



# Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

## Newsletter

Issue 12

Friday 28th November 2025

### Dear Parents/Carers,

It is not long until our KS2 trip to the Marlowe next Wednesday. The children will return between 4.30pm and 4.45pm. A text will be sent at around 4pm with the expected arrival time. Please then collect your child as normal. Your child should bring a packed lunch in for this day and can take a healthy snack with them to take to the theatre. No sweets or chocolate please! Please empty their school bags of everything other than their lunch boxes, water bottles and snacks on this day. They should bring a coat to wear too.

We have liaised with after-school clubs regarding this trip:

- **Greenfields Nursery Site:** Children will be collected on arrival back at school. Please let the office know if your child is going to Greenfields on this day by emailing [enquires@sandgate.kent.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@sandgate.kent.sch.uk)
- **St George's Site:** Unfortunately, Greenfields cannot provide provision for these children at this time.
- **Little Oaks:** Children booked in will be taken to after-school as usual. Please let the office know if your child will need taking to Little Oaks on this day by emailing [enquiries@sandgate.kent.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@sandgate.kent.sch.uk)
- Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Attendance Success!

Our whole school attendance last week was 97.4%, placing us in the top 1% nationally compared to all other schools! This is a fantastic achievement – thank you for your continued support.

Reminder: If your child is unwell, please leave a message notifying the school each day they are off.

### Christmas Fundraising

Our Year 6 ambassadors have worked hard to shortlist charities for our Christmas fundraising. They have chosen:

- **Evelina Hospital Children's Charity**
- **Cancer Research**
- **Jessie's Fund**

Each class will vote for the charity we will support on Monday.

### Looking Ahead – Panto Season 2026

We're already planning for next year's pantomime! Initial quotes for the Marlowe Theatre with coaches are above £30 per child, which we know can be a significant cost for families, especially with multiple KS2 children just before Christmas. Thank you for your feedback on this.

To make this more affordable, next year we will support the local pantomime at The Leas Cliff Hall. The estimated cost of this will be around £12 per child and more parents will be able to join us and come along too which will be fantastic. We're excited to keep this tradition alive while making it accessible for everyone.

Our Christmas plays start next Thursday and the children have been working hard at learning their lines, practising their songs and rehearsing dance moves. I hope you enjoy the performances as much as we do.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher.

Monday 1st December	Tuesday 2nd December	Wednesday 3rd December	Thursday 4th December	Friday 5th December
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.



### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd December: KS2 Marlowe 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 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm
YEAR 5	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm
YEAR 4	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm
YEAR 4	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm
YEAR 3	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm
YEAR 3	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm
YEAR 2	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm
YEAR 2	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm
YEAR 1	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm
YEAR 1	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm
YEAR R	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm
YEAR R	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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.



A huge well done to Isabelle and Mae from Manta rays class who both took part in a Tapathon record attempt of the most people performing the same routine at the same time. This was held to help raise money for Children in Need.



# 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](https://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

<b>Friday 7 November 2025</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Thursday 15 January 2026</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Thursday 16 April 2026</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Thursday 30 April 2026</b>	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.
<b>Wednesday 13 May 2026</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

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

Kent Family Hub

## Folkestone & Hythe Christmas HAF Activities

### Skating & Climbing at F51

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Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December -  
1pm - 5pm (approximate timings)

### Leas Cliff Hall Pantomime

#### Peter Pan



Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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

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

# Jack and the Beanstalk

Steve Hawkins as Dame Trot

Michelle Hartley as Fairy Moonbeam

Ava Wright as Jill

Hannah Ridley as Jack

Chris Willcox as Fleshcreep

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

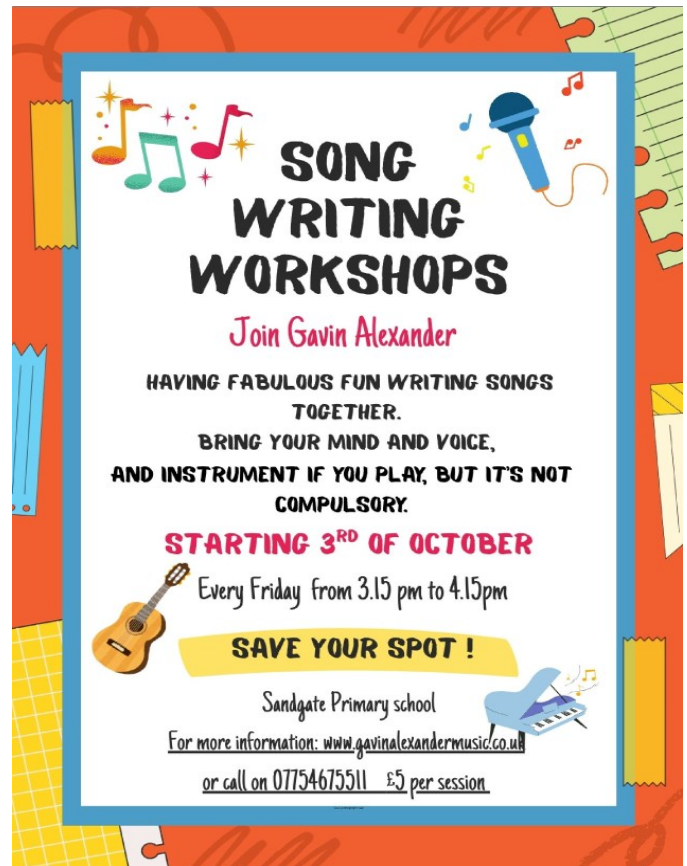
**THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM**

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

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

LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FOOTBALL WITH PROFESSIONAL EARLY YEARS COACHES!

**NEXT GEN**  
EARLY YEARS 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 3<sup>RD</sup> OF OCTOBER**  
Every Friday from 3.15 pm to 4.15pm

**SAVE YOUR SPOT!**

Sandgate Primary school

For more information: [www.gavinalexandermusic.co.uk](http://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](mailto:caitlin@contactartist.info)  
Caitlin McCarthy  
PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

£5



**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:  
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