

13th February 2026

Supporting Reading at Home

Helping your child with reading doesn't have to feel like homework! Small, regular moments make a big difference. Here are some easy ways to build reading into everyday life:

Make it part of the routine - Just 10–15 minutes a day can have a big impact. Bedtime stories, after-school wind-down time, or even breakfast reading all count.

Take turns - You read a page, they read a page. Or you read the tricky words and they read the rest. This keeps things positive and builds confidence.

Talk about the story - Chat about what's happening: What do you think will happen next? Why did that character do that? How would you feel if that happened to you?

There's no test — just conversation!

Don't jump in too quickly - If your child gets stuck on a word, give them a moment to work it out. Encourage them to: Look at the first sound, break the word into chunks, read the sentence again and think what would make sense

Celebrate effort - Praise the effort, not just accuracy. "I love how you kept trying with that word!" goes a long way.

Read anything and everything - Books are brilliant, but so are: Comics, Recipes, Football, programmes, Street signs, Instructions for games, Reading is reading!

Let them see you read - Children who see adults reading understand that it matters. Even reading a magazine or recipe shows that reading is part of everyday life.

Keep it positive - If your child is tired or frustrated, it's okay to stop. We want reading to feel enjoyable, not stressful.

Most importantly, enjoy the time together. Those shared reading moments build confidence, skills, and a lifelong love of stories.

Diary Dates

13.2.26 last day of term 3

23.2.26 First day of term 4

24.2.26 Year 6 Learning lift

27.2.26 Year 5 Dover Castle trip (details to follow)

11.3.26 & 12.3.26 Parent consultations.

19.3.26 Year 1 Wingham trip

1.4.26 Year R & Year 6 Hearing tests



School Times

8:35am Gates open
(children should be ready to come in).

8:45am Gates close and learning starts.

Children arriving after 8:45am are marked late.

Learning finishes at 3:15pm
(children leave after that time).

Excellence Awards for Term 3

Year R Lucas

Year 1 Christian

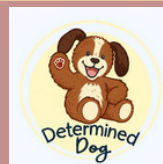
Year 2 Emmie and Wilhelmina

Year 3 Jasmina

Year 4 Finnley and Rachel C

Year 5 Leah and George

Year 6 Braiden and Amelia



The girls in Years 3 to 6 had a fantastic opportunity this week. A Dover RFC coach came in to demonstrate some rugby skills. If your daughter is interested joining the girls club, See below.



DOVER SHARKS
GIRL'S RUGBY

EVERY SUNDAY
AT THE SHARK TANK

COME ALONG AND JOIN US!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
JUST BRING YOUR ENERGY!

U8-10 (YR 3-5)
10:15-11:15

U11-13 (YR 6-8)
11:30-12:30

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