



# Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

## Newsletter



Issue 13

Friday 5th December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Key Stage 2 had a brilliant time watching Snow White and the Seven Dwarves - oh yes they did! The Christmas spirit was truly alive, and we all loved the acting, dancing and singing. It was a wonderful way to start off our Christmas celebrations at Sandgate Primary School.

A huge well done to Year 5, who performed a spectacular play, 'A Sandgate Space Odyssey' on Thursday. It was an amazing performance, full of energy and talent. We are already looking forward to seeing rest of the plays next week. Here is what you can look forward to:

EYFS - Christmas Counts

Year 1 - Whoops a Daisy Angel!

Year 2 - Back to Christmas

Year 3 - Lights, Camel, Action!

Year 4 - Humbug

This year we will be supporting the Evelina London Children's Charity. This charity has supported two of our Sandgate families during operations and post operative care. The children, staff and governors all voted and this is the chosen Christmas Charity for this year. You can find out more about the charity here: [Evelina London Children's Charity - Fuelling the incredible](#)

Next Friday is our annual Christmas Fair and the PTA are working hard behind the scenes to make this the best one yet. Thank you for all the amazing donations received today. It is thanks to the generosity of our families that these events are so successful. If you have any donations for the tombola, please do send these in - thank you!

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, EYFS and Key Stage 1 will enjoy Christmas parties in class. This is just to inform you - you don't need to do anything for it. We will provide activities, games, dancing and some snacks for the children to enjoy.

Our school gates are open 8.30am to 8.45am. Each day, there are often children arriving late once the gates have closed. This morning over 25 children missed the gate! Being late can cause children to miss important instructions and preparation for the day including going through the visual timetable plus social time in class with their peers. It is also time where teachers and teaching assistants hear individual children read and every child does their emotional check in via the colour monsters or zones of regulation displays. Arriving just 10 minutes late each day adds up to nearly a week of lost learning over the year. We will be monitoring lateness of each child over the next two weeks in line with the statutory guidance on attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties with morning routines or travel, please speak to us—we're here to help and Mrs Hill, our Family Liaison Officer, can give practical tips to support you. Thank you for your continued support in making punctuality a priority!

Enjoy the weekend and any festivities you may have planned.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher

Monday 8th December	Tuesday 9th December	Wednesday 10th December	Thursday 11th December	Friday 12th 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.

Umar	Ladybirds	Elijah Elliot	Lions
Izzy-Rose	Ladybirds	Florence Arianna	Seahorses
Juniper Oscar	Bumblebees	Julius Amalia	Turtles
Teddy Fearn	Bumblebees	Rose Owen	Rhinos
Anwen Rafa	Owls	Caspian Suki	Rhinos
Isabell April	Owls	Freyja George	Hippos
Charlie Luna-Fay	Rabbits	Elsie Stanley	Hippos
Izzy Harrison	Rabbits	Isabelle Harry	Gorillas
	Penguins		Gorillas
	Penguins		Manta rays
	Panthers		Manta rays
	Panthers		
	Bears		
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### Dates for your Diary

**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.



Congratulations to Bodhi from Rhinos Class who has been awarded a Krav Maga yellow belt.  
Well done Bodhi!





## Christmas Dinner on Thursday 18th December

Children may wear a Christmas accessory,  
(hat/antlers/festive glasses!)

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://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](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

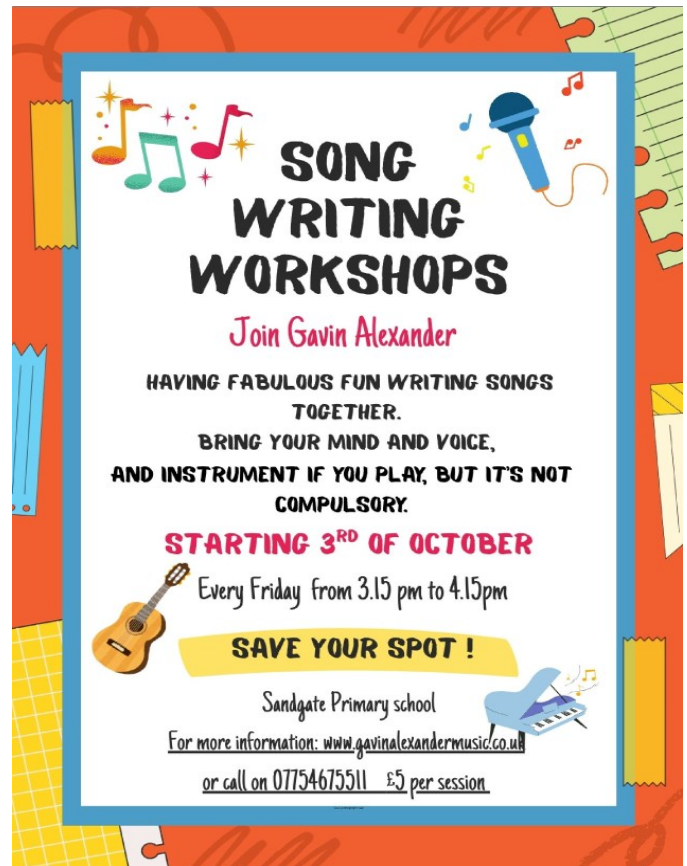
**THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM**

**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**  
SPORT 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:  
[caitlin@contactartist.info](mailto:caitlin@contactartist.info)  
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PROFESSIONAL ARTIST