5th June 2026 Newsletter

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and https://www.facebook.com/DownsViewInfantSchool/

June	
Tuesday 9th	**6-7pm – Welcome Evening for Parents/Carers whose children are starting in Reception in September 2026**
Friday 12th	**Sports Day 9am (this will last approx. 1.5-2 hours)** Parent/Carers invited on field – weather permitting (choice 1)
Wednesday 17th	**Bee Class Cycling Workshop**
Friday 19th	**Sports Day 9am (**choice 2 if choice 1 is cancelled**)**
Wednesday 24th	**Ladybird Class Cycling Workshop**
Saturday 27th	**12-4pm – Kennington Summer Fayre –** information about purchasing raffle tickets is below **–** The Friends of Downs View would welcome any helpers, for setting up and supporting on our stalls.
July	
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.

Welcome back, to the last term of this academic year and as you may be aware this is my last term at Downs View, I am retiring in August. I can't quite believe where the past 31 years have gone! I hope you all had a great half term and enjoyed the lovely weather. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the OPAL play and stay sessions due to the changeable weather, we will rearrange time for you to play with your children in our wonderful OPAL zones at a later date. A big thank-you for all the fantastic donations that we have received from our latest request.
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	**Amir**	His attitude to learning and confidence to share his ideas.
Bee	**Elouise**	Her readiness during teacher time this week and effort in Phonics.
Ladybird	**Arthur**	His hard work during Maths this week when learning how to use a Rekenrek.
Ladybird	**Penny**	Always putting in lots of effort during our phonics and reading lessons.
Turtle	**Mateusz**	Always being kind and considerate to others.
Turtle	**Isla C**	Brilliant contributions to discussions about finding half of a shape in maths. about.
Dolphin	**Lucas**	His hard work in his Maths all week. Lucas has shown off his ability to find one more and one less. Well done Lucas!
Dolphin	**Eleyna**	Showing respect and being ready to learn in Phonics all week. Well done!
Starfish	**Tito**	Being respectful and sharing her ideas about The Good Samaritan during RE.
Starfish	**Ben**	Being ready to learn in Phonics and being so enthusiastic about the new sounds he is learning.
Snow Leopard	**Filip**	For being ready to help in class through his actions and sharing of ideas.
Snow Leopard	**Rayon**	For being ready to work hard during maths and sharing his reasoning with the class.
Penguin	**Ava**	Her creativity and hard work during English lessons! Ava always uses interesting vocabulary and imaginative ideas in her work.
Penguin	**Grace**	Her motivated and enthusiastic attitude towards learning. Well done, Grace!

Weekly Class Achievements and updates

EYFS

This week we have been learning how to use a Rekenrek to support us in the area of subitising (the rapid, accurate, and effortless ability to instantly recognise the number of objects in a small group without counting them one by one). We enjoyed moving the beads along the Rekenrek to represent different amounts and our partner then used their subitising skills to recall how many we had shown.

This week at home use a dice to play a matching game. When the die is rolled, ask the children to say the number shown without counting. How do they know? Can they match the quantity on the die using their own choice of objects?

Year 1

What a fun first week of term 6 we have had in Year 1 this week! We have continued to learn about fractions and can find half and a quarter of shapes and numbers. In English, we have started to read out text for this term 'Goldilocks and just one bear', we can't wait to continue reading the story and find out what happens. In science we have learnt about the different parts of a plant and can label them. We had fun making plants using our craft areas in ID. With a grown up at home can you go on a nature walk and identify the different parts of the plants?

Year 2

What a fantastic start to Term 6 year 2 have had! In English we have begun to read our new book 'Grandad's Secret Giant', who would have thought a giant could go about so unnoticed in town! We have written descriptions of the town of Gableview where the story is set using wonderfully descriptive noun phrases.

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)

Kent Libraries and Archives

2026 is the National Year of Reading, and Kent Libraries is encouraging families to get a head start on summer reading by preparing early for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Families can join the library, borrow books, and enjoy free eBooks and audiobooks using the library's eLibrary apps. Getting started early helps children feel confident and excited about reading ahead of the summer holidays.

Libraries are great places to enjoy time together. Families can discover new books, take part in free events listed on the Kent Directory, and explore libraries online through virtual tours.

Parents can also join the Kent Libraries Book Chat Facebook group [https://www.facebook.com/groups/KentLibrariesBookChat/] and follow Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/KentLibrariesArchives/] and Instagram [https://www.instagram.com/kentlibraries/].

All you need to get started is a free library card.

Go all in and get a head start on summer reading at kent.gov.uk/libraries

Open Farm Sunday

Visit a farm & discover the world of farming!

Sunday 7th June 2026

1–4pm

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College

Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HL

- Cows and calves
- Sheep and lambs
- Chickens
- Rabbits
- Guinea pigs
- Pigs
- Donkeys
- Goats

FUN AND GAMES!

- Pets Corner
- Tea Tent in the Walled Garden
- Demos of spinning and weaving
- Fun and games!

www.farmsunday.org

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Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Enviroment And Farming). Charity no. 1045781

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to report this incident and protect children from harm.

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TRADING STANDARDS

Harper's Cafe Presents

Pride in the Park

June 21st

10.30am - 3.30pm

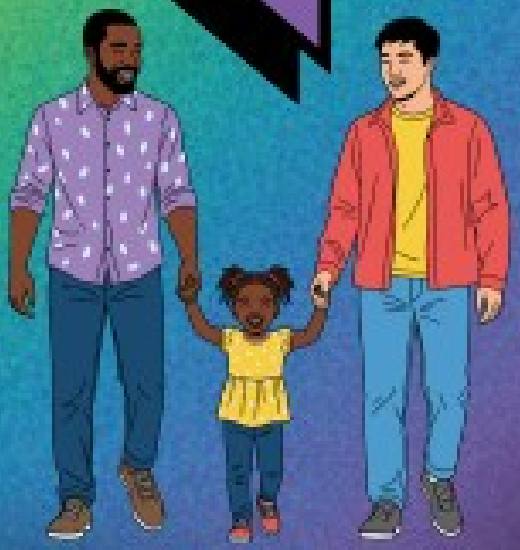
Food Crafts

Face Painting

Rainbow Trail

Selfie Booth

BBQ



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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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