8th May 2026 Newsletter

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May	
Saturday 9th	**10am-1pm - Nearly New Kids & Baby Event – School Hall –** please see information below – this is a fundraising event organised by the Friends of Downs View
Wednesday 13th	**Year 1 Celebration Assemblies** – parents/carers are invited to attend • **1.45-2.15pm – Dolphin Class** • **2.30-3pm – Turtle Class**
Thursday 14th	**Year 1 Celebration Assemblies** – parents/carers are invited to attend • **2.30-3pm – Starfish Class**
Tuesday 19th	**Special Lunch Menu Ghana –** Please see information below
Thursday 21st	**Year R Celebration Assemblies** – parents/carers are invited to attend • **1.45-2.15pm – Ladybird Class** • **2.30p-3pm – Bee Class**
Friday 22nd	**Last Day of Term 5**
June	
Monday 1st	**Children return to school Term 6**
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)
Friday 19th	**Sports Day 9am (**choice 2 if choice 1 is cancelled**)**
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.

It was lovely to see parents and carers of our Year 2 children attend the celebration assemblies this week. The children were very proud to show you what they had been learning and it was great to see everyone getting involved. This collaborative approach boosts your child's confidence and fosters a love for learning.

The Friends of Downs View are holding a nearly new kids and baby event on Saturday in the school hall, please come along and support this. There are a number of families running their own stalls and we have also received many donations for the Friends to sell. There will be some great things to purchase. Your support as always is 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	**Albie**	For showing great focus and attention during phonics and making amazing progress in this area of his learning.
Bee	**Lottie**	For being a superstar during the mini-marathon, showing amazing determination and focus.
Ladybird	**Hunter**	Being respectful to his friends when playing a board game and remembering to take turns and share.
Ladybird	**Isabelle**	Amazing writing this week! Isabelle has used phonic knowledge to write sentences to explain how a dinosaur moves and what it likes to eat.
Turtle	**Jessamine**	Being respectful and kind to her partner in PE.
Turtle	**Harry C**	Being ready to explain his thinking when sharing his ideas.
Dolphin	**Heidi**	Being respectful by always showing kindness to her friends. Well done Heidi.
Dolphin	**William**	Being ready to learn by sharing his knowledge about Willian Harvey and his discoveries. Well done William!
Starfish	**Jason**	Being ready and safe in PE when practising tennis skills.
Starfish	**Myla**	Being ready to learn in English by thinking of her own sentence and writing it independently
Snow Leopard	**Sophia**	For showing that she is ready to learn by contributing her ideas in Maths lessons
Snow Leopard	**Willow**	For showing the key value of respect by showing kindness to her friends.

Penguin	**Kyra**	Her impressive creativity in English lessons. Kyra loves to write stories using ambitious vocabulary. Well done, Kyra!
Penguin	**Zach**	His excellent attitude to learning! Zach is always keen to try his best and challenge himself.

Weekly Class Achievements and updates

EYFS

This week we have carried on thinking about how to keep ourselves healthy following o from last week's story 'Babaoo the Alien'. We brainstormed all the things that we need to do to keep our bodies healthy, i.e. sleeping enough, eating the right foods, exercise and personal hygiene. We then had great fun participating in a science experiment to show how germs spread from one person to another. Ask your child at home what the experiment involved and encourage them to show you the correct way to wash hands to ensure germs do not spread!

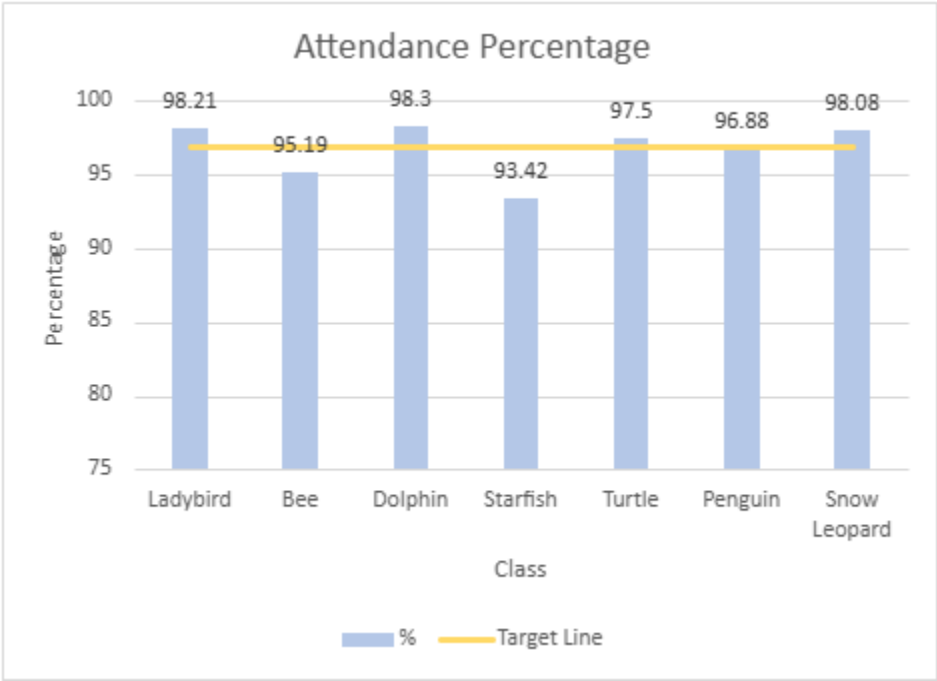
Year 1

In history we have been learning about William Harvey and how he is a significant person. Can your child tell you what he discovered?

Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed showing off our learning this week during our celebration assembly in the hall. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Attendance



Our school attendance for this week is **97.02%**, which is nearly **1% higher** than last week. This week we have **four classes** who have achieved above **97%** attendance. 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 **285** minutes of learning has been lost, this has crept up slightly from last week, let's try and reduce it next week.

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.

Healthy Lunch Box Ideas and Food Allergies

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies so would kindly request that nuts or nut products (including Nutella) are not included in any child's lunch box or healthy break time snack. The free fruit and vegetable scheme is still operating, children will be provided with a piece of fruit at break time but if you would like to provide your own snack can we please request that this is also fruit/veg. Thank you for your help with this. Below are a couple of links to help with ideas for your child's lunch box if they bring a packed lunch to school:

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#tips

https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Love-your-lunchbox_PRINT.pdf

School Shoes

Please could we ask that if your child wears shoes with laces, they are able to tie their laces independently. Staff are currently spending a significant amount of time tying shoelaces throughout the day, which can take away from supporting children's learning and activities. We appreciate your support in helping your child practise this important skill at home. If possible, children who are still learning may find velcro shoes easier for school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Term Dates 2026

Term 5 – Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May 2026
(Monday 4th May 2026 – Bank Holiday – school closed)
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)

NEARLY NEW
Kids & Baby Event

Help **raise money** for Downs View Infants school and **grab a bargain** at the same time!

Saturday 9th May
10am–1pm, 2026

Downs view infants
Ball Lane, Kennington

£1 entry fee

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO HELP!

Donate your pre-loved kids & baby clothes & toys to us... drop them into the school 4th-8th May

OR

Have your own stall & keep the profits for £10, email friendsofdownsview@gmail.com to book

We are hosting our annual **May Fayre** on **Saturday 9 May, 11am–3pm**, at our beautiful 22-acre site in West Farleigh

NEW U8s GIRLS TEAM

FOR NEXT SEASON

PILGRIMS FOOTBALL CLUB

FORMED 2007

SIMUL NOS FIRMIORES

TRAINING TO START IN MAY

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

PLEASE CONTACT DAN

RECRUITMENT@PILGRIMSFC.CO.UK

07736319151

#UpTheGrims

St Mary's Church Kennington

SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

12 - 4 pm

CAKES

HEALTH FOODS

PLANTS

KIDS GAMES AND MUCH MORE

INDEPENDENTCATERING | EDUCATERLIMITED

Around the World

GHANA

TUESDAY 19th MAY

MENU

Chicken Jollof Rice (10)

Black Eyed Bean Curry with Rice

Jacket Potato Choice of Filling

Nkate Nkwan-Inspired Sweet Potato, Spinach & Peas (10)

Strawberry Fool (9)

WE ONLY USE

FRESH UK BEEF | FRESH UK PORK | FREE RANGE EGGS | LOCAL FRUIT & VEG | WHOLEMEAL PASTA

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