

Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter



Issue 7

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm to the start of a new academic year.

We have already announced the Year 6 Values Ambassadors and they have made a brilliant start by creating inspiring displays in the hall that reflect their values. Next term, they will be delivering assemblies to share these values with the whole school and will also be supporting our New Entrants Tours—a wonderful opportunity to showcase the heart of Sandgate Primary.

Our Games Captains have also been busy supporting Mrs Van der Wal with PE and will soon be leading exciting lunchtime activities on the playground. Their efforts are helping to promote 60 minutes of physical play each day.

A special mention must go to our new Bumblebees and Ladybirds, who have settled into school life fantastically well. We are so super proud of them.

At Sandgate Primary School, we pride ourselves on the exceptional behaviour of our children. This was beautifully highlighted during the Year 5 visit to Canterbury Cathedral on Monday. We received a message from the Cathedral team, stating:

"The pupils at Sandgate Primary School are such an asset to the school. Their manners were impeccable and we have older children visit us who do not behave as well as they did."

What a proud moment for our school community!

Attendance Matters – A Brilliant Start to the Year!

We are thrilled to share that last year our whole school attendance was an outstanding 96.5%, placing Sandgate Primary School in the top decile nationally among all schools in England. What does this tell us? It tells us that our children LOVE coming to school—and that they feel happy, safe, and excited to learn every day.

We're already off to a fantastic start this year, with last week's attendance at 96.4%. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in making attendance a priority.

A polite reminder: if your child is too unwell to attend school, please phone the office each day they are absent. Our attendance policy requires daily contact from parents/carers during any period of illness. This helps us ensure that all children are safe and being well cared for.

Let's keep up the great momentum and continue to make every day count!

Looking Ahead to Term 2

Next term promises to be a busy but exciting one, and we simply can't wait to get started!

Please note that Friday 31st October is a Staff Development Day. On this day, we are thrilled to be welcoming back Gareth Metcalfe, a leading figure in primary mathematics education. Gareth will be working with our teaching teams on Problem Solving and Reasoning, helping us to further enrich our maths curriculum. This is a fantastic opportunity for our staff—and ultimately, for the future mathematicians of Sandgate Primary School!

There are lots of important dates coming up next term, including our much-loved Christmas Plays. We'll be sending out a full list of key dates early next term, so please keep an eye out.

Staff Development Days & Half Term Wishes

We have one more Staff Development Day scheduled for this academic year, which will take place on Monday 5th January 2025. Please make a note of this date in your calendars.

As we head into the half term break, I want to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm—it makes Sandgate Primary School the special place it is.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 27th October**, ready for another exciting term ahead!

Best wishes,
Mrs Jones
Acting Headteacher

Monday 27th October	Tuesday 28th October	Wednesday 29th October	Thursday 30th October	Friday 31st October
Choir (02) KS2, 3.15pm-4.15pm Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)	Karate 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)	Rocksteady PM	Dance Club 3.15pm-4.00pm. Year 1—Year 6 (Please contact Charley on 07772 637271) <i>If there is someone else collecting your child from Dance Club, please inform Charley directly.</i> Next Gen Football Club 3.15pm-4.15pm. Please contact: NEXTGENERATIONSPORTSCOACHING.ORG	Staff Development Day

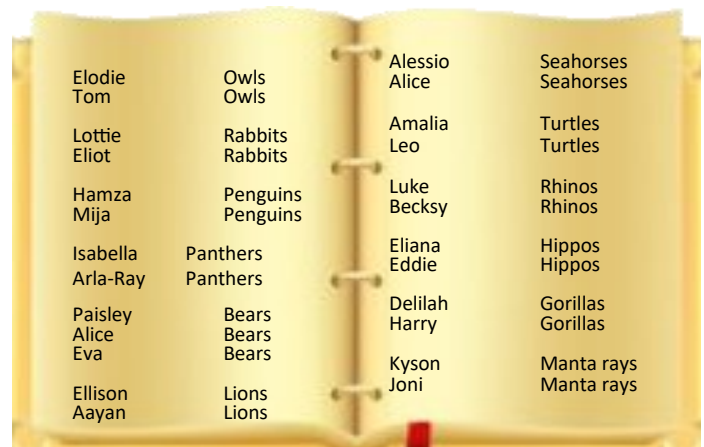
Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th October: End of Term 1
Monday 27th October: Beginning of Term 2.
Friday 31st October: Staff Development Day, children not in school.
Monday 3rd November: Parent/Teacher Consultations
Monday 3rd November: PTA AGM, 7.15pm, Main Hall
Thursday 6th November: Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November: Bears Parent/Teacher Consultations.



Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who were rewarded in the Gold Book this week.



Congratulations to Myer from Seahorses who came 4th in her heat for the 2017 tin category in the British Gymnastics South East Regionals Women's Artistic Competition.

Please order directly through Class Fundraising. Your child will have brought home this card with details on how to order. Please order by 30th October.

Org Code: D0B452
Design Code: NHV4QV

Class Fundraising

FREE Delivery!
with every order

Trusted by millions! A Christmas gift from your little artist!

Shop more gifts online!

Sandgate Primary School
need your help to fundraise this Christmas! Shop online to support us!

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HURRY!!
LIMITED SHOP OPENING TIME

Marvellous Me Top Badge Earners

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded the highest number of Marvellous Me badges in their class this term. They will enjoy an afternoon tea party with Mrs Jones and Mr Evans on 29th October.

Bumblebees – Robyn

Ladybirds – Adela

Owls – Ellie

Rabbits – Joe

Panthers – Teddy

Penguins – Austin

Lions – Zimuzo

Bears – Arte

Seahorses – Otilie

Turtles – Beatrice

Hippos – Indie

Rhinos – Benjamin

Eagles – Harlow

Gorillas – Edward



The top scoring class, who were awarded 627 badges this term, is the TURTLES. They voted to visit the Marvellous Me Swap Shop and spend their reward tokens.



Thank you to all our parents for your support at our Book Fair. It was a huge success and has given us £1385.85 to spend on books for the school.

PTA AGM

Monday 3rd November in the Main Hall, all are invited.

7.15pm for the AGM

7.45pm for the PTA

Please see below the Agenda:

**Sandgate Primary School
Parent Teacher Association
Registered Charity No. 1105351**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

03 November 2025

To be held in the School Hall at 7.15pm

AGENDA

Ordinary Business

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (not available)
3. Chair's Report for 2024/2025 (annex A to be presented at the meeting – shared electronically after the meeting)
4. Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31/08/2025 (annex B to be presented at the meeting – shared electronically after the meeting)
5. Adoption of new Constitution (annex C – to be presented at the meeting)
6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner of Accounts for the year ending 31/08/2025
7. Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee (annex D – to be presented at the meeting)

Current Officers:

Chair

Susannah Seward
Matthew Thomas

Secretary

Katie Barker
Becs Walker

Treasurer

Elizabeth Furneaux
Natalie Fox

Other Officer(s)

Ordinary Committee members

Any Other Business

8. Other business

Admission to Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at
midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between
1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022,
Transferring to Primary school
in September 2026

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 7 November 2025** and closes at **midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Thursday 16 April 2026**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Thursday 30 April 2026**.

A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Friday 7 November 2025	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Thursday 15 January 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Thursday 16 April 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm .
Thursday 30 April 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Applications are open between Friday 7th November 2025 - Thursday 15th January 2026 and can be made at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. If parents are unable to access the online site, an alternative format can be requested by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.



Year 1 and 2 children have really enjoyed making a frog toy using their new sewing skills. Don't they look great!



FOLKESTONE RUGBY CLUB, CT18 8BH

GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

FREE SESSIONS FOR GIRLS AGED 6-11
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 29TH OCT
6PM - 7PM

CONTACT LEIGH: 07977 271024



29/10
OPENING
NIGHT
PIZZA
PARTY!

These clubs are outside providers and are not run by the school.
Please contact them directly for information on bookings and payments.



LITTLE STORIES

BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE WITH ACTING,
MOVEMENT & CREATIVE PLAY!

Perfect for building confidence and imagination!

Community Room: Sandgate Primary
Year 1 & 2

EVERY TUESDAY | 3:15-4:00

Register Interest:
caitlin@contactartist.info

Caitlin McCarthy
PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

£5

Little Stories Club will commence on the 1st Wednesday in
Term 2. Please contact directly for details.

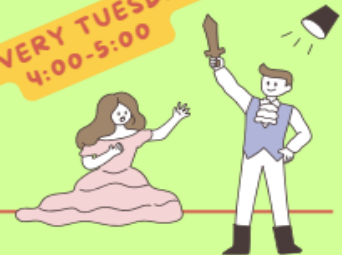


YOUNG PERFORMERS

Develop confidence through
drama, movement, and stage skills.

Community Room: Sandgate Primary:
Years 3-6

EVERY TUESDAY:
4:00-5:00



Register Interest:
caitlin@contactartist.info

Caitlin McCarthy
PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

£6

These clubs are outside providers and are not run by the school.
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Vantage now have enough interest to enable them to run this club, please contact them directly for bookings. This club will run on Wednesdays, (3.20pm-4.20pm) please contact Vantage for start date.

Our Afterschool Photography Workshops

www.vantage-edu.com Telephone: 01562 730 580 Email: enquiries@vantage-edu.com

Workshop 1: Storyboarding and Portrait Photography

Workshop 2 + 3: The World Around Us – Landscapes and Panoramas

Workshop 4 + 5: 'Fine Art' Photography:



- o 'Rembrandt' lighting
- o Key lighting
- o Fill light and back lighting



Workshop 6: The Photography of Movement

VANTAGE
EDUCATION

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SONG WRITING WORKSHOPS

Join Gavin Alexander

HAVING FABULOUS FUN WRITING SONGS TOGETHER.
BRING YOUR MIND AND VOICE, AND INSTRUMENT IF YOU PLAY, BUT IT'S NOT COMPULSORY.

STARTING 3RD OF OCTOBER
Every Friday from 3.15 pm to 4.15pm

SAVE YOUR SPOT !

Sandgate Primary school

For more information: www.gavinalexandermusic.co.uk
or call on 07754675511 £5 per session

FOOTBALL AT SANDGATE PRIMARY

For boys & girls aged Yr 1-6

THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

Please book via our website under school services. Please pack appropriate clothing as we will always be outside.

LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FOOTBALL WITH PROFESSIONAL EARLY YEARS COACHES!

The Boards
PERFORMING ARTS WITH CLASS

Children's Performing Arts Classes

We offer dynamic performing arts classes for children age 4-16, sessions include a variety of dance, drama and vocal coaching all taught by professionally trained performers and designed to build stagecraft skills and confidence.

EAST LONDON AND FOLKESTONE VENUES

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