



Celebrations at Tenterden Primary Federation Term Four 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we collate our celebrations across our schools we realise how every second is packed with inspiring and well-planned sequenced activities for your children to not only make progress in their learning but to really enjoy. It means a lot to everyone to be happy at school and enjoy sharing learning and playing together. Our Nurture Approach, Christian Values and Positive Behaviour Policy leads our school vision to offer our inclusive and creative curriculum for all. I thank the staff and governors for their dedication in supporting each other to ensure the smooth running of our schools.

Term 4 begun with a staff INSET. We are developing our outdoor spaces and the teachers took part in Outdoor training activities. We are introducing this into all year groups. We continue to develop opportunities to promote reading for pleasure. Our Maths training has focused on showing all the children how to use and adapt maths representations so they can better understand the processes and also using stem sentences to be able to explain their reasoning. Staff have also had training about Co-Regulation and how we can all support children who become dysregulated so they can continue their learning and feel good about themselves.

We are a welcoming community school and everyone has had fun taking part in our whole school events. Your children's characters for World Book Day were amazing, with the Infants enjoying a story telling assembly and the Juniors having a great photoshoot. We enjoyed the Cosy Reading session in each school with biscuits and Nesquik. Science week had many investigations taking place which were celebrated in the School Halls in our Science Exhibition. Our thanks to Tenterden Wildlife Trust for supporting this week with many natural objects brought into some classes for examination! The Young voices trip to the O2 was a night to remember for children Year 3,4,5 and 6 who took part. Thank you to the staff and parents who support creative experiences.

A big well done to all our sport teams, who always represent our school well. The netball season is well underway and the teams have 5 victories amongst their results. Our football teams have played several games, including friendlies with local schools. The children enjoyed taking part in the hockey and girls' football tournaments.



Thank you to all parents and staff who give their time to make these opportunities possible. We also thank our PE coaches who also provide weekly lunch and after school multisport clubs.

Mother's /Special Person Tea and cake was enjoyed by most of the school. Your children said: **"It was really fun to spend some time in school with my mum."** **"I thought it was exciting to look forward to and a treat in the afternoon."** It was fun to see so many parents eating cake and having fun!"

Movie Night was a delight at the Infant School: **"I enjoyed Movie Night because the scarecrows had a wedding!"** **"The popcorn was amazing as I really like sweet and sour!"**

Disco lights shone at the Juniors: **"I liked all the songs and the neon hopscotch was very fun!"** **"I liked all the lights and stalls."** **"I liked how we could pick songs and all the colourful lights swirled with the music."**

Thank you to our TePTA team for all your enthusiasm and support.

We have shared your child's Mid -Term detailed report. We believe in sharing subject celebrations and detailing your child's target information in the middle of the year. This is so we can continue to work in partnership with yourselves, to help your child continue to make good progress. Your daily reading and spelling support with your child are really appreciated and this really helps your child to succeed. We also see how much you enjoy sharing your child's successes. The Homework Menus continue to offer task extensions and ideas to support the Foundation subject learning.

We thank Year 6 for their class assemblies this term and Foundation classes had a colourful Easter Bonnet Parade. It is clear that our foundation stage are truly great singers and brought great joy sharing their favourite songs.

We all look forward to next term. Please take time to enjoy all the celebrations in your child's class and across our schools. Have a restful Easter break with your friends and family.

Kind regards

Mrs McIntosh, Executive Head Teacher

The Acorn Grows into the Mighty Oak
The parable of The Mustard Seed



Tapir and Snow Leopard Foundation Classes Celebrations

This Term, we have been learning all about the beautiful changes happening in the natural world all around us during Spring. We started by linking our previous 'Fairy Tales' topic to the life cycle of beans by reading Jack and the Beanstalk. This allowed us to explore lots of exciting learning; comparing and measuring the heights of beanstalks and characters, singing beanstalk songs, and making beanstalk art. We also did an experiment to see what would happen if we planted beans but didn't give them the sun, water or soil that they needed to grow. The beans we planted with all the right conditions did much better than the plants in our experiment and we loved watching their roots and shoots grow!

Next, we explored metamorphosis by looking at the life cycles of butterflies and other insects. We read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, learnt about camouflage and even did an experiment to see which colour caterpillars were the easiest to find in our outdoor environment.

We practised doubles by counting the symmetrical spots on butterfly wings and have even been lucky enough to watch some real caterpillars turn from tiny caterpillars into big fat caterpillars just like the one in the story! They're making chrysalises as we speak and we can't wait to see them emerge as beautiful butterflies!

Finally, came our Easter learning where we looked at the life cycles of mammals. We learnt about all the different life stages of humans, from babies to adults and put them all in order. We also had fun learning all about sheep and lambs, using our writing skills to label their cute fluffy tails and pink ears. Easter crafts and activities were everywhere this term. We've been making cards, counting fields of sheep, hunting eggs, baking Easter nests and singing Easter songs for our Bonnet Parade.

We have loved learning all about how plants and animals grow and change this topic and are looking forward to exploring our next topic, Dinosaurs!



Lemurs Year 1 Celebrations

This term has been full of curiosity and creativity in our classroom, with the children showing great enthusiasm for their learning across all areas of the curriculum.

A key highlight has been our learning about the Wright brothers. The children were fascinated by the story of early flight and how the first aeroplane was invented. They asked thoughtful and inquisitive questions and enjoyed exploring how ideas develop over time.

In science, we have been learning about animal groups and what different animals eat. The children have developed their understanding of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and enjoyed sorting animals into groups. During Science Week, we had a special focus on birds, which was a real favourite. The children took part in a range of engaging activities, including creating their own nests using different materials and designing beautifully colourful birds. They also learned about bird habitats and how birds survive in the wild.

We would like to say a big thank you to Tenterden Wildlife Trust for visiting us during Science Week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were excited to learn more about different birds from an expert, which really brought their learning to life.

In PSHE, we have been focusing on how to stay safe both at home and in the wider community. The children have taken part in discussions and activities to help them understand how to make safe choices and who they can talk to if they need help.

Next term, we are looking forward to our new topic on Monarchs, where we will learn about important kings and queens from the past. We will also be exploring plants and how they grow. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Jaguars Year 1 & 2 Celebrations

This term, Jaguars have enjoyed listening to lots of traditional stories. We followed a trail of breadcrumbs down to the woods to find clues about the story we would be learning about and discovered characters from Hansel and Gretel! At the end of Book Week, we confidently retold our story to the whole school.

In English, we also learnt how to write a recipe. Our gingerbread men were delicious, and we had great fun making them. However, one of our gingerbread men escaped! We used our imaginations to think of ways to capture him and wrote clear instructions to help.

In Maths, we have been learning to count, make, and share into equal groups of 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. We have also learnt how to write multiplication and division number sentences and explored practically the links between them.

In RE, we listened to the Easter story and discussed how Christians celebrate Easter. During Science Week, we had some very exciting experiences. We enjoyed a visit from Kent Wildlife, who taught us about food chains. We created a food web and even dissected owl pellets, using identification sheets to discover what the owls had eaten. We also welcomed Tenterden Wildlife, who brought along different bird beaks and explained why birds have different shaped beaks. We loved using binoculars to spot birds around our school grounds.

Next term, we are looking forward to our new topic: What is a monarch? We will be learning lots of History, including finding out about the Battle of Hastings.



Polar Bears Year 2 Celebrations

In History, we've been looking up to the clouds! We studied the Wright Brothers and the incredible history of flight, learning how these pioneers changed the world forever. In Science, we've turned our focus to life cycles. We've been exploring how living things grow and change, which perfectly complemented our Science Week investigations, where the children acted as true scientists, conducting experiments and asking brilliant questions about the world around them. We have also been learning all about wheel and axle mechanisms. To put our knowledge to the test, we built our very own vehicles using recycled materials. It was fantastic to see such creative engineering and problem-solving in action!

Book Week was full of fairy-tale magic this year. We focused on the classic tale of Cinderella. We had so much fun exploring the story, from the magical transformation to the search for the glass slipper, and it really

sparked some wonderful creative writing and discussions in class. We even explored instruction writing by making some Cinderella inspired biscuits and then writing how to make a magic wand.

A huge thank you to the team from Kent Wildlife who visited us to help the children dissect owl pellets. It was a fascinating (and slightly messy!) way to learn about food chains. We also headed outside for some bird watching with the Tenterden Wildlife Trust, where the children used their observation skills and spotted some lovely local wildlife.

Next term, we will be learning about plants by planting sunflower seeds and experimenting with cress seeds. We will also learn about The Battle of Hastings and monarchy, discovering how the events of 1066 have impacted our lives now. We will also dive into the world of Picasso and create some crazy self-portraits.



Rhino and Orangutan, Year 3 Celebrations

It has been an exciting and productive term in Year 3, full of creativity, curiosity and hands-on learning. In English, the children have grown in confidence as imaginative authors. They wrote detailed setting descriptions, thinking carefully about vocabulary and atmosphere, before using these skills to create their own portal stories.

In Maths, we have finished working on length and perimeter, using practical measuring activities to help develop accuracy and problem-solving skills. More recently, we have begun exploring fractions, where the children have been learning to recognise, make and compare unit fractions, as well as understanding how to find the whole.

Science has been full of investigation and discovery as we explored the topic of light. The children learned about how light helps us to see, how shadows are formed, and how the position of a light source can affect the size and shape of a shadow.

In Geography, we journeyed in our imaginations to one of the most extreme environments on Earth – Antarctica. The children learned about its freezing climate and the important scientific research that takes place on the continent. We also followed the remarkable final journey of Ernest Shackleton, which captured the children's interest and admiration for his courage and determination.

In RE, we have continued to deepen our understanding of the Sikhi faith. The children learned more about the importance of Seva, exploring how serving others and showing kindness are central values in Sikh life. We also learned about Vaisakhi, discovering why it is such an important celebration for Sikhs and how it is marked with joy, community and gratitude.

In PE, we were introduced to the fast-paced game of handball. The children have worked brilliantly as a team, developing their passing, movement and communication skills, while also learning the importance of cooperation, quick thinking and teamwork in competitive games.

In DT, cardboard boxes were transformed into castles as the children designed and built their very own fortresses. They thought carefully about structure and design, adding features such as towers, battlements and drawbridges, and showed great creativity and resilience as they brought their ideas to life.

Next term promises to be just as exciting. We will be stepping back in time to explore life in Roman Britain, bringing history to life through narrative and newspaper-style writing inspired by Pompeii. In Maths, we will continue our work on fractions before moving on to telling the time and developing our confidence in reading clocks and solving time problems.



Hippos and Lion, Year 4 Celebrations

As we come to the end of Term 4, we would like to take a moment to celebrate all the fantastic learning and experiences the children have enjoyed over the past few weeks.

In History, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the fascinating world of the Mayans. They have learned about ancient Maya civilisation, including their achievements, daily life, and beliefs. The children showed great curiosity and asked thoughtful questions throughout the topic – especially about the Great Ball Game!

In Science, we have been investigating electricity. The children have explored how circuits work, identified different components, and then built their own simple circuits. They have also carried out their own conductor and insulator experiments! It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and problem-solving skills in action.

Our English lessons have been centred around Portal Stories and Information Texts. Firstly, the children used their imaginations to create exciting narratives involving magical worlds and adventures. They worked hard on developing descriptive language and structuring their stories effectively. We then followed this up with writing our own information texts about ancient ruins- the children enjoyed carrying out their own research before producing a double page spread full of fun facts!

In Maths, we have focused on fractions. Pupils have been learning how to recognise, compare, add and subtract, convert from mixed number to improper and vice versa! Throughout this unit, they showed increasing confidence and understanding.

In PE, the children have participated in both gymnastics and swimming. In gymnastics, they have developed strength, coordination, and confidence, and it has been fantastic to see their progress and teamwork. Swimming has been a real confidence boost for some of the children – they have faced their fears and taken on huge challenges! We are very proud of them!

In RE, we have been learning about salvation, exploring its meaning within Christianity and reflecting thoughtfully on its significance. The children particularly enjoyed learning about Holy Week – we had lots of thoughtful discussions.

Finally, in Music, the children have been learning about samba. They have enjoyed experimenting with rhythm and percussion, working together to create lively and energetic performances.

Alongside this, we also had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day. The children looked amazing in their costumes and enjoyed a range of reading activities that promoted a love of books and storytelling.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and positive attitudes this term. Thank you for your continued support.

Next term promises to be just as exciting. In Geography the children will be exploring the Amazon rainforest which also includes looking at habitats in Science, creating rainforest sounds in music and writing our own newspaper reports about deforestation.



Sharks and Whales, Year 5 Celebrations

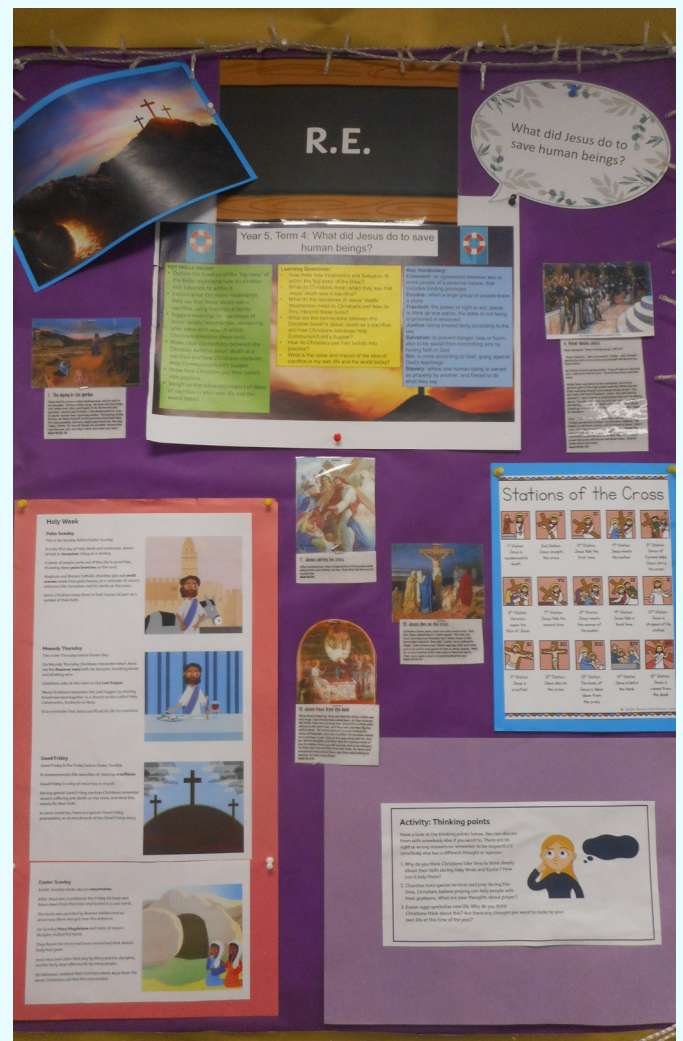
This term, Sharks and Whales have been enjoying exploring the world of Rock 'n' Roll within dance lessons, with some very impressive examples of the hand-jive. The children have experienced a thorough workout with some energetic footwork! In pairs and small groups, the children have choreographed some excellent routines which incorporate spins, the hand jive and travelling actions. We have also further utilised our catching and passing skills from last term throughout our unit on basketball in PE, with the additional skills of dribbling and running whilst maintaining possession of the ball.

Maths has seen us linking our knowledge of the four operations and measurement to calculating area and perimeter, as well as learning how line graphs and timetables work. English has seen us focus on character descriptions, using an extract from 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' and Hagrid as our model text. The children then used a short video clip from a silent film to construct some interesting dialogue between the characters. We have also been focusing on diary recounts this term, exploring what it was like to be the first man on the Moon and trying to imagine life as the babysitter for a family of superheroes... 'The Incredibles'! This was based on the short film 'Jack-Jack Attack', which had us in fits of giggles!

In Science this term, we have been investigating living things and their habitats by looking at the life cycles of different species, including birds and mammals. We have also had the opportunity to dissect a flower, looking for the male and female gametes. We also celebrated Science Week earlier in the term, which had the theme of curiosity. We designed our own lunar rovers!

In the build up to Easter, our RE topic of Salvation has become increasingly important, with the children investigating the question of what Jesus did to save human beings. Art has seen us looking at portraits and creating self-portrait poems using affirmations and adjectives to describe our personalities, overlaid onto a background created using a water-colour wash. These look amazing!

Next term, Maths will see us continue to explore the properties of different polygons and 3D shapes, and then using co-ordinates and symmetry within our unit on position and direction. In English, we will be focusing on persuasive writing and newspaper reports. We will also start using our recently improved outdoor woodland learning area, taking part in some bush craft activities! Geography will see us focus on deserts, discussing the world locations and characteristics of these environments, as well as how people use them. Science will see us revisit physics, with our unit on unbalanced forces. We are looking forward to all that Term 5 has to offer and hope everyone enjoys a well-earned Easter break. Don't eat too much chocolate! The Year 5 Team.



Penguin and Pangolin, Year 6 Celebrations

This term, we have enjoyed continuing our learning about The Americas, exploring the topography, produce and trade of the region. We thoroughly enjoyed our Exploration Week, during which we worked in crews to sail to the Americas. We tried out many of the skills that would have been necessary on board a ship, including boat-building, semaphore, the use of flags, weathering a storm, keeping a log of our adventures, and then participating in a final trading game to see which crews could make their fortune. Well done to the crew of the Midnight Swan for earning the greatest number of points across the week and therefore reaching their destination first. Congratulations also to the crew of The Sparrow, who made the most money in the trading game.

In English, we have linked our Americas Geography topic to our Talk for Writing units, studying a Cherokee creation myth. We have also enjoyed inventing our own creation myths to include other animals, plants and topographical features found in the Americas.

In Maths, we have also worked very hard, learning about fractions, decimals and percentages, and we incorporated some work on symmetry into our Exploration Week. We have loved finding out about Frida Kahlo from Mexico, the subject of our artist study. We have learned about her painting and how she depicted her life, her pain and her perspective through her art.

Next term, in Maths, we will be revising our knowledge of the four operations, developing our problem-solving skills further, and looking at measure and statistics. In English, we will be focusing on reasoned discussion, using the question, "Should animal organs be used in modern medicine?", and building atmosphere through the short film The Lighthouse.

We are looking forward to an exciting next term which includes the KS2 SATs. We are starting to put together our end-of-year production. Stay tuned to find out what it will be!

We wish you a happy and restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all next term.
Year 6 team.

