



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 11

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy but great week it has been at Sandgate Primary School this week. I am delighted to share that our recent Lockdown Drill on Tuesday was a huge success! The children demonstrated that they can make safe decisions and act appropriately in an emergency situation. Thank you for supporting us in preparing for this important safety measure.

The festive season is approaching, and our Christmas play rehearsals are now in full swing! Thank you for your support with costumes, rehearsing songs and learning lines.

Thank you to everyone who submitted charity nominations. Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be delivering assemblies about the nominated charities. After the presentations, each class will vote for their preferred charity to support this year. We look forward to seeing the children engage in this meaningful process whilst promoting the British Value of Democracy.

Next time you are in school, please take a moment to look at the display shelves in the corridors. These displays show how subjects progress across the school from EYFS to Year 6, giving you a clear picture of the learning journey your child experiences.

Have your children been coming home and talking about the Colour Monsters or Zones of Regulation? We place a strong emphasis on helping children understand and manage their emotions. This focus on self-regulation means that our children can identify how they feel, why they feel it and what tools they can use to help them. Here's how we do this across the school:

- **EYFS to Year 2 – The Colour Monsters** Children learn about emotions through the story *"The Colour Monster"* by Anna Llenas. Each monster represents a feeling (e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, calm). This helps children identify and talk about their emotions in a simple, visual way. Each morning and then throughout the day, children 'self-assess' how they feel and adults monitor this to follow up with a child where necessary.
- **Years 3 to 6 – Zones of Regulation** Older pupils use the Zones of Regulation framework to develop self-regulation skills. Emotions and states of alertness are grouped into four zones:
 - Blue Zone – Sad, tired, or bored
 - Green Zone – Calm, focused, ready to learn
 - Yellow Zone – Frustrated, worried, excited
 - Red Zone – Angry, out of control

This approach helps children recognize their feelings and choose strategies to return to the Green Zone. Each morning and then throughout the day, children 'self-assess' how they feel and adults monitor this to follow up with a child where necessary.

As well as the above, our PSHE curriculum is carefully mapped to further teach self-regulation strategies. Have a look at our Medium Term Plans for each year group to see what your child is learning this term for all subjects. These can be found here: <https://www.sandgateprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Medium+Term+Plans&pid=14>

I am sure you have all noticed the drop in temperature this week. Please remember to send your child to school with adequate outdoor clothing including a warm coat. Thank you.

Have a fantastic week,

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher

KS2 Reminder - Marlowe pick up time. Approximate return time will be around 4.45pm. You will receive updated texts from 4pm onwards.

We have liaised with afterschool clubs with regards to this trip. If your child attends the nursery site at Greenfields, they will be collected on arrival back to school. Unfortunately Greenfields cannot provide provision for those children at the St Georges site at this time.

Children booked in with Little Oaks will be taken to afterschool as usual

Monday 24th November	Tuesday 25th November	Wednesday 26th November	Thursday 27th November	Friday 28th 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	Bilingua Sing French Club 12.30pm-1.00pm, Years 1 & 2 1.00pm-1.30pm, Years 3 4, 5 & 6. Please contact: charlotte@bilinguasing.com

Gold Book

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

Adam	Ladybirds	Emily	Lions
Evie	Ladybirds	Eira	Lions
Seren	Bumblebees	Grace	Seahorses
Bear	Bumblebees	Leo	Seahorses
Bronte	Owls	Jackson	Turtles
Noah	Owls	Pearl	Turtles
Rafa	Rabbits	Luke	Rhinos
Remi	Rabbits	Arhaan	Rhinos
		James	Rhinos
Hugo	Penguins	Olivia	Hippos
Aria	Penguins	Hugo	Hippos
Evie	Panthers	Olivia	Gorillas
Salwar	Panthers	Wilf	Gorillas
		Stanley	Gorillas
Jadon	Bears	James	Manta rays
Srivani	Bears	Joni	Manta rays

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd December: KS2 Marlow Trip

Friday 5th December: Tag Day!

Thursday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day!

Friday 12th December: PTA Christmas Fair.

Thursday 18th December: Christmas Dinner.

Friday 19th December: End of Term 2.

Monday 5th January: Staff Development Day.

Tuesday 6th January. Start of Term 3.

Children return to school.



Sandgate Primary School CHRISTMAS PLAY DATES 2025

YEAR 5	Thursday 4 th December	2.00pm
YEAR 5	Thursday 4 th December	6.00 pm
YEAR 4	Monday 8 th December	2.00 pm
YEAR 4	Monday 8 th December	6.00 pm
YEAR 3	Tuesday 9 th December	2.00 pm
YEAR 3	Tuesday 9 th December	6.00 pm
YEAR 2	Wednesday 10 th December	2.00 pm
YEAR 2	Wednesday 10 th December	6.00 pm
YEAR 1	Thursday 11 th December	2.00 pm
YEAR 1	Thursday 11 th December	6.00 pm
YEAR R	Monday 15 th December	2.15pm
YEAR R	Monday 15 th December	5.30pm

Year 6 will not be performing a Christmas play however, they will be producing a Leaver's Spectacular Show in the Summer term.



Congratulations to Amber who has qualified for the National Schools Snowsports Squad representing Sandgate Primary School. A huge well done to Amber!



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.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN COME AND MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTO AT HYTHE TOWN HALL

Price £8

To book your personal appointment simply
scan the QR code or visit :

<https://buytickets.at/rotaryclubofhythe/1891972>



SATURDAY 29TH & SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER — 10AM TO 4PM
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
SATURDAY 6TH & SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER — 10AM TO 4PM
SATURDAY 13TH & SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER — 10AM TO 4PM
SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER TO MONDAY 23TH 10AM TO 4PM
CHRISTMAS EVE: 10AM TO 2PM



ROTARY CLUB
OF HYTHE

SANDGATE PTA PRESENTS

Christmas Cracker Craft Night

Make. Create. Unwind.

Join us for a cosy, adults-only evening of mindful Christmas crafting. Make your own recycled, reusable Christmas crackers, a beautiful, eco-friendly addition to your festive table.

Relax with mulled wine and mince pies (available to buy), enjoy a calm creative space, and spend time with friends while you make a little Christmas magic.

Wednesday 26th November

£5/ticket all material supplied

7.30pm · Main hall, Sandgate Primary School

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South Kent Mind Mental Elf 2025

Back for the second year running, join South Kent Mind for a run, jog, walk, wheel, or stroll around the 5km course – all in aid of better mental health in our community!

Whether you choose to run, jog, walk, wheel, or stroll your way around the course, this event has a focus on fun and is open to all ages and abilities (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult).

Please do come dressed in your best elf costume as in addition to the fun run, there will be entertainment and music, and prizes on offer for best dressed elf!

Everyone will be sure to enjoy themselves, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Event Details

Location: The Leas, Folkestone. Meet at The Bandstand along The Leas, CT20 2DZ.

Date: Sunday 7th December 2025

Start time: Race starts at 12:00 and warm up at 11:30, with the registration desk open from 10:30.

This is a 5km fun run (walk, jog, run - all welcome). Festive Elf fancy dress strongly encouraged with a prize for best dressed elf!

This year Mrs van der Wal would like to enter a team from Sandgate Primary School. Entries will be paid for using our PE government funding, but individuals can also get sponsorship if they wish to. A google form will be set up via the office if you wish to take part. Please complete this by Friday 21st November.

Kent
Family
Hub

Folkestone & Hythe Christmas HAF Activities

Skating & Climbing at F51

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Tuesday 23rd December -
1pm - 5pm (approximate timings)

Leas Cliff Hall Pantomime Peter Pan



Tuesday 30th December -
11:30am - 5pm (approximate timings)

Lunch Provided

Suitable for 8+ years.

Priority given to children receiving free school meals.

Transport available from New Romney Family Hub if required.



Thank you for your
kind donations.

£385.96 has been
raised for the
Royal British Legion.

This Christmas will be Fee-Fi-Fo-FUN!

Jack and the Beanstalk

Steve Hawkins as
Dame Trot

Michelle Hartley as
Fairy Moonbeam

Chris Wilcox as
Fleshcreep

Ava Wright as
Jill

Hannah Ridley as
Jack

Jack Wilcox as
Silly Billy

12 - 28 December

The Tower Theatre
North Road, Folkestone CT20 3HL

Jack and the Beanstalk

This year's panto is going to be Fee-Fi-Fo-FUN!

Jack is off on an adventure, swapping his great big cow (not the Dame) for a bag of beans. What a fool, you shout! But these are not your average, run of the mill supermarket own brand beans... oh no - they're MAGIC beans!

Jack has to save the day by climbing a beanstalk to confront the evil Giant. Will Jack make it? Will the Giant eat him? Will Fleshcreep, the Giant's henchman, get his comeuppance?

Find all this out and more at The Tower Theatre this festive season.

Expect stunning costumes, fabulous scenery, a cow, awesome lighting, music, mayhem and bad jokes!

Performances:

Friday 12th December - 7pm
Saturday 13th December - 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 14th December - 2pm
Friday 19th December - 7pm
Saturday 20th December - 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 21st December - 12pm (earlier time)
Monday 22nd December - 2pm & 7pm
Tuesday 23rd December - 2pm & 7pm
Christmas Eve - 2pm
Saturday 27th December - 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 28th December - 2pm

Stalls:

Adults - £21 | Under 18s - £14
Members - £19
Family ticket - £65
(2 adults & 2 under 18s)

Gallery:

Adults - £19 | Under 18s - £14
Members - £17
Family ticket - £60
(2 adults & 2 under 18s)



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How did Jack know
how many beans
his cow was worth?
He used a cowculator!



Registered Charity 1180504
Written by Peter Denyer. Script provided by PantoScripts, NODA

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

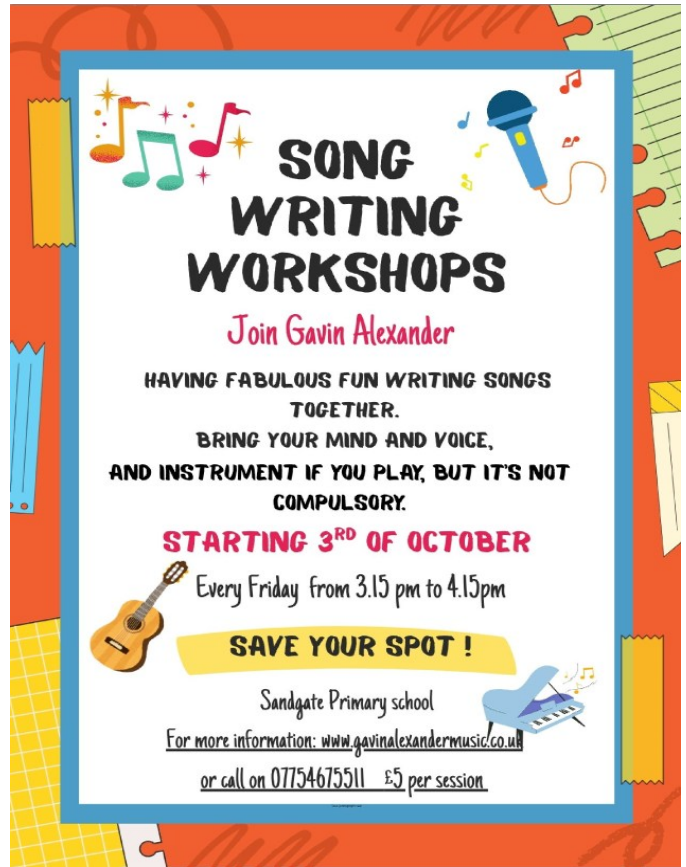
THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

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

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Sandgate Primary school

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Community Room: Sandgate Primary
Year 1 & 2

EVERY TUESDAY | 3:15-4:00

Register Interest:
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Caitlin McCarthy
PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

£5



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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