



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, it is hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by. It has certainly been a busy one, filled with so many memorable moments, achievements and opportunities for our children.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, I wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and carers. This has been my first year as Headteacher at Cliffe Woods Primary School, and I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by our school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our wonderful children and families, and it has been a privilege to lead such a fantastic school.

I would also like to thank everyone who has taken the time to share feedback with us throughout the year, whether through surveys, conversations or emails. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are greatly appreciated. We have achieved a great deal together this year, but I know there is always more we can do. Listening to our community is an important part of our journey, and we will continue to reflect on your feedback as we strive to make Cliffe Woods Primary School the very best it can be.

A huge thank you must go to our incredible staff. Their dedication, care and commitment to providing the very best opportunities for every child is something I see every single day. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year and I am extremely grateful for everything they do. I would also like to thank our amazing children, who continue to make us proud through their enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and willingness to embrace every opportunity.





Cliffe Woods Primary School

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To our Year 6 pupils and their families, we wish you every success as you move on to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved during your time at Cliffe Woods Primary School and know you will go on to do wonderful things. Please remember that you will always be part of the Cliffe Woods family, and we hope you look back on your time here with many happy memories.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year.

A reminder that school closes at 2.00pm on Tuesday 21st July. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Mr Bernard – Headteacher

July



Farewell and Good Luck.

As we come to the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to two valued members of our staff team.

Mrs Brown will be leaving Cliffe Woods Primary School to take on a new role within another school. We would like to thank Mrs Brown for all of her hard work, care and commitment during her time with us. We wish her every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter of her career.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Harrison (Mrs H). We are incredibly grateful for the support, kindness and dedication she has shown to our children and school community. Mrs H has made a positive difference to so many children during her time with us, and she will be greatly missed.

On behalf of everyone at Cliffe Woods Primary School, we would like to thank both Mrs Brown and Mrs Harrison for everything they have contributed to our school. We wish them both every success and happiness for the future.



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Year R

It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by! Since starting at Cliffe Woods Primary School in September, the children in Duckling and Puggle Classes have grown so much in confidence and independence and have made fantastic progress in so many areas of their learning. They have learnt to read and write, developed their mathematical understanding, become curious learners and most importantly, built some wonderful friendships. It has been a real pleasure to watch them grow into happy and confident members of our school community.

We have made so many special memories together this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed our school trip to the Rare Breeds Centre, loved our music lessons with Kelly from Mini Maestros, enjoyed Woodland Adventure sessions and had great fun posting their letters at the local postbox. Our final term has been especially busy, with highlights including our class assemblies, World Cup Day, Festival of Sport, transition activities and lots of exciting learning both inside and outside the classroom. We are so proud of every single child and wish them all the very best as they begin their next adventure in Year 1. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to hearing all about your new adventures in September!



Year R



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic and busy Term 6! We were incredibly proud of the children for completing their Phonics Screening Check after working so hard throughout the year to develop their phonics knowledge and reading skills, showcasing the fantastic progress they have made.

In History, we explored the Plague and learned about how it spread, how people tried to prevent it and the impact it had on people's lives. We enjoyed comparing life during the Plague with our previous learning about the Great Fire of London, making thoughtful connections between these significant events and considering how they changed London forever.

In Geography, we continued our learning about Australia and loved discovering the unique landscapes and famous landmarks. We were fascinated by the Australian Outback and learned about iconic places such as Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef. The children were amazed to discover that the Great Barrier Reef is so enormous that it can even be seen from space!

One of the highlights of the term was our exciting visit to Tyland Barn, where we brought our Science learning about living things and their habitats to life. The children had great fun minibeast hunting, pond dipping and discovering the amazing wildlife around them. It has been a fantastic way to end a successful year!



Year 1



Year 2

What an incredible year it has been in Year 2! It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence, independence and resilience and they have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination.

We began the year with a fantastic Christmas production, where every child shone on stage and helped make the performance such a success. Both classes delivered brilliant class assemblies, confidently sharing their learning and impressing everyone with their hard work. One of the highlights of the year was our visit to Howletts Zoo, where the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and represented the school wonderfully – despite it being one of the hottest days of the year!

The children have enjoyed an exciting and varied curriculum, learning about a range of fascinating historical events and significant people. They explored the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, discovered how the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London changed Britain forever, learnt about the incredible achievement of the Moon Landing and found out about the lives and impact of Queen Victoria and Emily Davison. In Geography, they have developed their understanding of the UK and Australia, comparing the two countries and learning about their capital cities and key geographical features. They also took part in an important road safety workshop, helping them to stay safe both in and out of school.

Creativity has flourished throughout the year, with the children producing some fantastic pieces of artwork and showing great imagination and skill in Design and Technology projects. In English, they have become increasingly confident readers and writers, producing some wonderful pieces of work across a range of genres. In Maths, they have tackled new concepts with determination, building their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills and it has been wonderful to see the progress they have made.

Above all, Year 2 has been filled with laughter, kindness, memorable experiences and lots of learning. The children have supported one another, celebrated each other's successes and risen to every challenge that has come their way. It has been a joy to teach them, and we hope they look back on Year 2 with happy memories. We know they are ready for the next chapter and have no doubt that they will continue to thrive in Year 3. We wish them all the very best for the exciting year ahead!

Year 2



Year 3

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate everything the children have achieved. It has been a busy, exciting and memorable eleven months, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and kindness the children have shown throughout the year.

One of the highlights of this year was our wonderful Musical Extravaganza. The children performed with confidence, enthusiasm and great energy, showcasing all of the hard work they had put into learning their songs. It was a fantastic celebration of music, and we were delighted to see so many families supporting the event.

In Science, we became curious investigators, carrying out a range of exciting experiments. We explored how sound travels by investigating moths and bats, discovering how bats use echolocation to hunt in the dark. We also investigated shadows, observing how they change throughout the day as the position of the Sun changes.

Our learning about the digestive system helped us understand the incredible journey food takes through our bodies, and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in practical activities to bring this topic to life.



Year 3

Our biggest adventure was undoubtedly our visit to Wingham Wildlife Park. The children had an unforgettable day exploring the park and learning about a wide variety of amazing animals. We discovered the fascinating fact that birds are the closest living relatives of dinosaurs, making links to our learning about prehistoric life. During our visit, we saw magnificent giraffes, playful red pandas, spectacled crocodiles, fascinating reptiles, chimpanzees, a powerful jaguar, a beautiful caracal and many other incredible animals. The children's curiosity, excellent behaviour and thoughtful questions made us extremely proud.

As the year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout Year 3. Your encouragement has played an important part in the children's success. We hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday, and we wish all of our Year 3 children the very best as they move on to Year 4. We know they will continue to work hard, embrace new challenges and achieve great things.

Have a fantastic summer and thank you for being part of such a wonderful year!



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed a fantastic year of learning and collaborative experiences. Our class assemblies were our first opportunity to work together to produce a performance for our parents. Shark Class took part in Geography fieldwork on the Isle of Grain and presented their findings to Dolphin Class. We were all inspired by our November trip to the Royal Ballet to see The Nutcracker and later created fantastic DT set designs influenced by the performance. We also visited the Whales exhibition at Rochester Cathedral and learned about the extraordinary world of whales.

In English, we loved exploring The Legend of Podkin One-Ear, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, and our trip to the Warner Brothers Studio Tour in May captured all the magic of the book and film. Our Year 4 Extravaganza allowed us to showcase our creative talents while consolidating our Geography learning about Europe.

We worked hard all year on our times tables, culminating in the MTC in June - we are all now times tables champions. Together, we have travelled across time, around the world and into magical lands; designed and created guitars, potions and chocolates and artworks influenced by famous artists and taken part in team sports activities. It has been a fantastic year of growth and progress and every Year 4 pupil should feel proud.

Year 4



Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic year filled with memorable experiences and exciting learning opportunities. One of the highlights was our incredible Archibald's War production, where the children amazed everyone with their acting, singing and confidence on stage.

Our World War II topic was a real favourite, bringing history to life through fascinating lessons and our visit to the the Guildhall Museum, where we even saw real bombs that had been dropped in Rochester during the war. We also loved celebrating VE Day, with the children coming to school dressed in wartime-themed outfits, baking their own delicious scones and enjoying a traditional VE Day street party together.

In Design and Technology, the children thoroughly enjoyed making delicious rocky road, while our visit to Pizza Express gave everyone the chance to create their very own pizzas. Recently, we also took part in an inspiring Careers Fair, where the children enjoyed learning about a wide range of future careers and asking lots of thoughtful questions.

It has been a year full of memorable experiences and valuable learning opportunities and we wish the children all the very best as they move on to Year 6.



Year 5



Year 6

What an incredible term it has been for our Year 6 children! As we approach the end of their primary school journey, we could not be prouder of everything they have achieved and the enthusiasm, resilience and positivity they have shown throughout.

One of the highlights of the term has undoubtedly been the children's fantastic production of Oliver! They have thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsal process and worked tirelessly to learn lines, songs and choreography. Their confidence, teamwork and dedication shone through in every performance, and we are incredibly proud of the amazing show they delivered this week.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to David from the Escape Room, who visited the school and provided all of our children with the opportunity to take part in this exciting challenge. The children loved working together to solve clues and puzzles, demonstrating excellent communication, problem-solving and teamwork skills.

The Year 6 water fight was another memorable event! With the glorious weather on our side, the children fully embraced the occasion and had an absolute blast. It was wonderful to see so much laughter, fun and friendly competition as they enjoyed one of their final Year 6 traditions together.

We would also like to congratulate the children on creating our fantastic new den-building area. Using many of the skills they developed during their Bushcraft residential, they worked collaboratively to design and build an exciting space for play and exploration. This area is just the beginning of something truly special and will be enjoyed by many children for years to come.

A huge congratulations must also go to our children for their outstanding achievement in winning the Mini Youth Games (MYG) competition overall this year. This is the first time our school has achieved this remarkable success, making it an especially proud moment for everyone involved. The determination, teamwork and sporting spirit displayed by all participants have been exceptional.



Year 6

Our recent visit to Rochester Cathedral was a fitting way to celebrate the achievements of schools across the Trust. The children's behaviour, respect and maturity were a real credit to themselves, their families and our school.

Finally, as a Year 6 team, we would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your incredible support throughout the year. Your encouragement, kindness and partnership have been invaluable. It has been a privilege to work with such a wonderful group of children, and while we are excited to see them begin the next chapter of their education, we are truly going to miss them. They have been an exceptional year group, and we know they will continue to achieve great things in the future.

We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school.



Sport

We usually share our sporting success in a separate letter, but we are incredibly proud to celebrate an outstanding achievement for Cliffe Woods Primary School. This year, Cliffe Woods Primary School were crowned the Overall Winners of the **Medway Mini Youth Games**

Across the year, our pupils have represented the school with fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship in a wide range of sporting events. Their commitment and enthusiasm have led to this incredible achievement, making us the highest-performing primary school across the competition.

This success is a testament not only to the talent and dedication of our children, but also to the encouragement and support they receive from staff and families. A huge congratulations to every pupil who represented the school this year—you have all played your part in this fantastic achievement.

Finally, a very special thank you to Mrs Pare, Mrs Watson and Mrs Weir for their dedication, organisation and commitment to school sport throughout the year. Your hard work has provided so many opportunities for our children and has helped make this success possible. You have truly made us all proud!



Year 6 Trust Leaver's Concert

On Monday 13th July, our Year 6 children attended the Aletheia Academies Trust Year 6 Leavers' Service at Rochester Cathedral, alongside pupils from all of the Trust's primary schools. It was a wonderful occasion, providing an opportunity for the children to reflect on their primary school journey and celebrate this important milestone before they move on to secondary school.

We were incredibly proud of Monty, Willow C, Lorelei and Hattie, who all had special roles within the service. They represented Cliffe Woods Primary School with confidence, maturity and pride, and were a real credit to our school. Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their excellent behaviour throughout the event.

Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge 2026, delivered in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK, is almost here! Launching in June in Scotland and July in England and Wales, the Challenge invites children to embark on an exciting reading journey, either through their local library or online. This year's theme, Read to the Beat!, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. This year's Challenge is brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge collection features 55 captivating titles for different reading levels, spanning early readers, and middle grade titles, as well as dyslexia-friendly titles. With a rich mix of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and graphic novels, the collection has been carefully curated to get young readers tapping their feet and turning pages. The books will be available to borrow for free from public libraries.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/read-to-the-beat-2026-book-collection/#:~:text=The%20Challenge%20is%20supported%20by,by%20Kael%20Tudor%2C%20Put%20Your>

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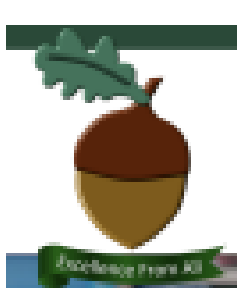
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Introducing: **PianoFunClub**

At **Cliffe Woods Primary School** we believe that every child should have the opportunity to play music.

We would like to offer your child the chance to learn a musical instrument during school hours. Lessons are open to all children and will be arranged by PianoFunClub.

Piano will be taught by visiting professional tutors with all teaching material provided.

Each pupil will receive 10 lessons per term - lessons are booked in and paid for at the beginning of every new term.

(By special arrangement fees can be paid in full for the year in advance, or by half-termly instalments upon request.)

The tutors collect children from their classroom for their lessons.

Instruments for school lessons will be provided by PianoFunClub

(You will have the opportunity to have an instrument to keep at home for a £50.00 deposit)

Stage 1: Weekly 20-minute paired lesson – £9 per lesson (10 lessons Per Term)

Stage 2: Weekly 20-minute individual lesson – £18 per lesson (10 lessons Per Term)

Stage 3: Weekly 30-minute individual lesson – £27 per lesson (10 lessons Per Term)

BOOKING PROCESS:

If you are keen, please fill in this form from our website to apply:

<https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/parent-page>

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Dates for the Diary_

Please take a careful look at the following dates, all of which can be found on the Events Calendar on the school website, and make a note of any that may affect your child.

Date

Event

Monday 20th July

Year 6 Leavers Disco – Arrive from 5.45pm

Tuesday 21st July

10am – 11am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Last day of term – School will finish at 2pm

Tuesday 1st &

Thursday 2nd Sept

Staff development days (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 3rd Sept

Start of Term 1

Monday 14th Sept

Year 5 swimming starts

Tuesday 15th &

Wednesday 16th Sept

Medway Tests

Monday 21st Sept

11.30am – New Year R parent lunch

Tuesday 22nd Sept

Drop in sessions for parents

Friday 25th Sept

Staff development day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 1st Oct

2.45pm – Phonics talk for Year 1 parents

Monday 5th Oct

Year R – 6 Flu Vaccinations

