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Newsletter

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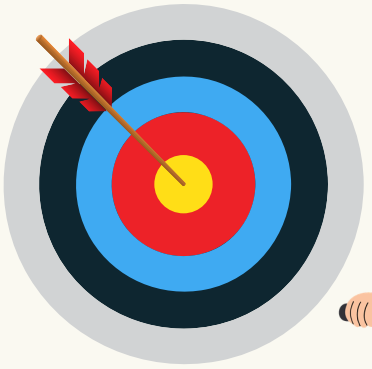
Friday 9th October 2026

Betteshanger - Year 5 Trip

As part of our PE unit exploring outdoor and adventurous activities, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to Betteshanger Park. The children took part in a range of activities, including archery, bike riding, an obstacle course and orienteering.

They put their orienteering skills from PE lessons into practice as they navigated around the park, collecting clues along the way. Our adventurous Aardvarks also tackled the bike track, confidently riding across different terrains. The children particularly enjoyed the opportunity to learn a new skill through archery.

Well done, Year 5, for showing such fantastic aspiration, enthusiasm and a willingness to try new challenges!





Key Dates - Term 1

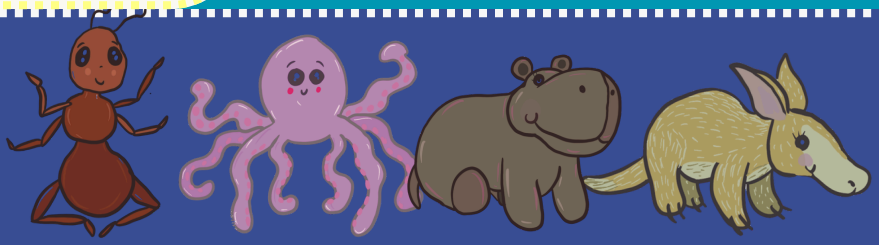
12.10.26 - Warhol Class Forest School
14.10.26 - 16.10.26 - Y6 Residential
14.10.26 - Year 4 Swimming
15.10.26 - Toddler Group
19.10.26 - O'Keeffe Class Forest School
19.10.26 - KS1 Stay & Make Harvest Crafts
20.10.26 - Y3/4 Harvest Singalong
20.10.26 - EYFS Harvest Stay & Play
21.10.26 - Y5/6 Harvest Quiz
21.10.26 - Year 4 Swimming
21.10.26 - Doodle Class Forest School
23.10.26 - LAST DAY OF TERM
02.11.26 - TERM 2 STARTS

Attendance

1st - Haring - 98.7%

2nd - Doodle - 97.2%

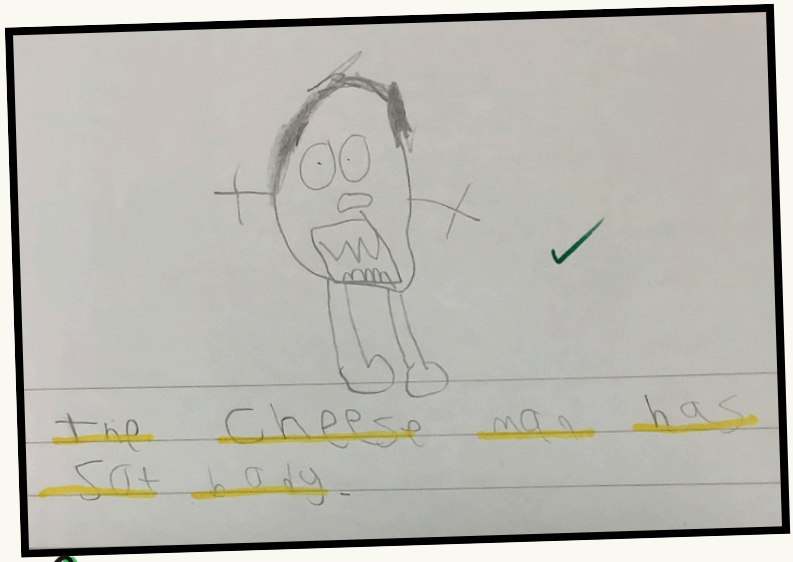
3rd - Blake - 96.3%

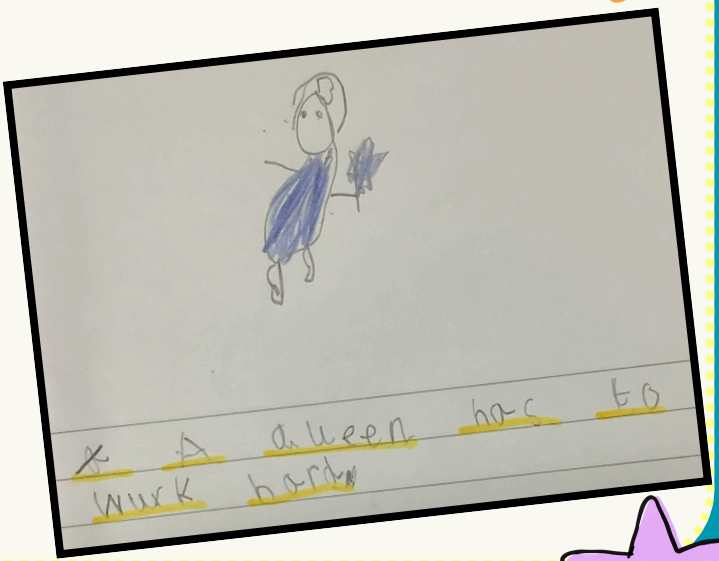


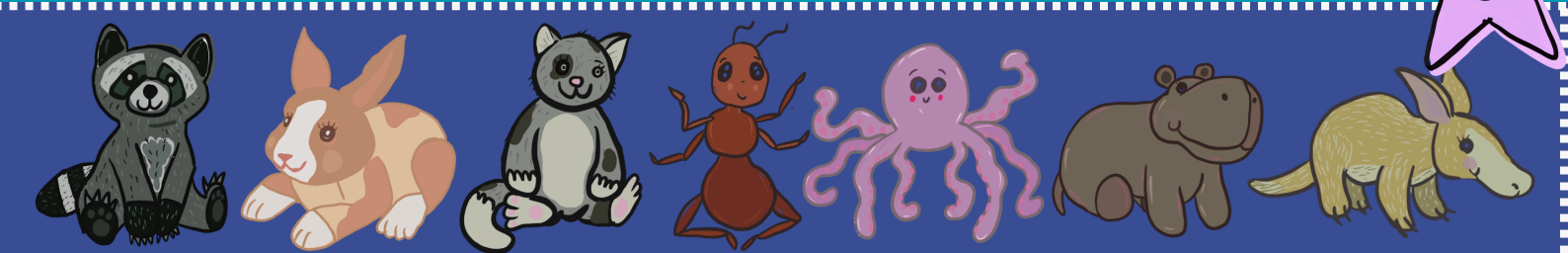
Super Writers in Year One!

This term, we have joined the world of Professor Klunk who we have been helping with our writing. Each week, he sends us a new and exciting book through the portal with a challenge. We have to invent (through drawing, junk modelling or building), write codes and send our writing back through the portal. So far, we have taught Professor Klunk how to use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, full stops at the end and finger spaces in between words. We have read and written about some incredible books including the Stinky Cheese Man, Hairy Maclairy and Open Very Carefully (which had a crocodile who escaped the book!) We have also been practising our handwriting to make sure our codes are the best they can be, and have learned about the long ladder and rubber ball families.

In Topic, we have been learning about Castles, Kings, Queens and Knights. We have been doing role play - imagining what it would be like to be one of those people, writing banquet menus, ordering Kings and Queens on a timeline and labelling the parts of a castle. We are very excited to create a museum of all our knowledge in the coming weeks!







🍂 Harvest Celebrations – Reminder & Date Change! 🍁

We are really looking forward to welcoming our families into school for our Harvest celebrations! Please see the dates and times below, including an important date change for our Year 3/4 Harvest Singalong.

Friday 16th October – Year 3/4 Harvest Singalong 🎶
9:00–9:30am – NEW DATE!

Monday 19th October – KS1 Stay & Make Harvest Crafts 🎨
2:30–3:15pm

Tuesday 20th October – EYFS Harvest Stay & Play 🍁
2:30–3:00pm

Wednesday 21st October – Year 5/6 Harvest Quiz 🧠
2:00–3:00pm

We would love for you to come along and join in the fun! These are wonderful opportunities to celebrate the season, enjoy some special time together and share in our school community.

We can't wait to see you there! 🍂

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING FOR DOVER FOODBANK.
PLEASE SEND IN DONATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD.



Online Safety: What is Discord? 🎮

Discord is a social app that allows users to chat, video call and share images in online groups called servers. It is popular with gamers, including children playing games such as Fortnite.

Discord has a minimum age requirement of 13, although the App Store rates it 17+. Users can communicate with strangers, and children may encounter inappropriate language, adult content or unfiltered voice and video chats.

Our advice to parents: Talk to your child about the apps they use, check their privacy settings and remind them never to share personal information or communicate with strangers. Make sure they know how to block and report users.

Find out more about Discord's safety features and parental controls through the Discord Family Centre.

