

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## Head Teachers

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful and busy few weeks we have had.

The children have made us so proud at the Harvest festival at the church, including their excellent walking down. We have also enjoyed Healthy Eating day, and there is lots of swimming taking place across the school too. We have enjoyed a fantastic times tables event after school, and some children are enjoying practising their times tables and earning keyrings to reward their hard work. There have also been some exciting trips and the new Reception children are settling in to the new school routines very well.

We wish all our families a restful half term holiday.

## Year 6 trip to Battle of Britain Museum



On Tuesday 7th October, Owls Class visited the Battle of Britain Memorial. They found the experience fascinating and showed great curiosity through their thoughtful questions. Our guide, Clive, was fantastic and happily answered everything they wanted to know. The

highlight of the trip was the exciting “scramble” experience – especially dressing up as pilots!



*1 - Enjoying a talk from Clive*



*2 - Exploring the site*



*3 - Year 6 found out lots of information about 'Operation Scrabble'*

## **Year 2 & 4's trip to Otterden Farm, Faversham**

Year 2 and Year 4 went on a fantastic forestry day at Otterden Estate in Faversham and learnt lots about the outdoors. They identified different trees and leaves, learnt about what trees needed to grow, created some woodland art and even made their own plant pots complete with acorn seeds to grow their own tree at home. In the afternoon, the big ones joined forces with the little ones and demonstrated super teamwork skills in a woodland den building challenge.







4 - The children were very proud of their den building





## Times Table Workshop

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Mrs Collens held a Times Table workshop for parents to come along to, the turn out was very good with a lot of parents going away with an understand of how the Times Tables is taught in class and also with ideas on how to encourage their children to learn. If you requested a resources pack they will be with you shortly.

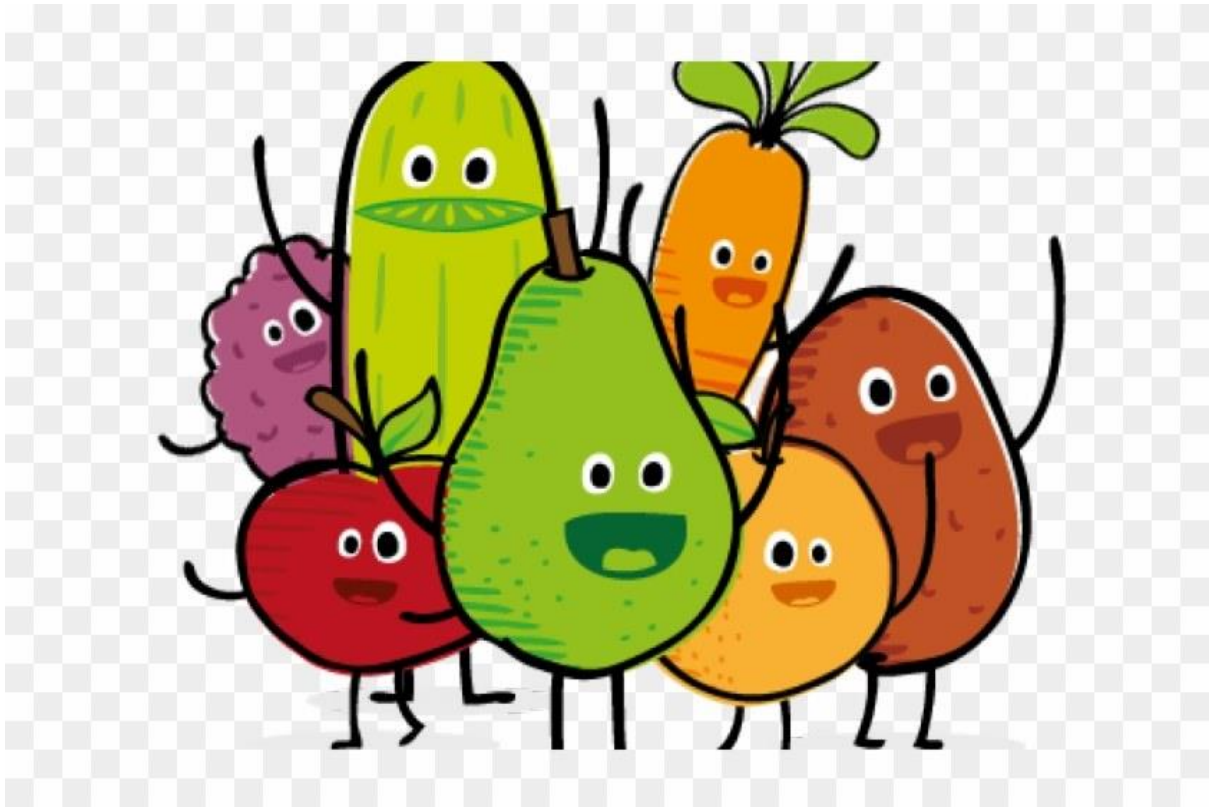


5 - The parents first watched a presentation



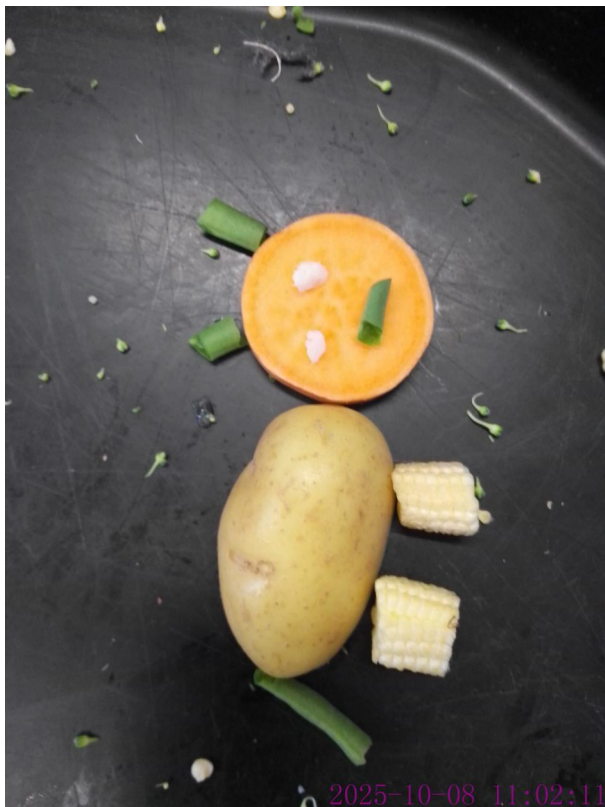
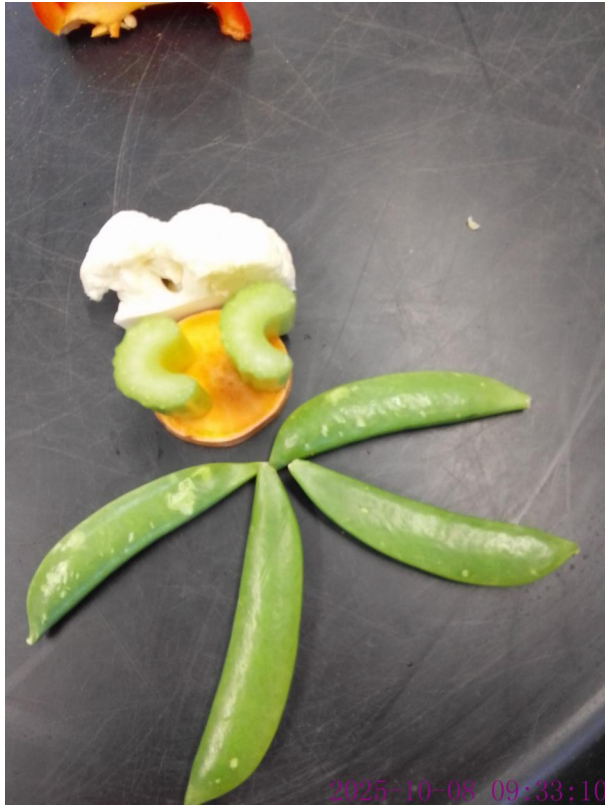
6 - Lots of resources were available to parents

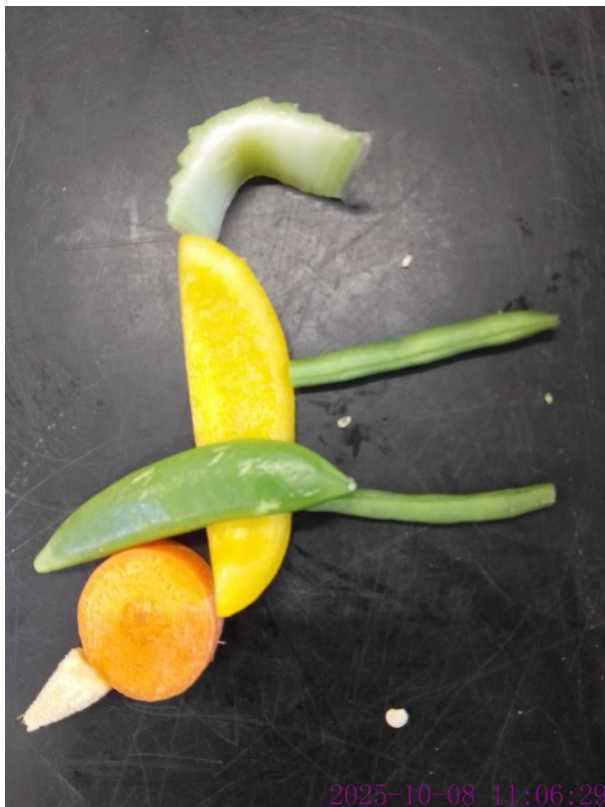
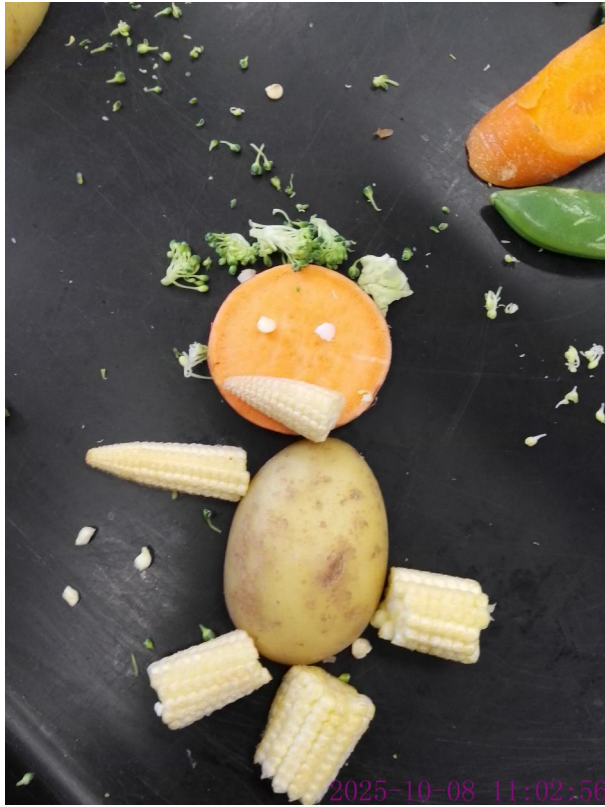
## Healthy Schools Day

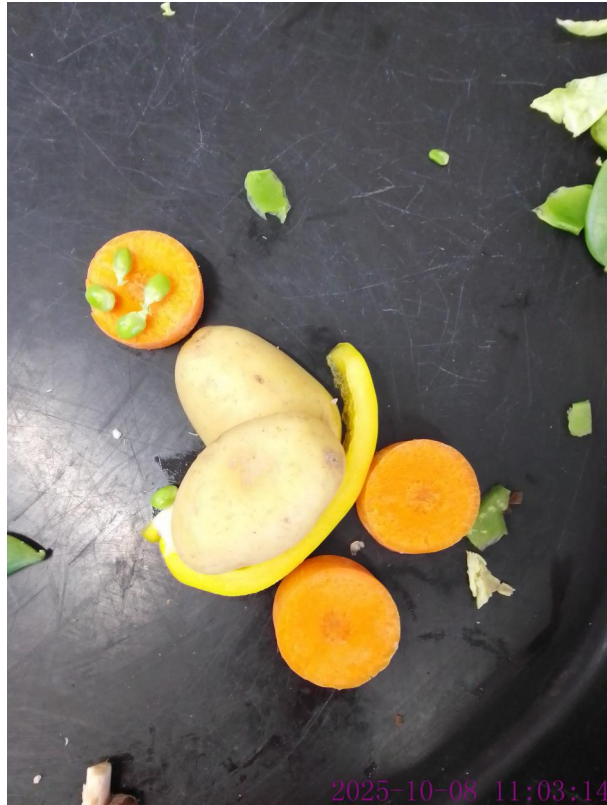


All the children took part in 'Healthy Schools Day', moving around to each class to do a different activity, whilst learning along the way.

Year one named vegetables and used them to make pictures. Then they were food detectives and searched food packets to find out if it was a healthy food or not. Then we made a rainbow of healthy foods.







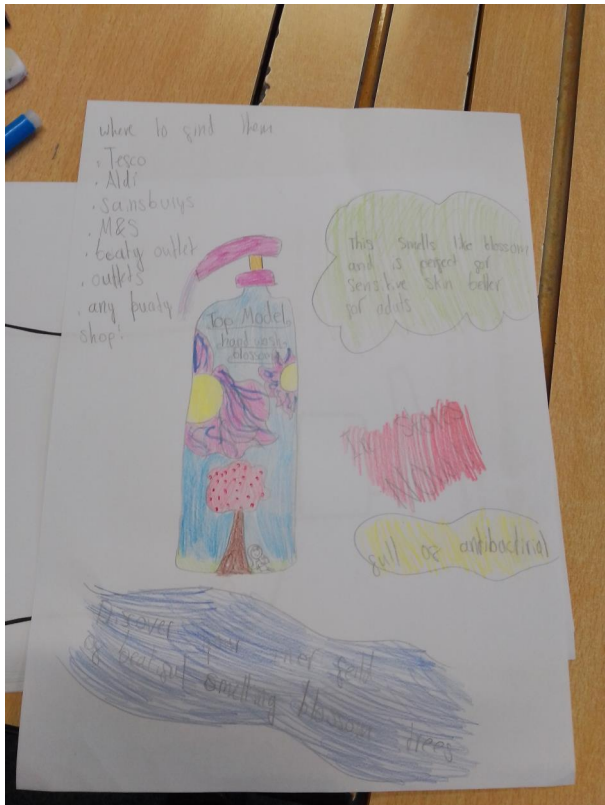
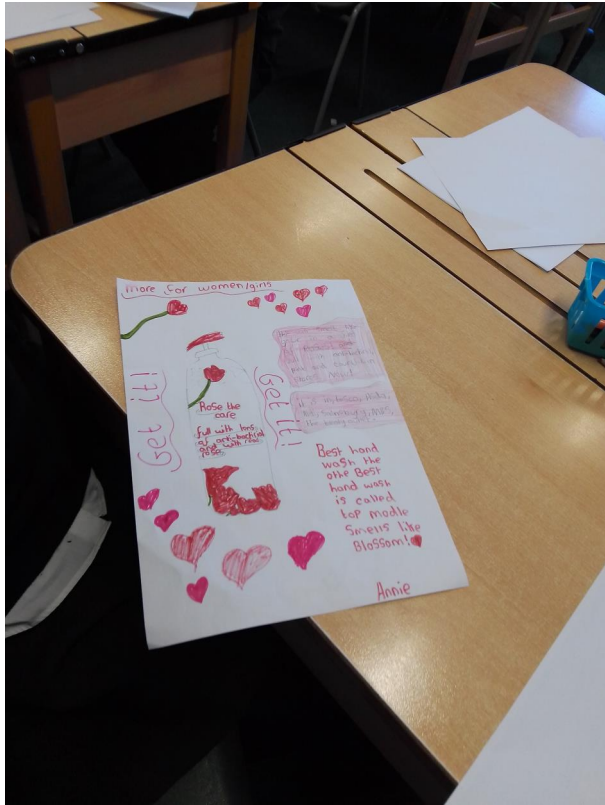
In Year 6, Owls class the children thought about healthy breakfast. We looked at the nutritional value of breakfast cereals and then we planned our dream healthy breakfast. The children thought really carefully about how to create a balanced meal.

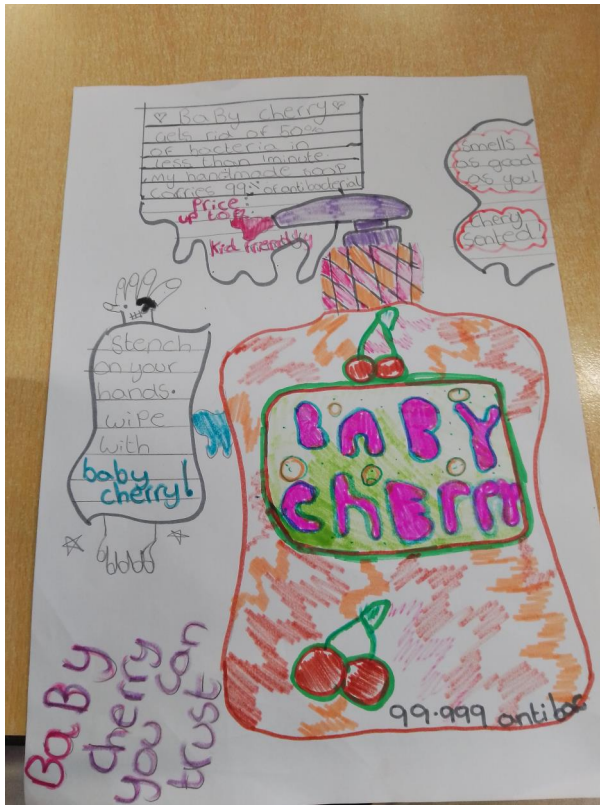




In Year 4 , Badgers Class, they designed a hand wash bottle for children and talked about the importance of washing your hands



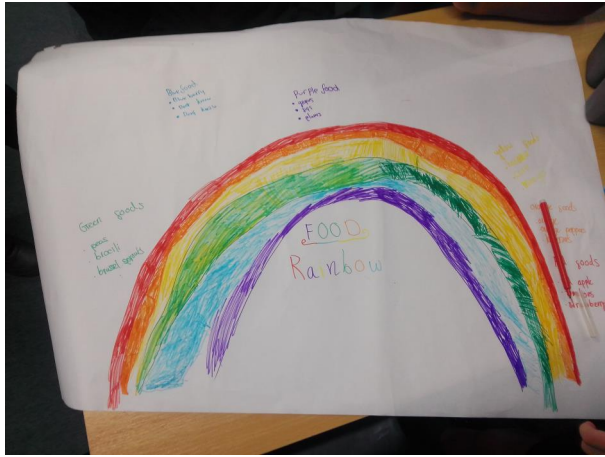
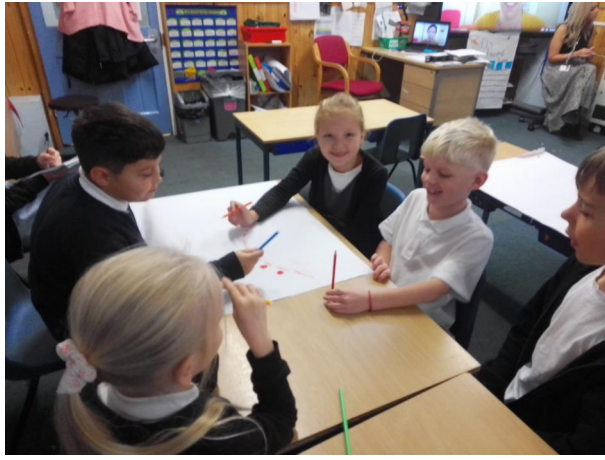




In Reception, Squirrels Class, the children learnt about healthy foods and also enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic (see later in the newsletter!)



Year 3, Hedgehogs, thought about the fruits and vegetables they could put in a rainbow. They learnt about what each part of the body different coloured food was good for. Red for the heart, orange for eyes, yellow for the immune system, green for bones, blue for the brain and purple for digestion. These are all the colours of the nutrition rainbow.





Year 5, Kingfisher Class, were trying different herbs and spices and then finding out where in the world they came from. They taste tested whilst blindfolded to see if they recognised any of them. They then tried to match their names in English and French.







## Harvest Festival



A 'BIG THANK YOU' to everyone who donated food for Vinnies Diner. They are part of the Bright City Church and offer a food bank on a Monday and Friday between 11am & 1pm and a free hot meal on a Monday between 11.30am & 1.30pm



The whole school went to Christchurch Church to celebrate the Harvest Festival, each class performed in some way, either with a poem, a song or showing their art work and of course joining in with the singing. Thank you to everyone who came along.





## Year 3 & 4 Football Match



The Year 3 & 4 team had a friendly game with St Teresa's school and they won with a massive score of 16.1. Everyone scored at least one goal, even our goalkeeper Tommy!

Well done to everyone who played.

## QUIZ NIGHT



Thank you to everyone who attended the Quiz Night on the 10th October, a great night was had by all.







## Flu Immunisations



The School Nurses will be in on the 30th October, 2025 to administer the Flu Vaccines. If you would like your child to have the vaccine and have not yet registered, please do so via the link below by Monday 27th October, 2025. If you do not want the nasal spray vaccine due to the pork gelatin, please still register and select no to the nasal spray and an appointment will be sent through for your child to attend a clinic for the vaccine in an injection form.

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/> the school code is KT118369

## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



Squirrel Class had a surprise during their 'Teddy Bears Picnic' when they were visited by a bear. Mums and Dads were invited into school to join in with the picnic. The children had been very busy in the afternoon helping to prepare the food.







## VICTORIA ROAD VIP AWARD



Well done to our to the children who were given the VIP award this term, they enjoyed an afternoon tea with Mrs Fletcher

They were:

Teddy Dixon - Squirrels Class (Reception)

Harrison Pollard - Butterfly Class (Year 1)

Zerah Anish - Fox Class (Year 2)

Vinnie Raymen - Hedgehog Class (Year 3)

Raifa Jumilatun - Badger Class (Year 4)

Joey Wilson - Kingfisher Class (Year 5)

Francesca Rifat - Owl Class (Year 6)

## School Photographs



Just a reminder that the photographer will be in on Wednesday 29th October to take individual and school sibling photographs. Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing their uniform including a jumper or cardigan. If it is their PE day (Year 6 & Year 1) please can they bring their kit into school in a named bag.

## Staff Vacancy



An opportunity has arisen in our After School Club. We are looking for someone to work with Mrs Revell, Mrs Pariyar, Miss Blunt and Mrs Henderson 4 days a week. Starting at 3:15pm and finishing at 5:45pm, if you are interested or you know anyone who might be, please contact the school office for more information.

## Information for Parents



## Dental Care



Please find a link from the NHS with regards to dental care

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/dental-services/oral-health-promotion-resources/>

# EAT WELL, SPEND LESS WELLBEING ROADSHOW



## NEXT ROADSHOW

Singleton  
Village Hall

Hoxton Close,  
Singleton, Ashford,  
TN23 5LB

Thursday 23rd October 2025

10am – 2pm



**FREE** NHS health checks



**FREE** fresh fruit & veg, food and hygiene items



**FREE** financial, housing, benefits, health and safeguarding advice from Ashford Borough Council and local organisations

[www.ashford.gov.uk/ewslwr](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/ewslwr)



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 **HALF TERM CAMP**

FUN PACKED FOOTBALL ACTION 10AM TO 3PM | FOR AGES 4 YEARS TO 14 YEARS | RUN BY FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

**WEEK 1 – OCTOBER**

**TUES 21<sup>ST</sup>, WEDS 22<sup>ND</sup>, THURS 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**WEEK 2 – OCTOBER**

**TUES 28<sup>TH</sup>, WEDS 29<sup>TH</sup>, THURS 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**OFFER FOR ASHFORD  
UNITED YOUTH PLAYERS**

**£15 A DAY**

**CASH OR CARD ON THE DAY**

USUAL RATE £20 A DAY

**9AM EARLY  
DROP OFF  
£2.50**

THE GREENBOX STADIUM, ASHFORD ROAD, TN26 1NJ  
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PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR CORRECT FOOTWEAR & BRING THEIR OWN DRINKS  
& PACKED LUNCH



## Term 2 Diary Dates

Term 2	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	
Week 1 Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	W/C Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Yr 1 – Autumn walk (1 afternoon; weather dependent)
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Diwali morning
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parental online consent deadline for flu vaccinations
	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 swimming
	Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual school photographs
	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year R – 6 Flu Vaccinations – School nurses in
	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Class newsletters and home learning out
	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Year R Class Halloween party
Week 2 Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Year 6 – National closing dates for online secondary school applications
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 swimming
	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 1 Christchurch visit PM
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	New Year R 2026 online applications open
Week 3 Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 6 swimming
	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	New Yr R Parent visits 1:20 pm – 2:20 pm – please book via the school office
	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 5 swimming
	Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 4 Nepalese Food Festival – AM in class
	Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	New Yr R Parent visits 1:20 pm – 2:20 pm – please book via the school office
	Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Consultations Early – 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm – details to follow
	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 5 Canterbury Cathedral Visit – details to follow
	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	New Yr R Parent visits 1:20 pm – 2:20 pm – please book via the school office
Week 4 Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 swimming
	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In Need – Come to school in a 'spotty' item of clothing - £1 donation
	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Big Cat Sanctuary trip
	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 swimming
	Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Consultations Late – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm – details to follow
Week 5 Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 6 swimming
	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Year 5 Light Parade – TBC – details to follow
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Whole school – Dick Whittington on ice trip
	Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 – Shared learning assembly to parents @ 9:00 am
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non-school uniform – donations for 'bottle tombola'
Week 6 Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	November newsletter out
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 swimming
	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	NCMP School nurses in school - Yr R & Yr 6
	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Yr 5 swimming
Week 7 Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 6 swimming
	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-school uniform – donations for 'normal tombola'
	W/C Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4 litter picking
	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 5 swimming
Week 8 Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	I Rock concert to parents PM – by invite only
	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fayre 3:30 PM – details to follow
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity to parents @ 1:30 PM – details to follow
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 5 swimming
	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity to parents @ 9:15 AM – details to follow
	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity to parents @ 1:30 PM – details to follow
	Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Class parties PM
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carols in Church @ Christchurch 2 PM – details to follow	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	December newsletter out	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Last day of Term 2 – Finish @ 2:15 – NO CLUBS (INCLUDING ASC)</b>	

\*\*Any additional dates that arise or any changes to these dates will be added to this list as appropriate, and we will ensure you are informed of any updates in a timely manner\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* Christmas Holiday Saturday 20th December 2025 to Sunday 4th January 2026

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**Children return to school on Monday 5th January 2026**