



Sheldwich Primary School

Little Hedgehogs Pre-School



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Important Messages

Mrs Dixon

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Mrs Dixon, our esteemed teacher, after 18 years of dedicated service at Sheldwich. We are filled with gratitude for her unwavering commitment to our school and the profound impact she has had on the lives of countless pupils. We are certain that you, like us, will join in wishing Mrs Dixon a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement. She has truly earned the opportunity to embark on a new chapter, and we hope she will find joy, rest, and new adventures in the years to come.

Sports Week Info

The FIFA World Cup 2026 inspires this year's theme for Sports Week. Not only will we be looking at football and the countries participating but also at American and Canadian Sports and the concept of working collaboratively. All classes will have the opportunity to experience a range of sports during the week from a variety of external coaches including: basketball, football, American football, Thai boxing, athletics (KS1) and skateboarding (KS2).

Please can all children wear their PE Kits everyday of Sports Week (22nd – 26th June).



Mrs Fairs

Class 5 Parents

Kent Test Registration

If you would like to register your child to sit the Kent Test in September, please do so by midnight on 1st July 2026.

The website address to register is

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test/apply-for-a-kent-grammar-school-place>

SPORTS NEWS

Sheldwich Win Canterbury Cricket Competition

A squad of 10 Year 4 children defied heavy showers, strong winds and other schools to come out on top at this tournament last Tuesday. Although only four teams took part these were from schools who regularly compete in sports competitions so we knew we would have to be at our best to challenge, let alone win. The competition was decided on a round robin format, so we had three games and our winning margin progressed over each match. Bridge were defeated by 37 runs, Wincheap by 46 and finally Canterbury Primary by 53. Everybody contributed with both runs, sensible bowling and good fielding. Representing Sheldwich were: Roxie, Willow, Harper, Jacob, Fred, Rory, Evan, Alex, Will and Teddy.

Our reward for this victory is to represent Canterbury schools in the Kent final on 1st July, where tournament winners from across the county will compete. Some more practise will be in order in the run up to this date!



Sheldwich Collect Silver at Years 5/6 Cricket

Following on from Year 4's success last week at the Canterbury cricket tournament, a squad of Years 5/6 attempted to emulate that win. Unfortunately, they fell just short with a runners up medal to show for their efforts. We started the competition with a round robin format with three games all of which we won, the first by the narrow margin of 4 runs but then we dominated our other two games. First in our group led us straight to a final playing the winners of the other group, Bridge. A tough match lay ahead as we had played a Bridge team of younger children last week, so we knew our opponents would be well drilled and skilful. And so it proved. We lost a couple of early wickets when batting first and thereafter were always playing 'catch up' and this match proved a Bridge too far!

Nevertheless, all our squad played with great determination and ability and they were: Ella, Margot, Hannah, Eddie, Felix, Issac, Leo, Ellis Josh and Harry.



Mr Lee

AWARDS

Friday 12th June

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	Freddie	
Ladybirds	Grayson and Nelly	Grace
Class 1	Arlo and Bella	Jasper
Class 2	Amelia and Felicity	Sammy
Class 3	Jacob and Freddy	Olivia B
Class 4	Olivia and Ben	Luke
Class 5	Callum and Eve	Katrina

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Butterflies	Pupil: Joe (5)
Extended Schools: Ernest (5)	Lunchtime: Ruby (2)
Presentation: Joey (5)	LSA award: Myla (3)
Attendance Award: Badgers 99.7%	Citizen: Willow (5)

Friday 19th June

Class	Headteacher Awards	Mathematician of the Week
Little		
Hedgehogs	George P	
Ladybirds	Ava and Quin	Goldie
Class 1	Ezra and Arlo	Benjamin
Class 2	Mollie and Elsie	Ollie
Class 3	Joshua and Arthur	Rami
Class 4	Grace and Darcy	Skyla-Mae
Class 5	Amelia W and Mabel	Ronnie
Class 6	Lizzie and Arthur	William

Weekly Awards

Class of the week: Badgers	Pupil: Nellie (1)
Extended Schools: Teddy (4)	Lunchtime: Nelly (R)
Presentation: Toby H (4)	LSA award: Broden (1)
Attendance Award: Butterflies and Dragonflies 100%	
Citizen: Beatrix (3)	

Class News

Little Hedgehogs



In Little Hedgehogs, we have been travelling all over the world, looking at Africa, America and Australia. We will continue to explore different places around the world in the next few weeks, and our key workers will be working hard to ensure that those leaving us to start school have a smooth transition. It's a big step for parents too when your little one moves up, and please be assured that we are here to support you too. Come and speak to your child's key worker if you have any worries.

Those of you who have pre-schoolers leaving Little Hedgehogs to start school are invited to our Graduation celebration on the 17th of July at 9:30 till 10:30. This special event is a chance for us to celebrate all that the children have achieved before they take the next step and start school in September.

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.

Birthdays: It is a busy week for birthdays coming up. Wishing the happiest of birthdays to, Linda, Taisley, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Kench. Let's hope we all get lots of cake!

Artists of the week: Penelope and Carter. What beautiful works of art you have created, using lots of different media and techniques. Well done both of you!

Head Teacher Awards: Freddie for helping to mow Little Hedgehogs grass, and to George P for fantastic tidying up. Well done you two, you can be very proud.

Mrs Cooper and the Little Hedgehogs Team

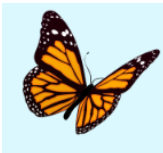
Ladybirds



We have had so much fun in Ladybirds Class learning about all things 'Under the Sea' – our learning has been supported by the books Tiddler, Gigantic and Commotion in the Ocean and the children have completed some brilliant writing about their favourite sea creatures. Thank you to everyone who came for our Father's Day Celebrations – we all had a lovely time and we hope that you did too! Next week is Sports Week and so we will deviate from our normal timetable, as we will be participating in many different sporting activities led by volunteers and sports coaches – it looks like it will be a very exciting week!

Mrs Minty

Butterflies



Butterflies are having a great time learning all about animals! In Science we have been finding out the differences between mammals, birds and reptiles, and will be next looking at fish and amphibians. In Topic we have been finding out where different animals live in relation to the equator. This week in Maths we have been learning to tell the time, focusing on o'clock and half past. Please practise these at home with your child.

We are looking forward to an action-packed Sports Week next week. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and hat to school everyday and has suncream applied – it's going to be hot!

Mrs Charman

Dragonflies



In Dragonflies Class, we are continuing to read 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. For our recent Big Write, we wrote letters to Willy Wonka persuading him to keep his factory open and this week we have been researching the features of invitations. In Topic, we have been looking at how seaside holidays in the Victorian period were different from holidays today, and we were inspired to recreate Van Gogh's ink drawing of fishing boats on the sea, using watercolour and pencil. In Maths, we have now finished learning about time and have moved on to statistics, looking at the different ways that data can be represented. We completed our end of year assessments this week; the children should be commended on how hard they have worked, and how respectful they were in class, giving all children the peaceful environment needed to think clearly. Well done, Dragonflies!

Mrs Waller

Squirrels



We have had such a fun couple of weeks in Class 3! We went to the Church and Reverend Peter spoke to us about Holy Communion to introduce it ready for our R.E. lesson next week. We also made a massive poster of our clothing design in our groups and next week, we'll present these to the class like we're on Dragon's Den and then we're going to have a go at actually making them! We will be starting to make our clothes the week beginning 29th June so could any clothes that are going to be brought in be in school by that date in a named carrier bag. Thank you so much for all your donations so far.

Mrs Hammond

Otters

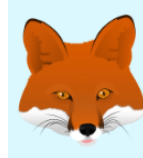


The children are excited for our school trip. A few things to mention they will be carrying around their school bag a lot of the day, so pack lightly. Ensure you have enough water for a day outside, especially if it is hot. Everyone needs a packed lunch and trainers would be best. Keep a close eye on the weather, as it is an outside trip, so either a waterproof coat or sun cream and hat. Ensure your child can play, walk, climb and feel comfortable in their costume.

Next week in topic, we will be making a shield. Please could the children come into school with a piece of plain card/cardboard (strong enough to make a Roman shield out of). It needs to be around A3 size. Maybe a delivery box side. They will be decorating them in class.

Mrs Morrison

Foxes



We are well underway with our Topic; learning about the Aztec legend of the Eagle and the Cactus, their capital city of Tenochtitlan and the importance of the Aztec Gods. In English, we finished our letters from the front line and are now busy writing Mrs Garrett some persuasive letters. Next week, we are looking forward to having fun playing lots of different sports and going on our Summer Walk on Tuesday – please could the children have comfortable shoes and suitable clothing for this.

Mrs Fairs

Badgers



We had a wonderful time at PGL and have all, just about, recovered now. Rehearsals are going well for the play. Please could we have costumes in school by Monday 29th June. Next week, we have a visit from the police on Monday, to discuss transition to secondary school, and on Tuesday we have our class trip to Rye. It's also Sports Week and we need to cram in some rehearsal time too. It's going to be a very busy week!

Mr Burns

Dates For Your Diaries

Term 6

w/c 22 nd June	Sports Week
	Summer Walk Week
Tues 23 rd June	Class 6 - Trip to Rye
	2pm - LH Crafternoon
Weds 1 st July	Class 4 – Trip to Richborough Roman Fort
Thurs 2 nd July	Transition day
Fri 3 rd July	Class 1 – Trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
Thurs 9 th July	2pm – Class 6 production for parents
	5.30pm – Class 6 production for parents
Fri 10 th July	AM – fundraising day
	Reports sent home to parents
	6.30pm – PTA Pool Party
Mon 13 th July	Sports Awards Evening
Tues 14 th July	Class 5 STEM day at Queen Elizabeth
Weds 15 th July	Piano Concert by Mrs Hamers' pupils
Fri 17 th July	Last day of Term 6 for pupils
	1.30pm Leavers' service
Mon 20 th July	INSET Day for staff
Tues 21 st July	INSET Day for staff