



**NORTHBOURNE
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Living and learning with *"fellowship...kindness and compassion."* – Philippians 2:1

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12th June 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Smarties Challenge

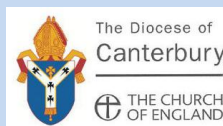
Thank you to everybody for supporting the Friends of Northbourne Smarties Challenge!

We have raised £304.04 to help towards the wonderful school visits, experiences and resources that our pupils enjoy.

The top class was Maple who will receive a full class treat!

The top fundraisers for each class were Sophie T, Peter, James P, Sienna and Rosanna who will receive their special individual prizes next week.

Thank you!





Year 6 visit the Science Jamboree

On Wednesday, Year 6 went to Discovery Park in Sandwich to take part in a Science Jamboree. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience Science first hand! They took part in three workshops and then watched a Science show. The workshops saw the children testing pH values in test tubes and accurately reading the results, Minecraft coding on iPads and testing their eyes and perception with lots of different optical illusions.

The afternoon culminated in the Science Show, led by the National Physical Laboratory. For Northbourne, the highlight was seeing Arthur, gloved and safety goggled, on the stage, dipping a bunch of flowers in liquid nitrogen and then smashing them on to the table! It was very exciting!

The whole afternoon was a wonderful scientific experience for the children, it was fun, engaging and a fabulous way to enable our children to learn more about STEM and Science in particular. Well done to Year 6 for enthusiastically participating in all the activities and making the most of the afternoon - and for representing the school so well.

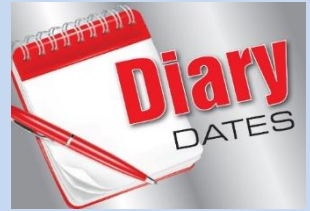


Oak Class Shang Dynasty Workshop with the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University



On Thursday, as part of their learning on the Shang Dynasty, Oak Class were treated to an online workshop led by the Ashmolean Museum, based at Oxford University. The Ashmolean Museum has a range of artefacts and objects from the Shang Dynasty and our pupils were able to see some of them - acting as detectives to try and work out what they were, what they were made from and what they were used for. They were particularly excited to see some examples of Oracle Bones, which they have been learning about - they show some of the earliest known examples of Chinese writing (Mandarin). Everyone had the chance to try their hand at writing Chinese characters using brushes and paint as well as learning about the legend of how the main rivers in China got their names - from dragons! It was an excellent way to learn more about the Shang Dynasty and far more achievable than travelling to Oxford - or China! Well done to everyone in Oak Class for representing the school well - and impressing the museum staff with your knowledge of the Shang Dynasty!

Summer Term - Dates for your diary



- Mon 1st June – Start of Term 6
- Wed 10th June – Year 6 to Science Jamboree at Discovery Park
- Thurs 11th June – Oak Class, Oxford Ashmolean Museum online workshop
- Sun 14th June – Collective Worship group leading service at St Augustine's church
- Tues 16th June – Hazel Class to Roman Museum, Canterbury
- Mon 22nd June – INSET Day, school closed to pupils
- Tue 23rd June – Maple Class to The Beaney, Canterbury
- Tue 23rd to 26th June – Year 5 Project Week
- Tue 23rd to 26th June – Year 6 Activity Week
- Wed 24th June – Willow and Beech Class to Wingham Wildlife Park
- Mon 29th June – Whole School Photos
- Wed 1st July – Sports Day (morning, followed by family picnic lunch)
- Fri 3rd July – Summer Fair (afternoon 2pm – 4pm)
- Fri 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Tue 21st July – Year 6 and siblings Leavers Church Service
- Tue 21st July – End of Term 6 (pick up anytime from 1.00pm)

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week ending Friday 12th June

Willow
97%

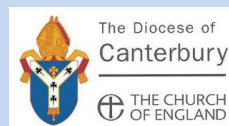
Beech
95%

Maple
94%

Hazel
99%

Oak
89%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year to date
95.8%**





Vision Champions
Week ending Friday 12th June

Willow – Dougie
Beech – Ernie
Maple – Kaylen
Hazel – Harry S
Oak – Sophie W
Head Girl's Award – Rose
Head Boy's Award – Ethan
Attendance Ted – Hazel class
Punctuality Pup – Maple and Willow classes



Next Week at Northbourne Primary School

Monday 15th June

Lunch Options: Mac 'N' Cheese, Mixed Bean Burrito or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Beech Class

PE Lesson: Every class will have a PE lesson with Coach Kye

Tuesday 16th June

Lunch Options: Breaded Chicken Steak, Veggie Nuggets or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Maple Class

Hazel Class Trip

Wednesday 17th June

Lunch Options: Roast Pork, Mustardy Sausage Bake or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Hazel Class

Thursday 18th June

Lunch Options: Mexican Beef Tortilla Bake, Chilli no Carne or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Oak Class

Year 6 activity Morning

Friday 12th June

Lunch Options: Fish Fingers, Curried Veggie Pasty or Jacket Potato

Forest School: Willow Class

Lunch Clubs: Choir & Gardening Club, KS1 Musical Theatre

Kent Cricket Day out