



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 8

Thursday 30th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

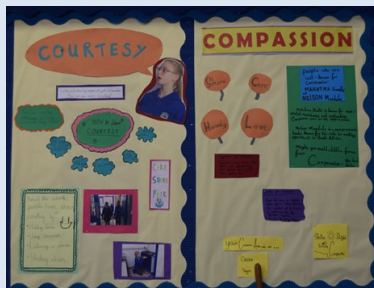
I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. As we step into Term 2, we're excited to welcome all our children and families back to school. This is an exciting term for learning and to find out what your child will be taught, please check the medium-term plans on our website. Here is the link: [Sandgate Primary School - Medium Term Plans](#)

Tomorrow school is closed for staff training. As previously mentioned, our teaching teams will take part in a fantastic maths training session led by Gareth Metcalfe. The training will be packed with practical strategies that we're already weaving into our lessons to help children think mathematically and build confidence in problem-solving.

At the heart of everything we do are our school values. Here's a reminder of our Values:

- **Respect** – for ourselves, others, and our environment.
- **Courtesy** – showing kindness and good manners every day.
- **Determination** – never giving up, even when things are tough.
- **Equality** – celebrating our differences and treating everyone fairly.
- **Compassion** – caring deeply and helping those in need.
- **Friendship** – building strong, supportive relationships

A huge well done to our Year 6 Values Ambassadors who have been busy creating wonderful displays to represent our school values of Respect, Courtesy, Determination, Equality, Compassion and Friendship. Here are some photos of the displays:



This term the Ambassadors will be delivering assemblies to the whole school, supported by Mr Sharp, about their value and how each child can demonstrate and show them in school. They will also be shortlisting the recommended charities from our families in the run up Christmas (more to come on this!) and classes will then vote on the final charity we will support during our Christmas Plays. This continues to promote the British Value of Democracy.

Each term we celebrate class and individual success when receiving Marvellous Me badges which are awarded for showing our school values. The Turtles won the class award last term and loved spending their vouchers in the swap shop. On Wednesday, the top-class scorers enjoyed afternoon tea with myself and Mr Evans. The top scorers enjoyed some delicious sweet treats and then competed in a quiz. It was great fun!

We know many families will be enjoying some spooky fun tomorrow. We have given the children some top tips today in Gold Book assemblies. Here are some top tips to stay safe:

- Stay with a trusted adult at all times.
- Only visit homes with lights on and decorations.
- Be visible – wear bright clothing or carry a torch.
- Respect others' property and space.
- Never enter a stranger's home.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Jones
Acting Headteacher

Monday 3rd November	Tuesday 4th November	Wednesday 5th November	Thursday 6th November	Friday 7th November
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804) Invite Only Football	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	



Due to Parent Consultations on Monday 3rd November, Choir will be cancelled on this day.



Odd Socks

Monday 10th November
 What is Odd Socks day?
 Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd November: Parent/Teacher Consultations
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Thursday 6th November: Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November:
 Bears Parent/Teacher Consultations.
Monday 10th November: Odd Socks Day!
Friday 14th November: Children in Need Day!

Gold Book

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




Friday 14th November
Children in Need day!
Wear a spotty/yellow accessory.
(Small donation request please)




Poppies will be on sale at break times next week.

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

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SEND Coffee Morning – Thursday 13th November @ 9:15am in our Community Room

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – Speech and Language

With Rachel Shoob (SENDCo) and Wendy Hill (Family Liaison Officer)

The school's link Speech and Language Therapist, Lauren Purdie, will be attending our Coffee Morning, with a focus on the Early Years and Year 1.



All parents welcome.



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.

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



FOOTBALL AT SANDGATE PRIMARY
For boys & girls aged Yr 1-6

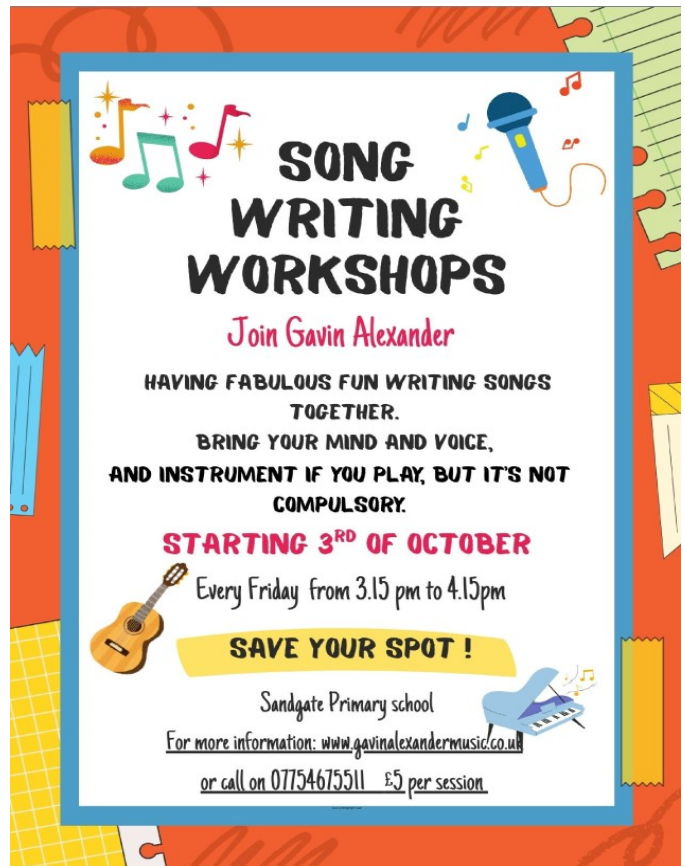
THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM

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!

NEXT GEN
YOUTH COACHING



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



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**

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PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

£6