



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025



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Friday 4th April 2025  
End of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April  
Term 5 Begins

Monday 5th May  
Bank Holiday  
School Closed

Tuesday 6th May  
Dover Castle Trip  
Year 4

Monday - Thursday  
12th-15th May  
(8am Breakfast)  
KS2 SATs Week

Friday 23rd May  
End of Term 5

Monday 2nd June  
Term 6 Begins

Wednesday 4th June  
Harry Potter World Trip  
Year 3

Wednesday 11th June  
School Photographer  
Class Photos

Monday 23rd June  
Year 6 PGL Trip

Would you be willing to talk to our pupils about your job?

If so, please complete the form below if you are interested in helping out with our careers learning during Term 6:

[Careers Topic Term 6](#)



Guitar Tuition  
Available in school on a 1-1 basis

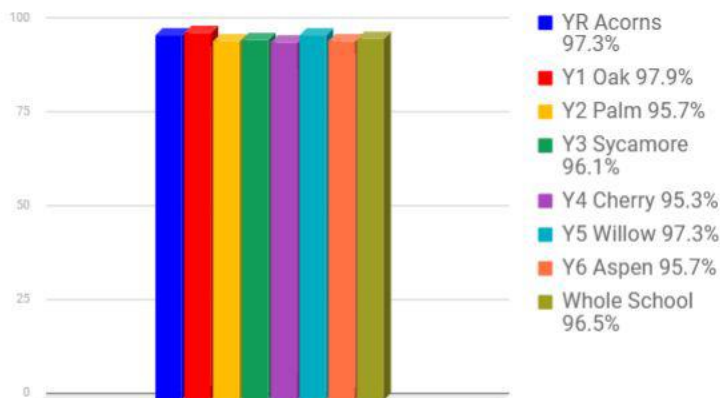
Contact Chris - 07940 046124 or  
[Downschris6@aol.com](mailto:Downschris6@aol.com)

## Attendance Class Awards

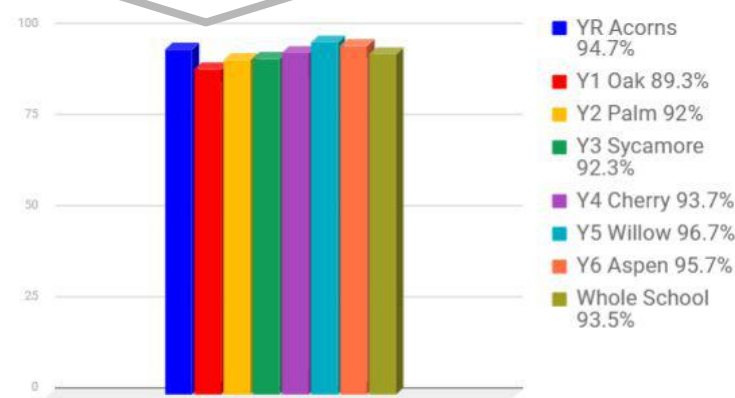


W/C 24.03.25  
KS1 - Oak  
KS2 - Aspen

W/C 31.03.25  
KS1 - Acorns  
KS2 - Willow



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 24.03.25



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 31.03.25

# FIRP's Easter Fun!

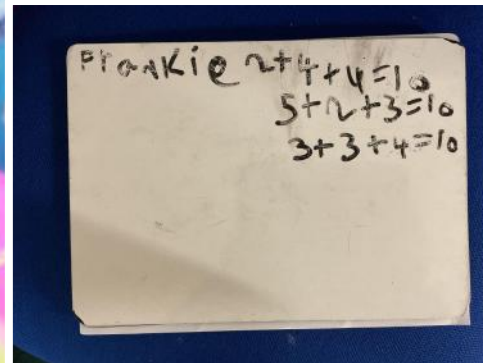
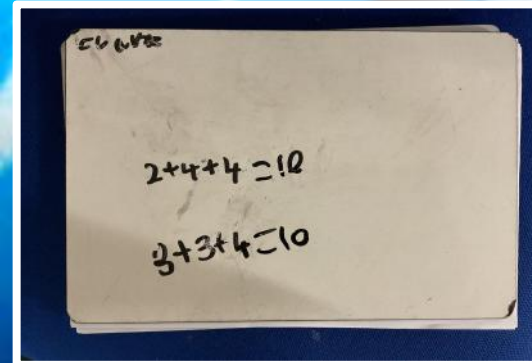
Thank you so much to our wonderful FIRPS Team for all their hard work in organising the Easter activities for the children, they had great time!



# ACORNS



The children have had a busy couple of weeks in Maths. We started by using Numicon to help us find 3 numbers that add to 10. Then we moved on to learning about 3D shapes and the 2D footprints that they leave. Then we built towers using the shapes thinking about the order we need to stack them so they don't fall over.



We carried on our maths learning into our Continuous Provision and built our own towers in the small construction zone.







Oak Class has been having a fantastic time measuring. The children have been enthusiastically using scales, discovering the differences between heavy and light objects. They have also explored volume and capacity, filling up containers and comparing how much they can hold!

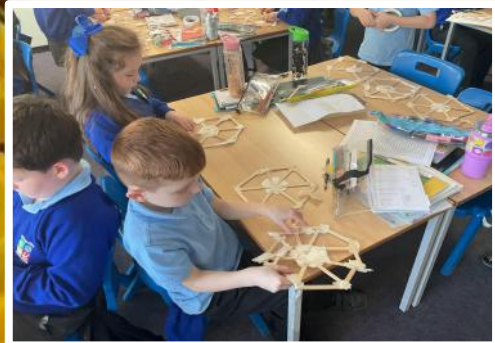
In science, they have been learning about the importance of bird feeders! They then designed and made their own, which they're excited to hang outside!



From maps and compasses to safe road crossings, Oak Class has been on a geographical adventure! They've learned how to navigate with a compass and read maps, and then, with Mr. Loe's guidance, mastered the Green Cross Code, making sure they can cross roads safely and confidently.. Which they did do!



# Palm



Palm class has had another fantastic few weeks. They've written a narrative opening and an information text based on our reading book 'The Hodgehog' in English. In maths they've been learning about mass, capacity and temperature and in DT they've made a prototype ferris wheel and are finishing their final version this week.



# Palm



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# Judo

Judo Club is going really well. The children are thoroughly enjoying learning new techniques while throwing their partners.

Four of our older students were recently graded and achieved their Yellow Belts. Well done for your hard work!



# Sycamore



Sycamore Class have had a great couple of weeks. In English they finished writing a character description of Mr Willy Wonka and had a brilliant time watching the film Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as well as making their own chocolate factory out of sweets and chocolate as part of their Superclass. In Maths they have finished a unit on mass (g, kg) and capacity (ml, L) and have just started to look at the second unit on fractions. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Romans in History and learning about light including shadows and being safe in the sun in science. Within Art they finished making their cave walls and were excited to take them home.



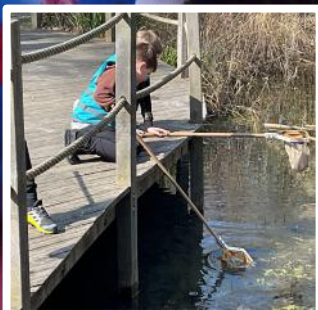
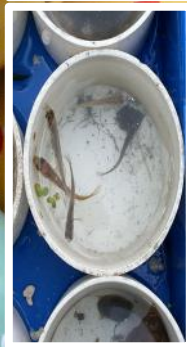
# Cherry



It's been a great end to Term 4! In English we have been working our way through the skills and features needed for our narrative on the attack of the giant insects. The children had a great time working out their storyline and have produced some fantastic figurative terms and sentence starters. In Maths we have come to the end of our first unit on decimals, and this will continue in our second unit at the start of next term. In DT their prototype cars have now all been tested and evaluated, and the results were amazing. In Computing we have finished our skills unit on HTML by being able to edit the HTML code for both text and images, making sure that the correct HTML tags are being used so that the computer knows where and how to display them on the web page. In Spanish we have completed our unit on classroom equipment and the children have shown great confidence in using the vocabulary in sentences for what they have and do not have in their pencil case. It's been a very enjoyable term, but the children deserve a well deserved rest over the Easter holidays.



# *Cherry - Tyland Barn*





***Cherry - Tyland Barn***





In art we looked at the painting, *The Front Line* by John Singer Sargent. We discussed what we could see happening as well as thinking about how the soldiers would have felt. We then recreated the painting.



Year 5 have been busy writing a recount in English. They used the knowledge they had gained during our history lessons to write about their journey to the afterlife, as if they were an Ancient Egyptian. In maths we have been focusing on decimals, looking at the place value of the digits, as well as find equivalent fractions and decimals. In history this week we looked at what life was like during Ancient Egypt and jobs that they would have had. During our science lessons this term our topic has been 'Earth and Space', we have looked at how day and night occur, as well as the seasons. We have also used evidence to support that the Earth is a spherical body.



During term 4 we have been working on our hockey and handball skills. Each week we have built on the previously learned skills, finally putting everything we had learnt to the test in match situations.



Thank you to FIRPS for hosting the Easter activities. We had some close races during the egg and spoon race, as well as the egg rolling competition.





'Stretcher racing' during our WW2 workshop!



Year 6 have been busy writing persuasive letters in English. We wrote letters to the England football team captain, Harry Kane, persuading him to come and coach some PE lessons for us. Year 6 really enjoyed this writing task and wrote some great letters.

In Maths, we have been recapping how to measure angles using a protractor. We have also recapped percentages, division and have continued with our daily arithmetic practice.

During History recently, we have looked at the evacuation of Dunkirk as well as The Battle of Britain. Year 6 enjoyed finding out about these events and were also interested to find out what life was like for citizens during the Blitz.



Thank you to Freddie for sharing some information from his grandparents about the second world war.

Thank You



# NYC

NETBALL YOUTH CAMP

Giving junior netballers  
the chance to get together  
and take to the court  
during the  
school holidays!

Easter Holidays 2025

Dartford Science &  
Technology  
College, Heath Ln,  
Dartford DA1 2LY

Tuesday 8th April

Ages 9-11 years

10am - 3pm

Contact: [Rachael.Purchase@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:Rachael.Purchase@englandnetball.co.uk)

Book online - <https://engage.englandnetball.co.uk/sessionfinder>





# Gravesham

## Holiday Activity and Food Easter Programme

The Holiday Activity and Food programme is available for all children who receive Free School Meal and all children who have a Social Worker, Early Help worker or are known to a Family Hub Worker. It is a great offer of exciting inclusive holiday activities for children of all ages and those with additional needs.

7th April - 17th April 2025

### Our Activities

CycloPark Play Park (age 5-11 years)

CycloPark Skate Park (age 12-17 years)

Clay Workshop

Spring Arts & Craft

Multisports and Cooking with Carol

Booking is required for all activities. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.office.com/e/ie4zHM5Xj7>



#### Contact Us

Graveshamfh@kent.gov.uk  
03000 422342

Find us on Facebook  
or Instagram at  
Gravesham Family  
Hubs



Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

### Monday 7th & 14th April

#### CycloPark Play Park (age 5-11 years)

Access to the 3,000 square foot play park, which includes Cycloland, and a hot meal for each child. Car park fee included.

Please note, balance or pedal bikes for the children are not provided but they can bring their own.

Children (not adults) to receive a hot meal in a dedicated room.

11am - 3pm



### Monday 7th & 14th April

#### CycloPark Skate Park (age 12-17 years)

Access to the Skate Park and a hot meal for each child. Access to the CycloPark for accompanying adults if required. Car park fee included.

Please note, equipment is not provided so the children will need to bring their own wheeled equipment.

Children (not adults) to receive a hot meal in a dedicated room.



1 - 5pm



### Tuesday 8th April

#### Clay Workshop

Come and learn how to make a hedgehog sculpture, or express yourself freely with clay! Age 11-19.

12.30 -2pm



### Tuesday 15th April

#### Spring Arts & Crafts

Come along for a fun, creative space decorating plant pots and sowing seeds. For young people with special educational needs aged 11-25.

12.30 -2pm



### Thursday 17th April

#### Multisports and Cooking with Carol

Football, basketball, boxing and more! Improve fitness, build confidence, and make friends. Qualified sports coaches. Take part in the cooking class with our food champion afterwards for a well-deserved lunch! Age 11-19.

11am - 2.30pm





Tennis Together



# FREE TENNIS OPEN DAY

## SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 10AM-1PM

📍 Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent DA13 OAT  
(Behind the village hall)

Join us at Meopham Lawn Tennis Club for a fun morning of FREE tennis! Adults, juniors & families welcome. No experience or equipment needed just turn up, play, and enjoy!

[Click here to book your coaching session](#)



Tennis Together



## ORDER OF PLAY

- 10-10.30AM - FAMILY TIME (PARENT & CHILD)
- 10.30-11AM - CARDIO TENNIS (ADULT) & MINI TENNIS (5-10 YEARS)
- 11-11.30AM - FAMILY TIME (PARENT & CHILD)
- 11.30-12PM ADULT BEGINNER & JUNIOR COACHING (11-17 YEARS)
- 12-1PM - FREE PLAY



GET A **FREE**

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP & TENNIS THROUGHOUT APRIL BY SIGNING UP TO ONE OF OUR PROGRAMMES ON THE DAY

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ROCK  
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Lois

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EASTER

# COUNCIL TENANT CELEBRATION DAY

Northfleet Girls School  
Hall Road, Northfleet, DA11 8AQ

Friday, 11 April 2025  
10AM - 2PM

FREE Tenant Event! - Face Painting, Gaming Bus, Easter Egg Hunt, Creative Workshops, Animal Farm, and much more!



Creative Workshops



Fun-Filled Activities!



Live Animals & Entertainment

GET YOUR FREE TICKETS TODAY:

VISIT OUR NEW TENANT HUB or SCAN THE QR CODE

<https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/housing-event>



Come and visit  
Beavers!

Scouts  
1st New Barn



Special badge  
for each child  
who decides to  
join!



Calling all 5 3/4 - 8 year old girls and boys - you are invited to join us at 1st New Barn Beavers for:

**fun, friendship, challenge,  
excitement, games, adventure  
and much, much more!**

Thursdays during term time

At Longfield Hill Community Hall

From 5pm - 6pm

Please bring along an adult so they can find out what Beavers is all about too! We are always happy to welcome new adults into our group.

Please let us know if you can come!

Any questions? Get in touch with Christine (Group Lead Volunteer):  
☎ 07980 466290 ✉ [firstlongfield@hotmail.com](mailto:firstlongfield@hotmail.com)

**BEAVERS**





# Player Development Trial



Our Player Development Trials provide Boys & Girls the opportunity to showcase their skills and talent at one of our local Development Centres. To book and for further details, please visit the below website and use the course code provided for the correct venue.

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

PDPT-KBL-K-28 (Kedbull Leisure)

PDPT-KBL-K-29 (Kedbull Leisure)

For School Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Venue	Activity Dates	Activity Day
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Kedbull Leisure	Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> - May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday
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Timings	Invite Code	Costs
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5.00pm to 6.00pm	N/A	Monthly Subscription
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# HOLIDAY COURSE



## EASTER

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now for our upcoming Holiday Course by scanning the QR code or using the below website and course code.

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

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Area	Dates	Venue
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Kent	Tuesday 15th April	The Hayesbrook School (Tonbridge)
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Timings	Ages	Cost
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10.00-15.00	School Year 1-6	£25.00
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WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & OFFER TAX-FREE CHILDCARE!

# MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILDCARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

## EASTER CAMP 2025

EASTER DATES: 7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL



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respite care in your home or ours



# ELLIE'S mini marathon 2025

Saturday 26 April  
(the day before the London Marathon)

## Calling all mini marathoners!

ELLIE'S MINI MARATHON IS THE ULTIMATE CHILDREN'S FUN RUN OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 2-16

SCAN ME!  
TO SIGN UP NOW



Guru Nanak Football Club  
Gravesend  
DA12 1LU

INTERESTED IN HOSTING YOUR OWN MINI MARATHON AT SCHOOL?  
Get in touch with our community fundraising team at [fundraising@ellenor.org](mailto:fundraising@ellenor.org) to find out how!

WANT TO COMPLETE THE MINI MARATHON AT YOUR OWN PACE?  
Sign up for Ellie's Virtual Mini Marathon and run or walk the distance whenever it suits you! Scan the QR code for more information.



[ellenor.org](http://ellenor.org) 01474 320007 @ellenorcharity

Registered charity no. 1121561



## Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 28.03

Rose of Sycamore, Chantelle of Acorns

W/E 04.04

Belle of Palm

## Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 28.03

Stanley, Jack L, Saskia, Nevaeh, Darcey, Lyla, Constance, Henry, Bobby, Alf, George & Evelyn of Cherry, Chace & Rajah of Sycamore

## Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 28.03

Raelie of Sycamore

W/E 04.04

Valerie & Annalise of Palm, Tyler & Leo D of Sycamore

## Platinum Peg Up Points

W/E 28.03

Arlo, Neda, Ava, Daisy, Adriana, Charlie & Jaxon of Palm

W/E 04.04

Oscar of Palm & Leo H of Sycamore



W/E 28.03

Most Valuable Player  
1st Charlie S of Cherry  
2nd Tyler G of Sycamore  
3rd Khenyang of Sycamore

W/E 28.03

Winning Class  
1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Willow

W/E 04.04

Most Valuable Player  
1st Charlie of Cherry  
2nd George of Cherry  
3rd Khenyang of Sycamore

W/E 04.04

Winning Class  
1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Willow

## Rock Hero Status

## Tyler G 1 Second



# Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 28.03

Acorns Class

Chantelle for Perseverance, Dainchie for Self Reflection & Lyla for Independence

Oak Class

Melissa for Perseverance, Joshua for Respect & Eden for Self Reflection

Palm Class

Charlie for Respect, Carter for Independence & Lennon for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Tyler & Samantha for Perseverance, Mary Kate for Self Reflection  
Cherry Class

Sienna, Jack L & Charlotte for Perseverance  
Willow Class

Esme & Lucas for Respect, Martin for Perseverance  
Aspen Class

Kasey & Harry for Perseverance, Finn for Respect

Week Ending 04.04

Acorns Class

Finley for Perseverance, Jessica & William for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Jorge for Independence, James for Self Reflection & Aria for Respect

Palm Class

Seren for Independence, Valerie for Self Reflection & Nathan for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Florence for Self Reflection, Ashiya for Independence & Leo D for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Lyla & Bobby for Perseverance, George for Independence  
Willow Class

Abril & Otis for Perseverance, Cooper for Independence  
Aspen Class

Scarlett, David & Charlie for Independence



Mathletics

# Gold Mathletics

Mathletics

W/E 28.03

Charlie of Palm, Evelyn of Cherry, Chace, Freya, Asiya, Aria, Zachary & Henry of Sycamore, Billy of Acorns

W/E 04.04

Freya, Ashiya, Aria, Henry & Raelie of Sycamore, Teddy of Cherry, Charlie, Eliza & Lennon of Palm, Tris & Harry of Acorns

# Platinum Mathletics

W/E 28.03

Ellie, Daisy, Lennon & Rei of Palm, Saskia of Cherry, Raelie, Annabelle & Devan of Sycamore, Arabella of Willow

W/E 04.04

Annabelle & Devan of Sycamore, Samuel L of Willow, Nevaeh, Harry & Saskia of Cherry, Ellie & Rei of Palm

# Emerald Mathletics

W/E 28.03

Jaxon & Olivia of Palm, Henry, Jack L, George, Nevaeh, Charlie & Harry of Cherry, Sophie, Leo D, Ronnie, Felix & Leo H of Sycamore

W/E 04.04

Sophie, Leo D, Ronnie, Felix & Leo H of Sycamore, Edward, Samuel Yanis, Louie & Matilda of Willow, Henry, Jack L & George of Cherry, Jaxon, Olivia & Oscar of Palm, Kayla & Clark of Acorns

# Diamond Mathletics

W/E 28.03

Oscar & Neda of Palm, Tyler & Khenyang of Sycamore, Nihaal & Otis of Willow

W/E 04.04

Tyler & Khenyang of Sycamore, Nihaal of Willow, Neda of Palm

# Epic Mathletics

W/E 28.03

Nathan of Palm

W/E 04.04

Nathan of Palm



HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12

## MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE

# EASTER HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

### WEEK ONE:

MONDAY 7TH APRIL	TUESDAY 8TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL	THURSDAY 10TH APRIL	FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
JEWELLERY MAKING	NERF WARS	PLAYDOUGH MAKING	CREEPY CLAWS	SWEET TREAT DECORATING
LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY
ROUNDERS	SUNCATCHER CRAFTS	FOOTBALL	BUG HOTEL CRAFT	DISCO & GAMES

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HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12

## MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE

# EASTER HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

### WEEK TWO:

MONDAY 14TH APRIL	TUESDAY 15TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL	THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
FINGER PAINTING	TRAMPOLINING	GIANT INFLATABLES	EASTER CARD MAKING
LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY
EASTER THEMED SPORTS	MINI EGG NESTS	EASTER BASKET MAKING	EASTER EGG HUNT

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