



TERM ONE

newsletter

A BIG THANK YOU!

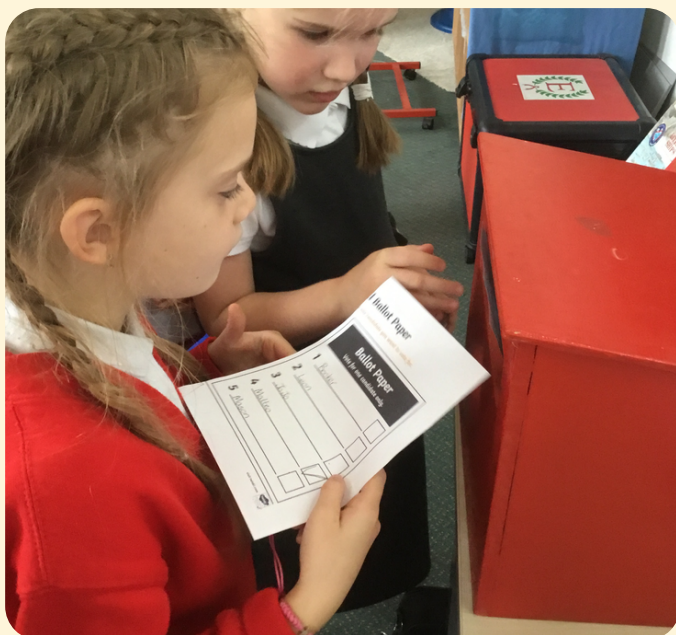
I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome in my first few weeks as Headteacher. It's been a real pleasure getting to know the children and beginning to meet so many of you at the gate or around school.

Thank you also for your support with some of the recent changes. The new gate routine is working really well - the school site feels much safer, and that's thanks to your cooperation.

I'd also like to thank you for supporting the change in how we manage PE changing. The children are already showing great progress in becoming more independent, which is a fantastic life skill and something we'll keep building on.

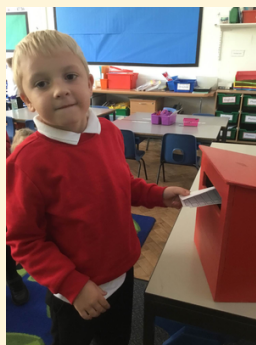
I'm really looking forward to what we can achieve together this year, thank you again for your warm welcome and continued support.

Mrs Bowman



School Council

The children had an exciting week in week 3, voting for their classmates and electing our brand-new school council. We announced the new School council in a special celebration assembly.



The Importance of Good Attendance

At our school, we are working hard to improve attendance - and we need your help.

Currently, our attendance is at 91%, but it should be over 96%. Every day really does count, and when children miss school, they miss out on learning, friendships, and key experiences that support their development.

Please remember that each day is made up of two sessions - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Missing just 10 sessions (that's only 5 full days) in a 10-week period can trigger a fine from the local authority.

Kent County Council is responsible for issuing fines. These fines are not set or kept by the school, and the council can also take further action, including prosecution, if poor attendance continues.

It's also important to know that being late counts too. If your child arrives after the register has closed 10 times in 10 weeks, this can also lead to a fine.

We understand that there can be genuine barriers to attendance - and we are here to help. If you're finding it difficult to get your child into school regularly, please talk to us. Working together, we can support you to find a solution.

Every child has a right to their education, and being in school regularly is one of the best ways we can help them succeed.

Thank you for your continued support.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 27/10 - Back to school for Term 2
- Term 2 - Tours for new reception intake
- 31/10 - Crafternoon - Spooky reading theme
- 13/11 - Parent's Evening
- 14/11 Children in Need

Please check the Reach More Parents app for more details.



Exciting Plans for Our Forest School!

It is an exciting time to join the school council, as we are planning to develop our forest school. All children have spent time in the forest school and have come up with some fantastic ideas of what they'd like to see in the forest area. From imaginative play spaces to areas for quiet reflection, their creativity has really shone through!

The School Council is now helping to refine these ideas, ready for us to apply for a special child-led grant. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to shape their environment and make a real difference to our school.

If you think you may be able to help or donate materials/time towards our projects, we would love to hear from you!

Watch this space, we'll keep you updated as the project progresses!



Spread the Word We Still Have Spaces!

We're proud of our wonderful school community and all the fantastic opportunities we offer our children every day. We still have spaces available in some year groups, so if you know a friend, neighbour or family member who is looking for a school place, please do recommend us!

We also have lots of Reception tours happening this term for families with children starting school next September - it's a great chance for them to see what makes our school special. Please encourage anyone interested to book a visit, we'd love to show them around.

Filling our places helps us to keep our school thriving and full of energy, thank you for continuing to spread the word!





Ellington Infant School

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

Please visit our school to see for yourself the positive, fun and exciting start to school life that we can offer your child.

What we can offer.....

- ◇ Wrap-around care (breakfast club and after school care)
- ◇ A range of extra curricular activities
- ◇ An excellent education
- ◇ Wonderful school grounds for outdoor learning
- ◇ An exciting curriculum
- ◇ A caring and nurturing environment
- ◇ Amazing library space
- ◇ Coffee mornings for families

and much more!

Please call the school office to book a place at any of the tours listed below. 01843 591638

Mon 27th, Tues 28th, Wed 29th & Thurs 30th October 2025 - Group Tours	10am	11am	1.30pm			
Mon 3rd, Tues 4th, Wed 5th & Thurs 6th November 2025 - Individual Tours	10am	10.30am	11am	11.30am	1.15pm	1.45pm
Mon 17th, Tues 18th, Wed 19th & Thurs 20th November 2025—Group Tours	10am	11am	1.30pm			
Mon 24th, Tues 25th, Wed 26th & Thurs 27th November 2025 - Individual Tours	10am	10.30am	11am	11.30am	1.15pm	1.45pm
Tues 6th, Wed 7th & Thurs 8th January 2026 - Group Tours	10am	11am	1.30pm			

To apply for a school place please visit

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places



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