Being the Best that We can be!

Newsletter Issue 1: Term 1 2025

Message from the Team

We have had a fantastic first term back, filled with: Geography learning; visits out; Careers Fairs; World Mental Health Day; sleepovers in the hall and visitors coming in, all topped off with a fantastic Class Assembly by Year 6 today! Phew, how busy we have all been!

The children have been focusing on different values and attributes through their class Recognition Board and have been thinking about how they can show confidence, be resilient and show compassion – just to name a few!

We are looking forward to next term and all of the exciting events we have planned for the children – please make sure to check out our dates section!

We hope that you enjoy your Autumn break – we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November!

Dates for your diary

End of Term 1 – Friday 17th October

First day of Term 2 – Monday 3rd November

Year 3 swimming begins – Monday 3rd November

Year 4 trip to Hastings – Wednesday 5th November

Geography Day – Thursday 6th November

KS1 Coding adventure in school – Friday 7th November

Maths Challenge Opens – Monday 10th November

25/26 Reception Tour – Tuesday 11th November

Parents Evening – Tuesday 11th November and Wednesday 12th November

Road Safety Week – Monday 17th

25/26 Reception Tour – Wednesday 26th November

Christmas post box opens – Monday 8th December

Christmas Church Service – Thursday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

EYFS & KS1 Nativity – Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

RR Talent show – Friday 19th December

Last day of Term 2 – Friday 19th December

First day of Term 3 – Monday 5th January

Royal Rise Term Dates 2025-26

Term 1 – Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 17th October 2025

1 September INSET Day

29 September INSET Day

20 October-31 October 2025 Half Term

Term 2 – Monday 3rd November 2025-Friday 19th December 2025

22 December 2025- 2nd January 2026 Festive Break

Term 3 – Monday 5th January 2026-Friday 13th February 2026

13 February 2026 INSET Day

16-20 February 2026 Half Term

Term 4 – Monday 23rd February 2026- Thursday 2nd April 2026

3 April-17 April 2026 Easter Break

Term 5 – Monday 20th April 2026- Friday 22nd May 2026

4 May 2026 Bank Holiday

25 May – 29 May 2026 Half Term

Term 6 – Monday 1 June 2026-Tuesday 21 July 2026

3 July 2026 INSET Day

House Points

	Term 1
Angel	5726
Barden	6070
Castle	5537
Haysden	5476

Congratulations to Barden for winning in Term 1.

We will let you know when you are having your own clothes day next term!

Attendance

Our attendance figures for the term are:

Year R	**89.15%**
Year 1	**93.1%**
Year 2	**93.21%**
Year 3	**91.04%**
Year 4	**95.56%**
Year 5	**95.44%**
Year 6	**94.39%**
Whole School	**93.2%**

Well done Year 4!

Don't' forget that you can check your child's attendance at any time on Arbor. If your child's attendance has dropped below 90% this is classed as persistent absenteeism, and we will be contacting you again in the New Year. We want to work with our families to ensure your child is attending school whenever possible.

If you're child's attendance is between 90% and 94% this is a concern and we may send you further letters, in line with our statutory duties.

Spotlight on... safeguarding

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School Council News!

Meet our 2025-2026 School Council Reps!

The School Council have had a busy start to the year! They have held a meeting with their classes to decide on four charities which Royal Rise will support throughout this year: two National charities; one international charity and one local charity.

National Charities:

Children in Need – Friday 14th November – details to follow

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) – Friday 15th December – details to follow

International Charity:

Starfish Malawi – Date TBC

Local Charity:

Aspens – supporting children and adults with Autism - Date TBC

The next project the School Council is working on is applying to be a school with Green Flag status, starting off by carrying out an environmental review of our school!

News from around the school... Year R

We have done so much learning in Reception class this term. There has been so much new experiences to get use to, from coming in to a new environment, meeting new classmates and new routines. The children have been so incredibly amazing with all of it, we are so proud of them. Look at us having our lunch in the hall and a lovely social time at snack in our classroom.

We started our learning by exploring who we are and who is in our families.

We have loved learning about The Three Little Pigs and their homes, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, as well as exploring all areas of the classroom, playing cooperatively with our peers and enjoying seeing the seasons change.

News from around the school... Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year. They have investigated maps for our geography topic, made maps of the school using bricks and created the countries of the uk.

In maths we have been using our ten frames to help us find one more.

News from around the school... Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the school year, filled with exciting learning opportunities and lots of fun along the way!In Geography, we explored our local area by learning all about Tonbridge, and in Art, the children became budding artists as they created imaginative maps while developing their understanding of 3D form.
In English, we dived into the captivating book *Lost* and were inspired to write our own unique and creative versions of the story's beginning. The children impressed us with their originality and flair! In Maths, we've been building confidence with addition and subtraction, using a range of resources and strategies to help us solve problems and deepen our understanding.

News from around the school... Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to KS2, where they have taken to their new responsibilities really well.

We have learnt about rivers and the journey they go on, written biographies in English and even started to look into Rocks and Soils and how important they are. We also took a trip to Beggars Barn Farm in Penshurst, where we dug up earthworms, climbed into a combine harvester, made our own flour and watched Jim the sheepdog herd the sheep up close!

News from around the school... Year 4

Year 4 have had a really busy start to the new school year. We have been learning all about coasts in Geography and thinking about why Tonbridge does not have a coastline. We have been practicing our times tables and challenging each other on times tables rockstars and 99 maths. As well as this, we have been working really hard in maths and producing some wonderful fantasy writing in English. Year 4 have been super learners and I hope they enjoy their half term break. I look forward to seeing them all again in Term 2 :)

News from around the school... Year 5

This term, Year 5 had a fantastic time exploring fascinating facts about mountains, earthquakes, and volcanoes. One of the highlights was their morning in Forest School, where the children worked together to build different structures, learned about various plants, and created mini clay sculptures while enjoying being close to nature. They were also thrilled to see how a volcano works by watching a model eruption in action! In geography, the class learned how to find places on maps and were truly inspired by the incredible stories of Edmund Hillary and Jordan Romero—two adventurers who never gave up on their dreams.

News from around the school... Year 6

Year 6 have had a great start to the year with a jam-packed term!

They loved going up to London Zoo and behaved so well- we were really impressed with their maturity in a busy city. We also signed up to Kooth which is a mental health charity online that they can use whenever they feel that they need to. They have thoroughly enjoyed swimming each Monday and are really excited to finish off the term with sewing and their class assembly!

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