

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newsletter 06.11.2026

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back following half term, and what a fantastic week of learning it has been! Across the school, we have seen some incredible writing, with children demonstrating creativity, imagination and a real commitment to producing their very best work.

Our classrooms have also been bursting with artistic talent! Year 3 have been exploring the art of printing, while Year 4 have been creating beautiful paintings inspired by the wonderful Georgia O'Keeffe. Alongside this, there has been some amazing Design and Technology taking place, with Year 5 showing great thought and commitment to sustainability through their creative use of recycled denim.

It is always lovely to see our children embracing such a wide range of learning experiences, developing new skills and taking pride in their achievements. A wonderful start to the second half of the term!

Have a brilliant weekend,

Mrs Parkes
Headteacher

Kents Hill Highlights



Year 3

Happy first week back! This week, year 3 have been looking at printmaking in art. The children have been using a range of different material to create different style prints.



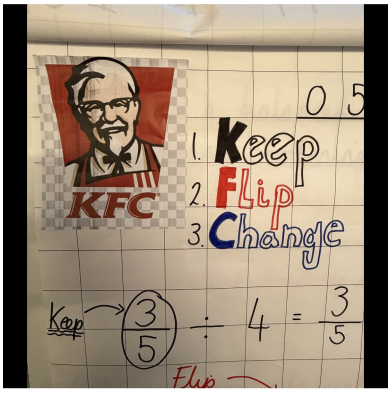
Year 4

In Art this week, Year 4 took inspiration from the beautiful floral paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe. The children created their own enlarged flower paintings, carefully observing the intricate details, shapes and colours of the petals. They explored how zooming in on a flower can transform it into a striking piece of artwork. We were so impressed with their creativity and attention to detail!



Year 5

Year 5 have been focusing in the poem The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes in their writing classes. They began the week by analysing the different features that the poet used and finished the week creating their own stanza to carry on Noyes's poem. We have seen some fantastic poetry this week, well done Year 5!



Year 6

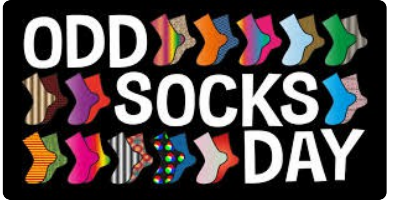
Year 6 have been working hard dividing fractions by an integer. We used the Keep, Flip, Change method (KFC) to solve our fractions problems. Pupils have been answering a wide range of arithmetic and reasoning questions to help prepare us for real life problem-solving.

Be Ready

Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

Don't forget that Monday 16th November is Odd Socks Day!

School uniform to be worn with odd socks to join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.



Be Safe

Change of Weather: Change of Shoes & Raincoats

As the weather is slowly changing, can we please ask that children are sent to school with raincoats and wellie boots, or a change of shoes (not football boots).
Can you please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child(rens) names.

Be Respectful

Considerate parking

Please may we ask that all of our parents and carers park considerately around the local area. We have been contacted by some local residents who have mentioned that their driveways have been blocked or cars have been parked in dangerous locations making it unsafe for people to cross safely. This has caused some residents to miss medical appointments as a result of this.
Thank you for your understanding.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Please be advised that we will be selling the Remembrance Poppies at school. They will be available until Wednesday 11th November for the pupils to purchase for a small donation.



We will also be selling some of The Royal British Legion stationery, comprising of pencils, key rings and wristbands for pupils to purchase as well. The prices of these will range from 50p - £1 each and will be sold during breaktimes

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Information

Game donations for Breakfast & After School Club

We would be very grateful for donations of any old board games (complete) and toys for our Breakfast & After School Club facilities. If you have any that you would like to donate, please bring them in via the school office. Thank you.

Be Bright Non Uniform Day – Friday 20th November

It is Road Safety Week during the week of 16th November and we will be having a 'Be Bright' non-uniform day on **Friday 20th November**. We would be grateful if the children could come in on this day and wear something bright, reflective or particularly eye catching.

Any donation of spare change will be gratefully received and will go to the road safety charity – 'Brake'.

In order to help your child be more visible in the dark evenings we will also be selling various reflective and luminous items for the children to purchase during that week. They will be priced between £1 and £2 and will be sold during breaktimes.



Some ideas of what we will be selling!



These are all bright and reflective!

Key Dates

Year 3 Campfire Evening - Monday 9th November @ 4pm - 5pm
Year 3/4 Girls Football match @ home vs Edward Francis Primary School - Tuesday 10th November 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Year 5/6 Girls Southend United tournament - Thursday 12th November
Year 6 Mock SATs Week - W/C 16th November
Antibullying week - W/C 16th November
Road Safety Week - W/C 16th November
Odd Socks Day (to be worn with school uniform) - Monday 16th November
Year 5 DT day - Monday 16th November
Class 5MR Road Safety session - Tuesday 17th November (AM)
Class 5NA Road Safety session - Tuesday 17th November (PM)
Class 5ML Road Safety session - Wednesday 18th November (AM)
Parent/Carer 'Book Look' - Wednesday 18th November (3:20pm - 3:50pm
Year 3/4 Boys Football match (away) vs Jotmans Primary School - Wednesday 18th November 3:20pm - 4:20pm
Be Bright Non Uniform day - Friday 20th November
Year 6 Portals to Past WW2 Workshop - Monday 23rd November
Year 4 Portals to Past Saxons Workshop - Tuesday 24th November
Year 3 Portals to Past Stone Age Workshop - Wednesday 25th November
Year 5 Portals to Past Greeks Workshop - Thursday 26th November

Year 5/6 Boys Southend United tournament - Thursday 26th November

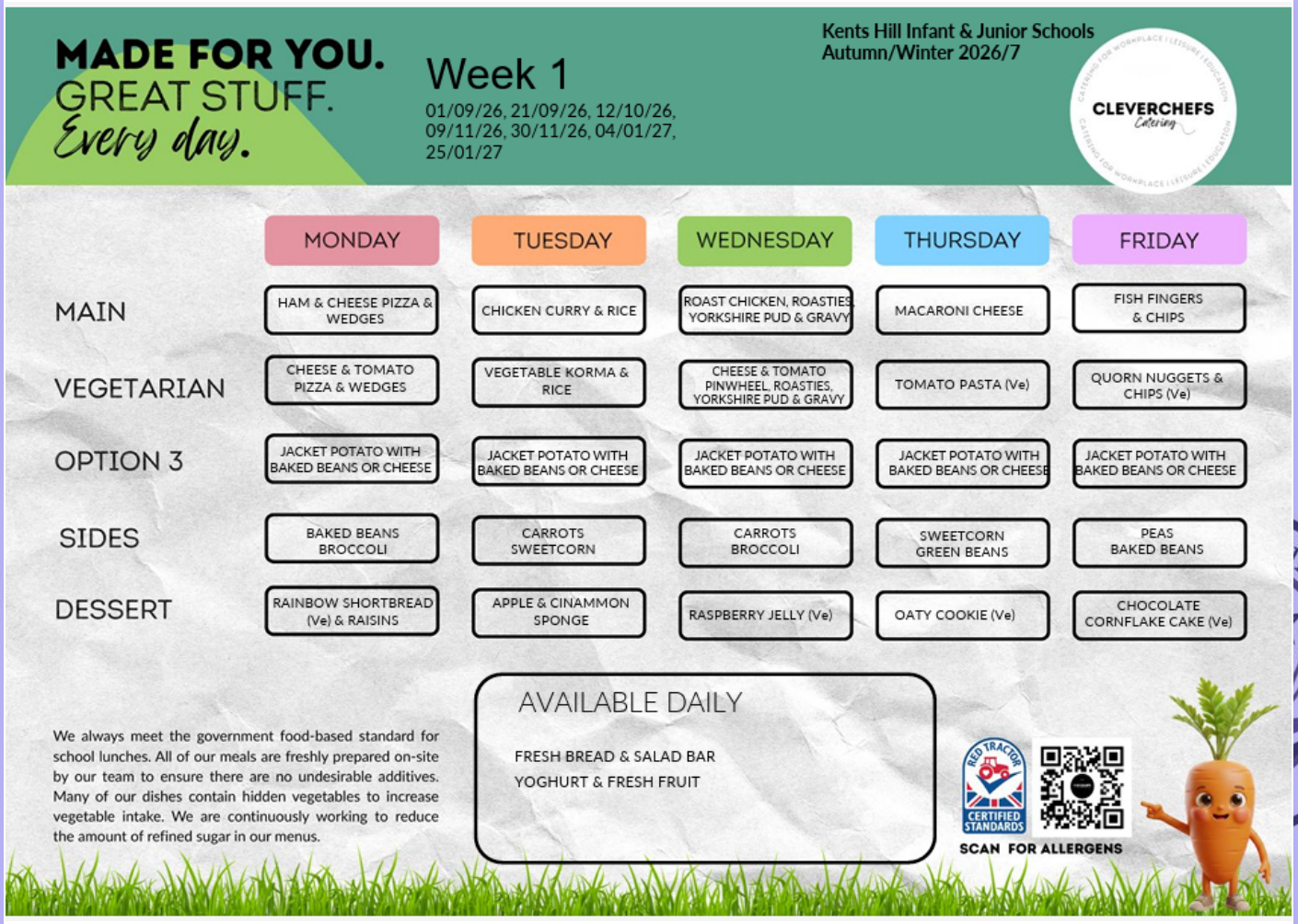
Attendance

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

5MR	99%
3LP	98%
4RE	98%
6JC	98%
3LJ	97%
4AB	97%
4TA	97%
5NA	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
6CA	96%
6HC	96%
5ML	95%
3MM	93%

Menu

The school menu for next week will be Week 1 from the Autumn/Winter 2026 menu. A copy of the menu can be found on our website: https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/



Class Dojo

The following pupils have received the most points in their class this week for being Ready, Respectful and Safe and being Successful, Creative and Kind.



- 3LJ - Ailey H
- 3LP - Zachary W
- 3MM - Rose Leggatt
- 4AB - Charlotte B
- 4RE - Arlo A
- 4TA - Chloe A
- 5ML - Tommy M
- 5MR - Scarlett S
- 5NA - Freddie P
- 6CA - Jake D
- 6HC - Jack A
- 6JC - Amy S


ACL
Family Learning
Assertive Parenting
Parent with confidence and consistency
Promote cooperation and independence
Build positive family relationships
Details
10 Nov 2026
6.30-8.30pm
3 weeks
Free
Location: Online Live. Join from the comfort of your own home!
Visit aclessex.com and search 'assertive parenting' or give us a call on 0345 603 7635.
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service
BARNARDO'S
ACL
Essex County Council


Are your details up to date?
Have you changed your mobile telephone number?
Have you changed your email address?
Have you moved and your address has changed?
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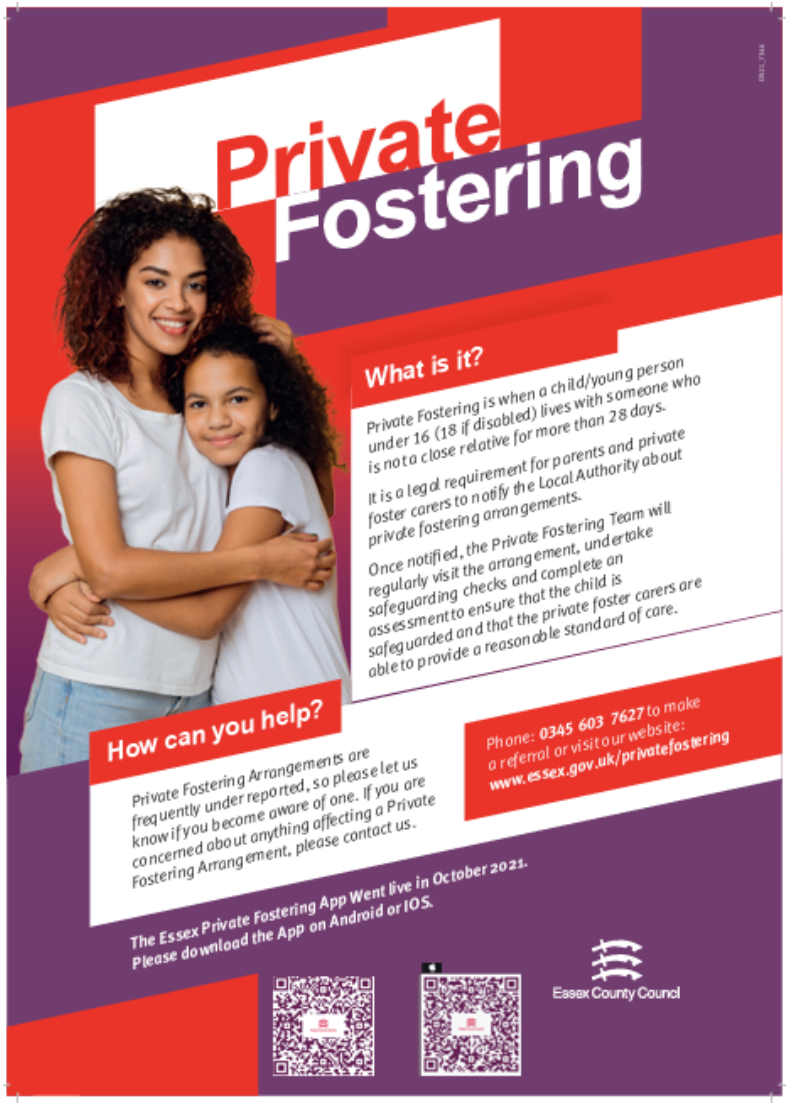

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