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Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Chess Tournament News

The School Chess Tournament concluded today Friday 8th May. Congratulations to Dylan our youngest ever winner in Year 3 who won with 6 out of 6. Close behind in joint-second place, on 5 out of 6, in joint second are William, Jack, Zina Year 6 and Ronnie Y5 and William Y4. Well done to everyone who took part.



Sheldwich Chess Tournament 2026							
Pos	Name	Year	Score	Pos	Name	Year	Score
1	Dylan HG	Y3	6	27	James S	Y6	3
2	William N	Y4	5	27	Francis	Y6	3
2	Zina	Y6	5	27	Fynnley	Y1	3
2	Ronnie	Y5	5	27	Leo R	Y5	3
2	Jack	Y6	5	37	Josh W	Y6	2.5
2	William L	Y6	5	37	Felix	Y6	2.5
7	Dexter	Y5	4.5	37	Harry B	Y6	2.5
7	Joey	Y5	4.5	37	Miles	Y5	2.5
9	Joe D	Y5	4	37	Dylan G	Y2	2.5
9	Cagan	Y6	4	37	Elliot	Y2	2.5
9	Buster	Y3	4	37	Ruben	Y1	2.5
9	Rory	Y4	4	37	Emily	Y6	2.5
9	Andre	Y6	4	45	Sienna	Y6	2
9	Fred	Y4	4	45	Annabelle	Y4	2
9	Luke	Y6	4	45	Arthur S	Y3	2
9	Rex	Y5	4	45	Arthur M	Y6	2
9	Ellis	Y6	4	45	Harry	Y2	2
9	Lizzie	Y6	4	45	Amelia	Y5	2
9	Jake	Y2	4	45	Evan	Y4	2
20	Ella	Y6	3.5	45	Leo D	Y3	2
20	Isaac	Y5	3.5	45	Phoebe	Y5	2
20	Toby	Y4	3.5	45	Sammy	Y2	2
20	Josh B	Y6	3.5	45	James W	Y2	2
20	Megan	Y3	3.5	45	Mabel	Y5	2
20	Rafe	Y5	3.5	57	Nala	Y3	1.5
20	Llywelyn	Y3	3.5	57	Alex	Y4	1.5
27	Teddy G	Y4	3	57	River	Y3	1.5
27	Sylvester	Y6	3	57	Felcity L	Y2	1.5
27	Jacob	Y4	3	61	Alexa	Y4	1
27	Rami	Y3	3	61	Ollie	Y2	1
27	Clara	Y5	3	61	Anastasia	Y2	1
27	Logan	Y3	3	61	Art	Y1	1

Sports News

Sheldwich Girls Take Bronze Medal (the Hard Way) and Boys take gold at Football

A windy but sunny day at Herne Bay Sporting Hub saw a squad of nine girls take on seven other schools last Tuesday. This was a very close and competitive tournament, both at the group stage and knock out rounds, where we always find ourselves always taking on schools larger than ourselves. An undefeated round robin section and with one win and two draws saw us lead our group and a semi-final place. This match was against Chartham and after normal and extra time the game was deadlocked at 0-0, so to penalties. Our first three takers: Roisin, Olivia and Ella all scored but so did Chartham, then to sudden death and Chartham prevailed. There was no time to be despondent, the girls had to immediately go to the bronze medal match against Herne Bay. Again, normal and extra time produced no goals. We sent out Roisin, Olivia and Ella again and they all scored and then Amelia W saved the third Herne Bay penalty, and the bronze medal was ours. Well done girls! Representing Sheldwich and performing with skill and determination all morning were: Amelia W, Amelia D, Ava, Olivia, Ella, Roisin, Clara, Matilda and Nicola.



Mr Lee

Tournaments are quick and fast paced 10 minute games. The boys played their first game against Boughton, with the opposition sadly mistiming a ball clearance from the goal resulting in an own goal. Boughton scored an equaliser, but Ellis skilfully swept through the defence and scored the winning goal. The second game against Bysingwood saw another own goal from the opposition and 2 strong goals from Joey. The team worked hard in the final game of the group, securing a 2-1 victory with some great passing and play. Winning all the games in the group meant a semi final against the second place team in Group 2. The team secured a comfortable win against St Marys, with their goalkeeper and defence having to work super hard. The final against Herne Hill again saw some great play from all the boys, securing a 2-0 win, and becoming the gold medal winners of the competition. All the boys showed real strength, skill and composure on the pitch, and were great ambassadors for the school.



Sheldwich Success at the Swale Inter-Primary 2km Run

A glorious sunny Saturday morning, greeted a selection of eager runners who were competing in the annual Swale Inter-Primary 2km run. It was lovely to see some children take part in the Yr 4 and under 1km fun run which was dominated Alexa who stormed to victory. She was followed home by Alba from Yr 2, Pippa (Yr 1) and Nelly (Yr R) all earning themselves some shiny medals.

In the Yr 5/6 2km race, there was an added team competition to play for alongside individual success. The fastest 3 runners from every school counted as the entries for the team competition. We had 5 children taking part and they all did so well, taking part in quite warm conditions up against a lot of athletic club runners. Everyone finished and should be very proud of their performances. Our team entry consisted of Harry from Yr 6 (4th), Roisin Yr 5 (1st girl, 11th overall) and Sienna from Yr 6 (21st). A big well done to Margot (Yr 6) and Clara (Yr 5) who also competed. Sheldwich were the overall primary school winners - a fabulous achievement for the children taking part.

Mrs Fairs



Awards



Friday 1st May

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Grayson	
Ladybirds	Odette and Ruby	Constantina
Class 1	Hugo and Pippa	Bertie
Class 2	Jake and Ruby	James
Class 3	Nathan and Logan	Marnie
Class 4	Annabel and William	Evan
Class 5	Taylor and Dexter	Aurelia
Class 6	Tom and Lotty	Lizzie

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Butterflies	Pupil: Darcey (1)
Extended Schools: Ben (4)	Lunchtime: Lola (1)
Presentation: Alba (R)	LSA award: Primrose (5)
Citizen: Dottie and Megan (3)	Attendance Award: Squirrels 99%

Friday 8th May

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Carter	
Ladybirds	Reggie and Isaac	Gabriel
Class 1	Georgia and Elijah	Art
Class 2	Elizabeth and Harry	Elyot
Class 3	River and Jacob	Beatrix
Class 4	Fred and Phoebe	Mabel
Class 5	Eloise and Dotty	Asher
Class 6	Josh B and Ella	Eleni

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Dragonflies	Pupil: Clara (5)
Extended Schools: Dylan (3)	Lunchtime: Forrest (R)
Presentation: Ezra (1)	LSA award: Thomas B (2)
Citizen: Posy (4)	Attendance Award: Ladybirds 100%

Class News

Little Hedgehogs



At Little Hedgehogs **next week**, we will be reading a children's classic and staff favourite story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We will be learning the days of the week, trying new foods, and investigating the life cycle of our very own caterpillars

Ways to support your child's learning at home:

1. Learn the rhyme of the week – good rhymers make great readers.
2. Share a story every night.

Shiny has had a lovely time staying for a sleepover with Arthur, thank you for looking after him so well Arthur.

Picture of the week: We have some brilliant artists at Little Hedgehogs and this week Hetty and Rory painted the pictures of the week! Well done darlings! **Headteacher's Awards:** Grayson for growing in confidence using the outside apparatus and for Carter for being so brave coming to nursery and sharing his beautiful smile with familiar adults in the room. What super Little Hedgehogs you both are, we are all so proud of you!

Don't forget our Sports afternoon on Tuesday 19th May at 2pm. All children are invited but if it isn't your child's usual session, please can they come with an adult.



Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team

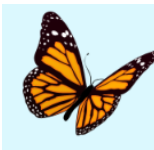
Ladybirds



We have been having so much fun in Ladybirds Class learning all about our wonderful world! We have excitedly been checking on our caterpillars every day – they are very big now so we think we might come back on Monday to some chrysalises! This week, we all went out to the Forest School for a bug hunt. We found so many minibeasts under logs and rocks, climbing on the trees and scuttling on the ground. Next week, we will be using 'Superworm' as the inspiration for our learning!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies really enjoyed the recent spell of warm weather! In Topic, we loved exploring how a compass works and had to figure out which direction we had to face to travel North. We also had a great time in Science investigating shadows made by the sun. We drew round each other's shadows with chalk on the playground; you may have seen the outlines of our funny poses! We were fascinated to discover our shadows 'move' throughout the day due to the Earth rotating.

We are looking forward to sharing with you some of the things we have been doing at our 'Class Assembly' next week.

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



We have been enjoying our Rainforests topic this week, learning about some of the people who live in settlements in rainforests. We had a wonderful discussion about the similarities and differences between our way of life in the UK and that of a tribe living a traditional lifestyle in the Amazon rainforest. In English, we have written a recount of the story 'The Tin Forest'. The children have used delightfully ambitious vocabulary in their writing and have made some fantastic links between the story and our topic learning.

In Science, we have planted a variety of seeds and are eagerly awaiting first signs of growth! We have also looked at what plants need to grow well, and have created an experiment to observe and record what happens when we remove one of these.

In preparation for a future Art lesson, please can you email or send with your child, two photos of the views through two different windows. It doesn't matter what can be seen outside the window, whether there are curtains or blinds (or none) or whether there is anything on the windowsill, but please also include the whole window frame in the photos. If you need any further clarification, please speak to me on the playground or send an email to dragonflies.dragonflies@sheldwich.kent.sch.uk and I can show you some examples. Many thanks!

Mrs Waller

Squirrels

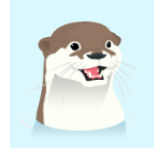


We have been having lots of fun in Squirrels Class, learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings as well as reading *How to Train Your Dragon*. I have been really enjoying seeing the children's homework pieces as they come in – they will look great on the display board outside our classroom!

We have been looking at Time in our Maths lessons for the past 2 weeks and it would be really beneficial for the children to practise telling the time on both an analogue clock and 12-hour digital clock.

Mrs Hammond

Otters

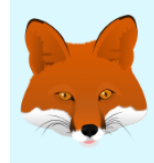


Otters have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum this term. In Maths we have moved onto telling the time using an analogue and digital clock and a 12 hour and 24 hour clock. It would be great if you could practice this at home too. Now the class have created the base of the island the children will now add details and life to their island.

Please continue to complete TTRS homework especially as the children have their MTC assessment in June.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes



This week we have been writing our own detective mystery stories in English and calculating missing angles in Maths. Thank you for all the wonderful baby photos and child development information – we had a super Science Lesson exploring the different stages of our own child development and playing a great guess the baby game too.

In our Topic lessons, we have started to plan and work on our film trailers and the children will be filming them on **FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2026**. Therefore, they may want to bring in costumes or props in a named bag for this day only. If face paint/make up is required please bring some makeup wipes to remove it once we have finished. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



Next week, we have tests each morning from Monday to Thursday as we sit our SATs. Happily, Friday is a day of rest! We are planning to go for a walk to the valley in the morning, and we will be learning what our end-of-year production will be in the afternoon; hopefully, the children will come home singing the songs! No set homework this week but any additional SATs revision would be useful – there are lots of resources on Teams. On the final day of term, we are planning to watch the film version of our class book, *Mortal Engines*. The film is rated 12 by the BBFC and their guidance can be found here: <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/mortal-engines-g29sbgvldglvbjpwwc0zotezmtu>.

If anyone is not happy for their child to watch the film, could you please let me (or the office) know.

Mr Burns

Arts Week

Arts week will take place on the 18th – 22nd May with our theme being 'Faversham through our eyes'.

We are lucky enough to have a couple of amazing artists joining us during the week. Mr Keshavarz and Mr Cork will be working with the school and using Faversham as their inspiration.

Leaveland Church Flower Festival

Sheldwich was asked to take part in Leaveland Churches flower festival. Each class made a flower to combine to a whole school display. It looked beautiful in the church so please pop down and see the fantastic creations.



Dates For Your Diaries

Term 5

w/c 11 th May	Class 6 SATs week
Thurs 14 th May	3.45pm – Kent Test meeting for Class 5 parents
Fri 15 th May	9.10am – Class 1 assembly to parents
w/c 18 th May	Art Week (theme – Faversham)
Tues 19 th May	PM – LH Sports Day
	3.45pm – Phonics Meeting for Class 1 parents
	3.45pm – Meeting for new Class R parents
Weds 20 th May	Class Photographs
	8.45am – PGL Meeting for Class 6 parents
Thurs 21 st May	AM – Junior Sports Day
	PM – Infants Sports Day
Fri 22 nd May	Class R – Ugly Bug Ball day
	PTFA Disco – Sheldwich Village Hall
	End of Term 5

Term 6

Monday 1 st June	First day of Term 6
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