



Friday 3rd May 2024

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Important Dates:



Bank Holiday—school closed:

Monday 6th May

Year 6 residential trip:

Friday 17th—Sunday 19th May

Year 6 sleepover:

Friday 17th—Saturday 18th May

Registration for the Medway Test opens:

Monday 20th May

Year 5 Gurdwara visits:

5C & 5K—Monday 20th May

5R & 5H—Friday 24th May

Last day of term 5 and TAG day:

Friday 24th May

First day of term 6:

Monday 3rd June

Please remember the deadline for ordering class photos is Tuesday 7th May



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One-way system

From Tuesday 7th May, we will be trialling a different entry/exit procedure, instead of the current one-way system. If you are dropping off or collecting from Year 3 and 4, please ENTER AND EXIT to the right of the building.

If you are dropping off or collecting from Year 5 and 6, please ENTER AND EXIT to the left of the building. There will be signage and staff available to direct you while we become familiar with the new system.

Smoothie making

Year 3 have been working hard this week, on their current Design Technology topic—smoothie making. The children have evaluated the taste and texture of different fruits to help them with the design process, as well as studying different packaging types. They have even been practising instruction writing in English to link with the project. We had a great time when parents and carers joined us to taste the different fruits with their children!



Year 5 history trip



Pupils in Year 5 have become historians this week, learning about the rich and varied history we have in our local area. They visited the Guildhall Museum and enjoyed a walk around Rochester. At the museum, the children learned about local heroes William Cuffay and Charles Dickens, had a tour of the museum, learned about Mary Ross and went inside the full-size model of the prison hulk to find out about the conditions the prisoners lived in. It's an important part of our curriculum for the learning to be meaningful and brought to life with trips and visits, as well as having a knowledge and pride of our local area. The children told us their favourite part of the trip was looking around the prison hulk (and stopping for ice-cream of course!) The staff at the museum and members of the public were very impressed with our pupils' sensible and respectful behaviour, of which we are very proud!

Welcome to Medway event

Are you new to Medway or looking to connect with other families in the community?

You can join the second "Welcome to Medway" family event.

Date: 30th May 2024

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Gillingham Children and Family Hub, Woodlands Rd, Gillingham, ME7 2BX

Whether you're new in town or a long-time resident seeking new friendships with other parents, this event is perfect for you. Post-pandemic, it's more important than ever for families to feel connected and supported in our communities.

- Child-Friendly Activities for all ages
- Giveaways
- More info coming soon

Meet over 10 local partners and find out what kind of free help and resources that are available to you and your family.



Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



3L: Brianna	3M: Ahora	3P: Hanna	3H: Hidaaq
4H: Felicja	4O'K: Rayyan	4T: Rehan	4B: Ashna
5H: Abigail	5K: Rayan		
6K: Ryan	6L: Lottie	6Ma: Petina	6Mo: Kenton