention that there has been some smoking/vaping in cars with children present and whilst waiting to access the school site before drop off and collection times. Smoking in a car with children is illegal, our school site is strictly not smoking. Our local PCSO regularly surveys the area. All adults are role-models for children so this is a polite reminder for all adults to be mindful of the other families and children around them. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

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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.

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Harrison is trying to raise £3600 to go to the World Scout Jamboree in Poland 2027

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Raffle prizes and mini games to be won

📍 Hosted by: Harrison Pokekid
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Saturday 4th July at 6pm
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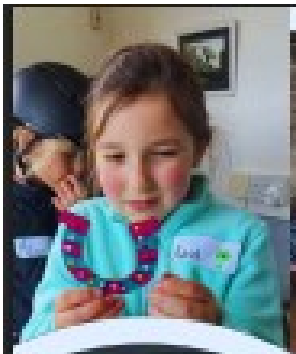

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