3rd July 2026 Newsletter

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July	
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.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Kennington Summer Fayre last weekend. A huge thank you to the Friends of Downs View, who raised an impressive £956 for the school at their stall. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. It was also wonderful to see so many of you joining your children for our OPAL Play and Stay session. It was clear that both children and adults had lots of fun together, and it was fantastic to see everyone enjoying the outdoor play opportunities. Thank you to our OPAL Play Team for organising such a successful event.

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 Tait**	For always showing the value of respect to her friends and teachers.
Bee	**Willow**	For consistently showing all the values. Particularly for always being one of the first to be ready for teacher time.
Ladybird	**George**	Using the Rekenrek to make double patterns during maths this week.
Ladybird	**Nico**	Using his knowledge of instruments to sort them into those that are tuned and those that are untuned.
Turtle	**Avantica**	Trying her best in guided reading this week.
Turtle	**Olly**	Being a good listener for his friends.
Dolphin	**Michael**	Being ready to learn by writing a fantastic diary entry in English this week and showing respect by helping his friends with their writing. Well done Michael!
Dolphin	**Bluebell**	Being ready to learn during Phonics and her amazing efforts in learning split diagraphs. Well done Bluebell!
Starfish	**Thuvarakesh**	Always following the school values and being an excellent role model.
Starfish	**Iona**	Always following the school values and being an excellent role model.
Snow Leopard	**David**	For being ready to make new friends and join in with the class.
Snow Leopard	**Jasmine**	For always showing kindness and supporting her friends.
Penguin	**Amyra**	For her resilience and positivity in everything she does! We are all very proud of you.
Penguin	**Grace**	For always putting enthusiasm and effort into our leavers' assembly rehearsals – you are a star!

Weekly Class Achievements and updates

EYFS

This week we have been consolidating our understanding of odd and even numbers. We reminded ourselves of odd block cottage and even top cottage and sorted the numbers into their correct homes. We then used both rows on the Rekenreks to represent the double patterns and recalled the stem sentence i.e 6 is made from 3 and 3; double 3 is 6. Ask your child if they can remember which numbers are doubles?

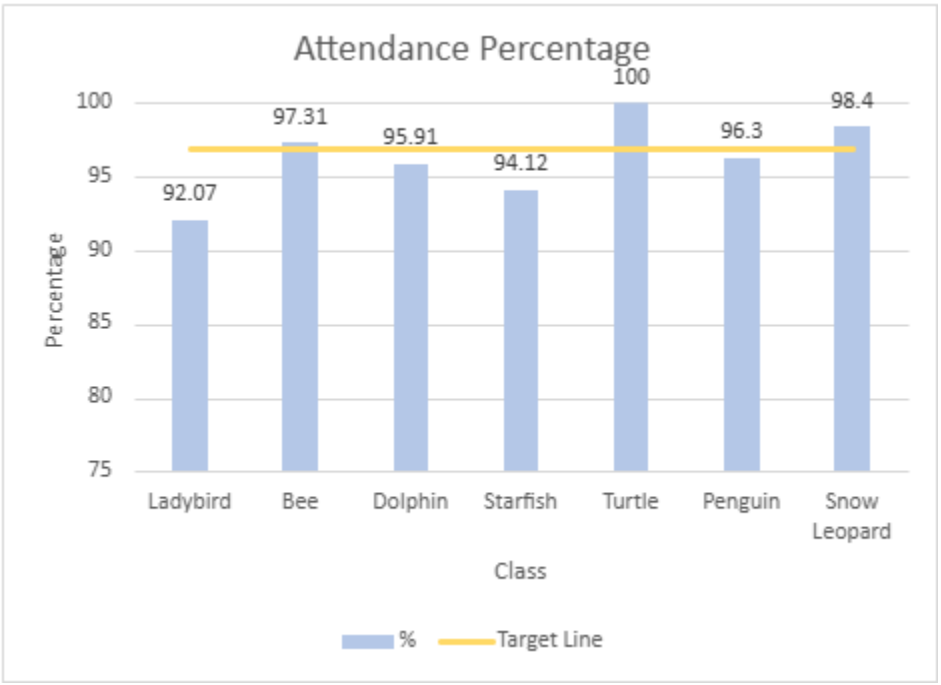
Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have learnt about the artist Banksy and the style they use. We have created our wall background and next week we will create our stencil. Can you discuss the style of graffiti and point some out in the environments?

Year 2

Year 2 have had fun this week creating beach themed art. We have used shells and pebbles to create artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy and watercolour to create some beautiful landscapes of the seaside. We think they are good enough to be framed!

Attendance



Our school attendance for this week is **96.77%,** which is **10% higher** than last week. Let's see if we can get over 97% next week.

Everyday 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 **190** minutes of learning has been lost. This is much lower than last week, let's see if we can keep lowering this as we head to the end of the school year.
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)

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

DOWNS VIEW INFANT SCHOOL

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR AMAZING PLAY!

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ASHFORD CONCERT BAND PRESENTS

Lily's

SUMMER SOUNDS

GREAT MUSIC INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS RAFFLE

SUNDAY 5 JULY 2026, 3PM

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, ASHFORD TOWN CENTRE

Tickets

In Advance	Adults - £10	Children (5-16) - £5	Under 5s - Free
On the Door	Adults - £12	Children (5-16) - £6	Under 5s - Free

TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION FROM WWW.ASHFORDCONCERTBAND.CO.UK

Now showing, CONFIDENCE!

Drama, dance & singing classes
designed to help 4–12 year olds shine

**“ My son has adored his first term at Perform.
He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week.”**
Pippa Wotton

PERFORM
WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE

Play is a POWERFUL THING

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

“ Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements.”
Begum Bari

Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:

perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

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

KENNINGTON JUNIORS FC

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FOOTBALL COACHING SESSIONS

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

ASHFORD HOCKEY CLUB,
BALL LANE, KENNINGTON TN25 4EB

U6s & U7s
8.30 – 9.30AM

U8s & U9s
9.45 – 10.45AM

COMMENCING
8TH AUGUST

£6
PER SESSION
PAYABLE IN CASH AT THE START OF EACH SESSION.

A fully Qualified coach, with appropriate child welfare certification, will manage the sessions.

Sessions are designed to support player development and help prepare future KJFC teams.

Football boots and shin pads are recommended. Responsibility for participation without them rests with the parent/carer.

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT:

JOHN EBDON | 07904 063085 | johnebdon@hotmail.co.uk

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

JOIN AN iROCK BAND THIS SEPTEMBER

iRock

As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

New spaces now open!

Choose your instrument today.

DISCOVER MORE

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About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.

Enrol Online

www.irockschool.com/enrol

We're here to help

0330 174 2655

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Scouts
Kent

Family quiz night

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

Join us for a fun, interactive family night where points win prizes and every quiz team gets a chance to shine. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks, and enjoy treats from our small tuck shop, which will be available.

Raffle prizes and mini games to be won

📍 Hosted by: Harrison Pokekid
@ **1st Kennington Scout hut**, Lower Vicarage Road, Kennington, Kent, TN24 9AS
Saturday 4th July at 6pm
💰 Entry: £5 per person
👥 Teams: Maximum of 8 per team

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