

Newsletter - 14/05/2026

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you have had a great week! Since last writing, we have had the following successes:

- Our Year 4 children had the opportunity to visit Brands Hatch for an exciting day learning about coding, car design and track interviews! Thank you to our families for their support of this opportunity.
- Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs Tests! This is a series of government tests (Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Maths), that help assess secondary school readiness and school priorities! A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who tackled these with determination and a great attitude to learning!
- Our EYFS and KS1 children have also been taking their termly phonics assessments, which help staff to plan ahead for next steps. Well done to our youngest children for your dedication to reading!
- Our House Captains and Prefects have been supporting this term's whole-school inter-house events: cricket!

Looking ahead, our PTA are holding their disco later today, Governors are meeting to review the budget and a group of our Year 6 children are heading on their Bowles residential next week! Please also be reminded that our Exhibition Afternoon is on Wednesday 20th May, after-school.

Thank you for your continued support of our development.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is KMSAB: <https://www.kmsab.org.uk/>

The Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency partnership, consisting of statutory and voluntary partner organisations, working together to keep adults at risk of abuse or neglect safe.

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Bouchera Khatib, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Storey Class - 99.5%

Disney Class - 95.3%

Earhart Class - 99.1%

Peake Class - 96.9%

Pankhurst Class - 94.0%

Frank Class - 91.0%

Anning Class - 95.2%

Middleton Class - 95.8%

Coco Class - 95.2%

Moore Class - 94.0%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this year is 95.6%.** We aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.*

Key Dates

Term Dates

Term 5: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

Inset Days

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Exhibition Afternoons

Wednesday 20th May 2026, from 3:20pm - 4:00pm

Parents Coffee Mornings

Mrs Khatib will be hosting Parent Coffee mornings which will run from 9:00am to 10:30am on the following dates:-

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Tuesday 7th July 2026.

PTA Events

Thursday 14th May - School disco

Friday 5th June - Colour Run

Sports Day

Wednesday 1st July

Notices

SWIMMING

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term 5 – Pankhurst

Term 6 – Frank

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

PAYMENT FOR CLUBS

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.

PARKING - IMPORTANT

We have noticed an increase of parents attempting to/parking on site, especially when the weather is bad. Please can we remind you of the below.

- Parking within the school grounds is not permitted at drop off or collection time unless it is for exceptional circumstances
- When parking around the school you must park considerately, not blocking pedestrian access, driveways etc
- Animals are not allowed on the school site at any time
- Please refrain from turning in the entrance

PICK UP

Can we please remind blue badge holders that they are only allowed entry into the car park from 3:20pm. Pedestrians should also remain on the pathways at drop off and collection

WEATHER

With the changeable weather we are currently experiencing, please ensure that your children come to school dressed appropriately. This may include bringing layers or waterproof coats.

PTA UPDATE

Colour Run – Friday 5th June

The PTA is excited to be hosting the return of the much-loved Colour Run on **Friday 5th June 2026**. Following last year's success, we're looking forward to another fun-filled, vibrant event for the whole school community.

In advance of the run, children are invited to take part in a special **medal design competition**, giving them the chance to see their artwork brought to life and worn by all participants on the day.

To make the event a success, we will need a number of volunteers to support with set-up, the main event and tidy-up. Whether you can give a little time or stay for longer, every contribution makes a big difference.

Please see the attached posters (which will also be appearing on WhatsApp class groups) for full details on how to get involved and competition entry information.



COLOUR RUN 2026 MEDAL DESIGN COMPETITION

CALLING ALL CREATIVE SUPERSTARS!

LAST YEAR'S COLOUR RUN WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, AND THIS JUNE, WE'RE BRINGING IT BACK - BIGGER, BRIGHTER AND EVEN MORE COLOURFUL. BUT THIS TIME, WE WANT YOU TO DESIGN THE OFFICIAL MEDAL THAT EVERY RUNNER WILL RECEIVE!

HOW TO ENTER:

CREATE YOUR OWN MEDAL DESIGN - BOLD FUN, COLOURFUL
AND FULL OF ENERGY

HAND YOUR ENTRY AND £1 INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026

THE WINNING ARTWORK WILL BE TURNED INTO THE REAL MEDAL GIVEN TO EVERY PARTICIPANT AT THE COLOUR RUN. IMAGINE HUNDREDS OF RUNNERS WEARING YOUR CREATION!

GET CREATIVE. GET COLOURFUL. GET DESIGNING!

COLOUR RUN 2026 VOLUNTEERS

WE'RE EXCITED TO BE PLANNING A COLOUR RUN AT THE SCHOOL THIS JUNE, AND WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A FANTASTIC EVENT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER—WHETHER IT'S HELPING SET UP, HANDING OUT COLOURS, SUPPORTING ON THE COURSE, OR ASSISTING WITH TIDY-UP AFTERWARDS WE'D BE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL - HERE ARE THE SLOTS WE NEED HELP TO FILL ON THE DAY, IF YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR ANY, PLEASE DO LET A MEMBER OF THE PTA KNOW

9-12 SET UP

12-3 SET UP

3-5 MAIN EVENT

5-7 TIDY UP

9-7 ALL DAY

EVENTS LIKE THIS SIMPLY WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR AMAZING PARENTS, CARERS, AND COMMUNITY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED, PLEASE LET US KNOW. EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE CAN'T WAIT TO BRING THIS COLOURFUL EVENT TO LIFE!

Awards

Numbots Champions

Storey Class -

Disney Class - Robyn

Earhart Class - Rhiaan, Barnaby, Oliver

Peake Class - Iris, Chloe, Lara

Pankhurst Class - Theodore, Hudson, Karter

Frank Class - Edison, Juno, Fenton

Anning Class - Lydia, William, Rory

Middleton Class - Sophia, Harry, Olivia

Coco Class - Robert, Rudy, Lucienne

Moore Class - Sienna, Elliot, Maisie

Times Tables Rock Stars Champions

Storey Class -

Disney Class -

Earhart Class - Brody, Dougie, Oliver

Peake Class - Chloe, Iris, Elliott

Pankhurst Class - Alina, Jenson, Karter

Frank Class - Jacob, Emily, Edison

Anning Class - Belle, William, Edie

Middleton Class - Jude, Harry, Owen

Coco Class - Jessica, Rudy, Lucienne

Moore Class - Poppy, Marguerite, Arissa

Achievement Awards

Storey Class - Maxwell

Disney Class - Frankie

Earhart Class - Isla-Savannah

Peake Class - Leo

Pankhurst Class - Aston

Frank Class - Florence

Anning Class -

Middleton Class - Ralphy

Coco Class - Charlie

Moore Class - Kaya & Haris

Skills Academy - George Gir

MDS - Alba & Ava

[House Points](#)

Knole - 323

Chartwell - 432

Penshurst - 400

Ightham - 457





