



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and enjoyable week at school, with the children fully engaged in their learning. On Monday, we were fortunate to be joined by Peter Cook from Deal Music and Arts, who shared his love of playing instruments with the children and inspired them with his passion for music.

This term, staff have been spending time reflecting on how we can continue to build and strengthen our reading culture at Warden House. We are excited that the National Year of Reading 2026 has been announced which is a UK-wide campaign designed to inspire more people to make reading a regular part of their lives. This initiative aims to boost reading enjoyment and habits for all ages by tackling the decline in reading for pleasure and connecting with people's existing interests, such as sports or fan fiction, under the theme 'Go All In'. If you would like to find out more, please visit:

<https://goallin.org.uk/>



We know that, as well as understanding the benefits for children's futures, being a reader opens doors to imagination, knowledge and confidence. As a school, we are proud to play our part in promoting a strong and lasting reading culture.

Some of the things we will be doing include running parent workshops to share ways you can support reading at home and inviting parents and carers into school to read with our children. We are also working on improving our school library to make it an even more welcoming and inspiring space, and every child will be visiting Deal Library so they can sign up for their own library cards. In addition, we are always looking for volunteer readers to help share stories and a love of books with our pupils. If you would like to get involved, please speak to the school office.

As you know from my previous newsletters, we are very fortunate to be able to offer children access to our Forest School on a Tuesday. Over the next few months, every class will have the opportunity to take part in this fantastic outdoor learning experience, with a view to increasing the use of our Forest School to more days from September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cooper.

## Dates for your diary

- ❖ School Council Visit Holocaust Memorial – Tuesday 27th January
- ❖ Year 6 Bikeability – Monday 2nd February to Thursday 5th February
- ❖ Year 6 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 4th February & Thursday 5th February
- ❖ End of Term 3 – Friday 13th February
- ❖ Start of Term 4 – Monday 23rd February
- ❖ Young Voices O2 Trip – Tuesday 24th February
- ❖ Class photographs – Wednesday 25th February
- ❖ World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
- ❖ Year R-5 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 25th March & Thursday 26th March
- ❖ End of Term 4 – Thursday 2nd April

Please note term dates for the next academic year have now been added to the school website.

## Attendance

Whole school

94.50%

Year group of the week

Year 3

## Book Recommendation

This week's book recommendations comes from children in Year 2

**Book: Claude by Alex T Smith**

"This book is really fun, he dresses up in human clothes and goes on adventures." Florence

**Book: The Treehouse Collection by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton**

"I love reading these books at home with my mummy and daddy. Lots of adventures happen in each book and they are very funny!" Dougie

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Term Value:  
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Next Week's Lunch  
Menu – Week 1

