



DYMCHURCH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families

TERM DATES

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A big welcome back to everyone. The school has been buzzing with excitement, with staff seeing each other again and children catching up with friends. It has been lovely to see you all at the gate in the morning, and thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome.

A big welcome to Miss McGlone, who has joined Year 4. The children are really enjoying themselves with her already.

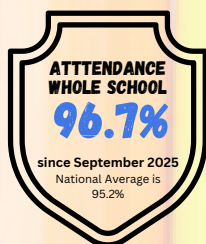
Well done to our new Reception children in Clownfish Class. They have all been absolute superstars and we are so very proud of them. They came in, got to work, made new friends and behaved beautifully. Our older children have also been wonderful in supporting them during their first few days at school. Also, well done families, it's scary for you too sending your little one's off to school - you all did amazing. We can't wait to welcome them in full time next week!

This week, the children have started work with such enthusiasm. We have seen treasure hunts as they found clues for their topic work, castles being made, amazing phonics and some beautiful handwriting. What a great start to the week!

Our brand new Government funded free breakfast club has started well. Please remember that all families are welcome to attend from 8.15am, with no fees. It is a lovely way to help get the children started for the day.

We are currently organising the upcoming dates for the year. These will be sent to you by email, available on our Facebook page and shared in next week's newsletter, so please keep your eyes peeled to mark the dates in your diary. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Wishing you a lovely weekend
Miss Simmonds and The Dymchurch Team



Click us to find out about
our school dinners and
latest menu

REMINDERS

- ✓ You can join our FoDS Team - please enquire at the school office
- ✓ You can collect a car park permit from the school office to park in the village car park
- ✓ School Dinner's should be paid for on Arbor on the day or in advance. These are priced at £3.10 per day from September 2026
- ✗ Please do not park or drop off your child on the zig zags outside of school. It is not a stopping zone.

EVENTS

Please see full diary dates at the bottom of the newsletter.

See posters below for full dates



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FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

STARTS FROM

8:15

♥ A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL DAY!



HEALTHY
BREAKFAST



TIME TO
CONNECT



READY TO
LEARN



POSITIVE START,
HAPPY DAY!



DYMCHURCH
PRIMARY SCHOOL



BEGINS SEP 2ND 2026



EVERY CHILD. EVERY MORNING.
EVERY OPPORTUNITY.



DATES FOR 2026-2027



TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

TERM 1

Start: Tuesday 1st September (INSET)
Children begin school on Wednesday 2nd September
Children finish school on Tuesday 20th October (Wed 21st, Thurs 22nd, Fri 23rd INSET DAYS)
End of Term 1: Friday 23rd October
October Holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October



TERM 2

Start: Monday 2nd November
Finish: Friday 18th December
Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027



TERM 3

Start: Monday 4th January 2027
Finish: Friday 12th February
February Holiday: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February



TERM 4

Start: Monday 22nd February
Finish: Thursday 25th March
Easter Holiday: Tuesday 30th March – Friday 9th April



TERM 5

Start: Monday 12th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May
Children finish school on Thursday 27th May
Finish: Friday 28th May (INSET)
May Holiday: Tuesday 1st June – Friday 4th June



TERM 6

Start: Monday 7th June
Finish: Wednesday 21st July



School Closed for Bank Holidays:

Friday 26th March
Monday 29th March
Monday 3rd May
Monday 31st May

School Closed for Development Days:

Monday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 21st October 2026
Thursday 22nd October 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Friday 28th May 2027



Being part of the
OCMAT Family

A parent/Carers
guide.

Dymchurch Primary School Open Days

Is your child starting Reception Class in
September 2027 or do you have a child in a different
year group and thinking of changing school?

**Dymchurch Primary School – a
seaside gem where children achieve,
succeed and grow in every way.**

Quality of Education:	Good
Behaviour and Attitudes:	Outstanding
Personal Development:	Outstanding
Leadership and Management:	Good
Early Years Provision:	Good

Open tours begin at the timings below and are available on the
following dates. No need to book an appointment.

All families welcome.

Tuesday 8 th September	9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm
Thursday 15 th October	9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 4 th November	9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm
Friday 4 th December	9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm

If you are unable to make the above dates, please contact the office
to arrange an alternative day: 01303 872377 or
office@dymchurch.kent.sch.uk



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YEAR R

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A huge welcome to Reception class 26/27! The children have had a fantastic first few days and have settled in so well to their morning routine and getting to know both staff and each other! We are so delighted to have them here at Dymchurch and can't wait for all the adventures we will have together coming up!

It has been lovely to see the children coming through the door with growing confidence each day. They have already begun to learn the class routines, explore their new environment and build special friendships with one another. There have been lots of smiles, plenty of chatting and lots of thoughtful support shown to friends and adults alike.

This first week has been all about helping everyone feel safe, happy and ready to learn. We are so proud of how the children have joined in, listened carefully and started to settle into school life. Thank you for your support at home as this has really helped make the start of their journey a smooth one.

We are very much looking forward to a year full of learning, play and exciting experiences together.

We wish you all a lovely weekend
Miss O'Neill and Miss Harding



Star of the Week: **Clownfish Class** for their super attitudes about starting school!

YEAR 1

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What a wonderful first week we have had in Year 1! I have been so incredibly impressed and proud of how well the children have settled into their new classroom and how enthusiastically they have thrown themselves into life as Year 1 pupils.

We have had a very fun and busy few days, introducing some of our new topics and routines, as well as reminding ourselves of some of the important learning from Year R. The children have approached everything with such enthusiasm and have already shown me what fantastic learners they are going to be this year!

Most importantly, it has been lovely getting to know the children. They have brought so much happiness and energy into our classroom already.

I am so proud of them all and could not have asked for a better start to the year. I cannot wait to see how much they learn, grow and achieve over the coming months – I think we are going to have a truly wonderful year together!

Thank you for all of your support in helping the children have such a positive start to Year 1.

Have a lovely Summer
Miss Maxwell and Mrs Stone



Star of the Week: **Seahorse Class** for bravely settling into year 1. You are all superstars!
Wonderful Work: **Bella** for her impressive sentence writing in English.

YEAR 2

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Welcome to Year 2! We hope you had a lovely summer. It has been a brilliant first few days settling into our new class, learning the rules and routines, taking part in lots of getting to know you activities and getting stuck into some learning.

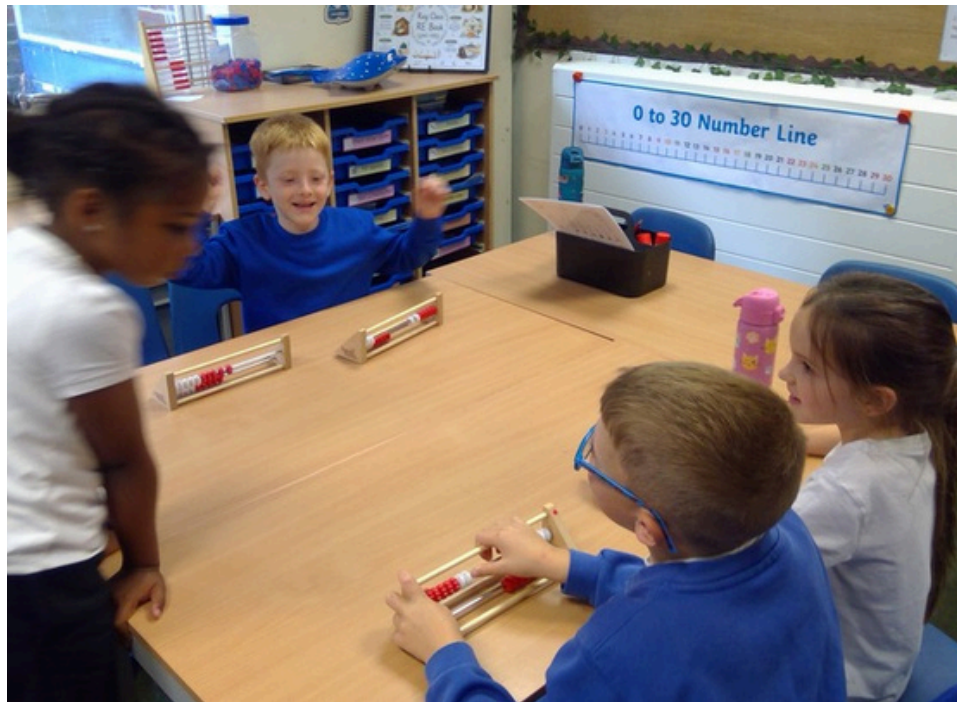
In English, we started our new text, Prince Cinders, by being detectives and investigating clues to make predictions about the story. We then compared this twisted tale to the original Cinderella.

In maths, we recapped ordering and comparing numbers to 20, ready to move on to numbers to 100 next week.

In topic, we started our new castles unit and learnt what a castle is and where castles were built. We then took part in a team challenge to build a castle, and they turned out amazing.

We also loved going into the ICT suite to complete reading quizzes and have a go on Numbots. Children have brought their Numbots logins home so they can practise at home if they wish to solidify key maths skills.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend!
Miss Lavender and Mrs Miller



Star of the Week: **Albert** for his brilliant teamwork and engineering skills when building castles!
Wonderful Work: **Gracie S** for her amazing predictions about our class text Prince Cinders.

YEAR 3

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What a fantastic first few days we have had in Shark Class! The children have settled in brilliantly and have already been working incredibly hard.

In Maths, we began our new Place Value unit by revisiting our Year 2 knowledge. We explored different ways to represent two-digit numbers before partitioning them into tens and ones. We then challenged ourselves to partition numbers flexibly, discovering the different ways we can make the same whole.

In English, we were introduced to our exciting new book, *The Secret Diary of Kitty Cask*. The children became smugglers themselves, completing an assault course to transport their contraband from France to England while avoiding the blindfolded Coast Guard blockade! We then explored a model diary entry and began identifying the features we will use in our own writing.

Our History enquiry this term is "What is smuggling and why did it happen?" We began by investigating imports, exports, contraband and taxes, before exploring the chronology of smuggling in Dymchurch.

We also enjoyed our first French lesson, learning how to greet someone politely in French. A brilliant start to Year 3!

Wishing you all a lovely Summer
Miss Rawlin and Mrs Storti-Gates



Star of the Week: Reggie for settling so well into Shark Class.
Wonderful Work: Mabel for showing such enthusiasm within her learning this week!

YEAR 4

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Hello and welcome to Turtle Class.

It has been lovely to see the class return with such enthusiasm and all are making Miss McGlone feel very welcome. We hope you enjoyed your summer break and had an opportunity to explore the local characters and events of the Doctor Syn weekend! Have they told about Miss McGlone's selfie with The Scarecrow?

This week, the Turtles have been introduced to their new topic on the local area which has included completing a book review on a story set on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, during our English lessons. As part of this, we kick started our English unit with an adventure! We came back from break and there was a clue left in our classroom! The kids were fantastic at reading and finding the clues, which eventually led us to finding our new story book for English!

In Maths, we have been reinforcing our understanding of place value; ensuring zero as a place holder is well understood and working up to 1000s. We have also been playing times tables games and using any spare time after completing tasks to keep up our TTRS.

The Turtles are looking forward to learning about the subject of Digestion in Science, having brainstormed what they know and what they would like to know about how food is digested after entering our mouths! We look forward to sharing pictures of the experiments we conduct!

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Barrett and Miss McGlone



Star of the Week: **Hallie** for being such a helpful member of the class.
Wonderful Work: **Juliet** for her impressive work in Reading this week.

YEAR 5

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We've had a great start to the new school year in Penguin class.

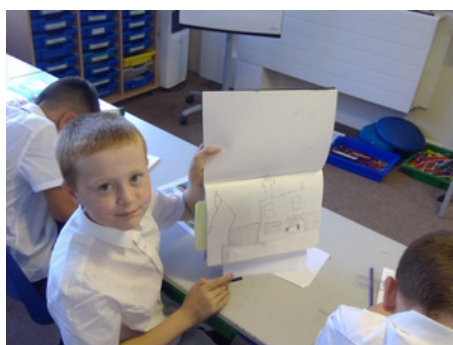
In English, we have been learning about word classes. We played some games to help us develop our understanding of nouns, adjectives and verbs. We discussed how some words can be have multiple word classes. For example, building can be a noun and a verb. Later in the week, we created some expanded noun phrases to help us write a setting description.

In maths, we have been learning about place value. The children have shown a really good understanding of this and can confidently read numbers up to 100,000. We've also been focusing on our arithmetic skills. We've been practising addition, subtraction, division and multiplication every day.

Our topic for term 1 is – Protecting the environment. We have been learning about different biomes. We looked at the climate, flora and fauna of different biomes and found out lots of interesting facts.

Later in the week, the children created some great observational drawings of different houses. We have been learning about architecture and different building techniques used across the world.

We hope you have a great weekend,
Mr Marsh and Miss Reynolds



Star of the Week: **Marshall** for showing a kind and supportive attitude towards his peers and putting in great effort in every lesson.

Wonderful Work: **Sofia J** for showing her amazing sketching skills during our art lesson.

YEAR 6

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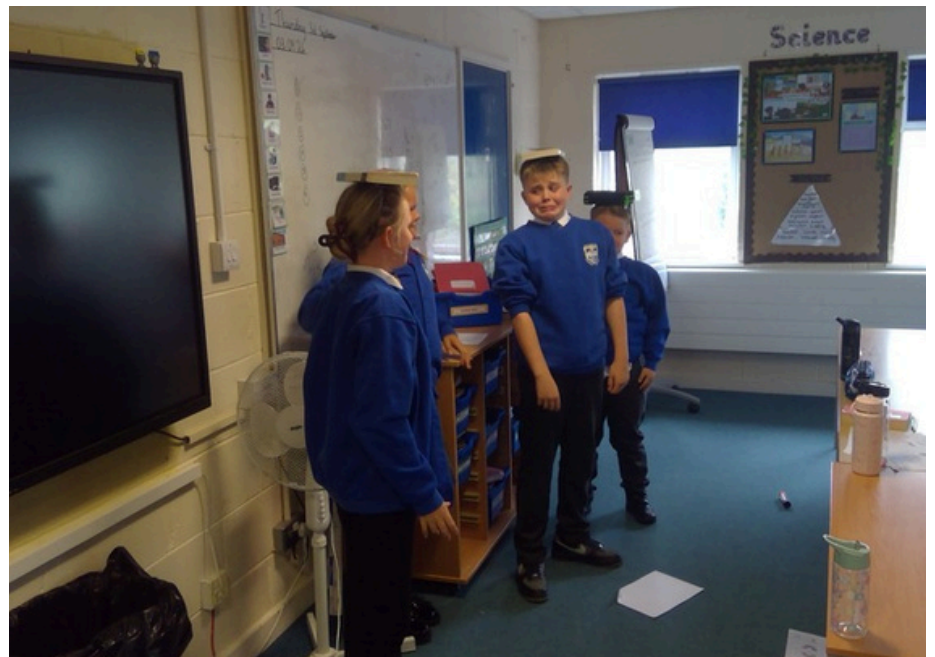
We have had an amazing first week in Orca Class!

In English, we have started our new class text, Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. This steam-punk novel is set in Victorian times, and the children have already shown great interest in the story. On Wednesday, we began by making predictions about what we thought the story might be about. On Thursday, we did role play and created 6 freeze frames to show what had happened in the book so far. Then on Friday, we analysed what a good narrative looks like, thinking carefully about the features that make writing effective. In maths, we have been working on place value. The children have been identifying the values of different digits in a 7 digit number and writing numbers up to a million in words.

In history, we started our new topic on the Victorians by looking at chronology and identifying key events from the period.

In science, we also began our topic on evolution. We looked at different fossils and discussed what they can tell us about how certain species evolved over time.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mr Plummer and Mrs Williams



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

Star of the Week: **Ollie** or a great first week at Dymchurch Primary.
Wonderful Work: **Stanley** for having such a fantastic knowledge of learning from previous years