



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter



Issue 14

Friday 12th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been! Well done to all the children and staff involved in the Christmas plays—they were absolutely amazing and the children demonstrated amazing acting, singing, dancing and even rapping! We are now looking forward to the EYFS performances on Monday, which promises to be just as special.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for all their hard work in organising the Christmas Fair. This event is such an important part of our fundraising efforts, and we truly appreciate the time and energy that goes into making it a success.

On the last day of term, we will say goodbye to Mrs Stratas, who will be spending more time at her home in Greece. Mrs Stratas has taught every class across the school at some point and ran the much-loved Greek Myths Club. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, but we know we will see her again in the future. Thank you for everything you have done for us at Sandgate Primary School, Mrs Stratas.

We have been busy updating our curriculum page on the website over this term. Each subject is represented on this page with the overview of the units the children are taught and sample pages of the coverage included too. Click here to have a look at what your child will be taught next term for each subject: [Sandgate Primary School - Curriculum](#). As well as this, every team teachers share the medium-term plans for their classes. These plans give a full overview of the skills and knowledge which are being taught for each year group each term. We will be updating these next Friday for Term 3 and they can be found here: [Sandgate Primary School - Medium Term Plans](#)

Next week is a busy final week of term:

- Christmas Dinner – Thursday 18th December - Children can wear a Christmas accessory, e.g. hat or glasses.
- Last Day of Term – Friday 19th December

School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday, 6th January 2025.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Jones



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th December: Owls Parent/teacher consultations, 3.30pm-6.00pm (The Haven)

Thursday 18th December: Christmas Dinner.

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Friday 19th December: End of Term 2.

Monday 5th January: Staff Development Day.

Tuesday 6th January. Start of Term 3.

Children return to school.



Gold Book



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

Maya	Ladybirds	Teddie	Lions
Reggie	Ladybirds	Ellison	Lions
		Martha	Lions
Faith	Bumblebees	Caleb	Seahorses
Raphael	Bumblebees	Joe	Seahorses
Genevieve	Owls	Esme	Turtles
Celeste	Owls	Indie	Turtles
Elsie	Owls	Barnaby	Turtles
Alba	Rabbits	Bella	Rhinos
Emilia	Rabbits	Nabihah	Rhinos
Insaf	Penguins	Eddie	Hippos
Harley	Penguins	Blaine	Hippos
Isabel	Penguins	Coral	Hippos
Teddy	Panthers	Edward	Gorillas
Olivia	Panthers	Isabela	Gorillas
Mila	Bears	Alice	Manta rays
Cassius	Bears	Sophie	Manta rays
Olimpia	Bears		

Monday 15th December	Tuesday 16th December	Wednesday 17th December	Thursday 18th December	Friday 19th December
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>	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

All football clubs with Harry for the week commencing Monday 15th December are cancelled.



Congratulations to Freyja from Hippos and Eva from Rhinos who won third place at the winter wonderland cheerleading competition with their team. Well done to both girls!



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.





Multi-Award Winning!

Love Learning Languages

French Lunch Clubs
at Sandgate Primary School



Supports the MFL language objectives



We make languages fun again!



No sitting at desks

Language clubs this Autumn Term

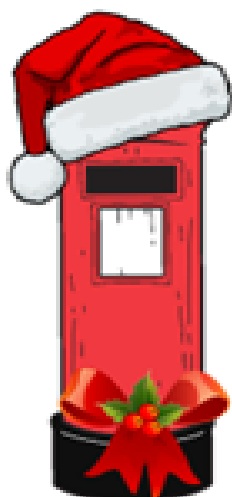
On Fridays

12.30–13.00: French for Year 1 & 2

13.00 –13.30: French for Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

£53 for a block of 10 French classes during lunch time. Starting from Friday 16th January. Places are limited so please book online with the link sent in the email or get in touch!

✉ charlotte@bilinguasing.com
🌐 www.bilinguasing.com



Our Christmas Post Box is situated outside the main hall.

Last day for posting is Wednesday 17th December!

Some of our Fabulous Christmas Performances!



Christmas Dinner on Thursday 18th December

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(hat/antlers/festive glasses!)



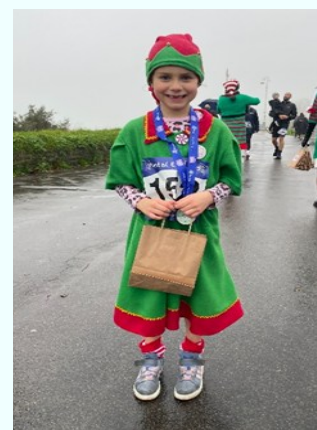
South Kent Mind were delighted to welcome students and parents from Sandgate Primary School to our annual Mental Elf Fun Run on Sunday 7th December along The Leas in Folkestone.

It was wonderful to see so many families getting involved, supporting mental health in our community, and embracing the festive spirit!

Every participant received a medal kindly sponsored by Holiday Extras, and the children were delighted with their goody bags generously sponsored by Saga. We're also very grateful for the £158 donated to South Kent Mind, your support genuinely helps us continue the vital work we do for our community.

Thank you once again to everyone at Sandgate Primary, we're already looking forward to inviting you all back for next year's Mental Elf on Sunday 6th December 2026, once again along The Leas.

We hope to see you there!



Admission to Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at
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	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
<p>It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.</p> <p>Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.</p> <p>You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.</p>	<p>A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>	<p>On offer day (Thursday 16 April 2026) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.</p> <p>You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Thursday 30 April 2026.</p> <p>A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

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.

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.



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 23RD 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

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& DRAMATIC SOCIETY CO.

THE TOWER
THEATRE

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 Danyer. 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

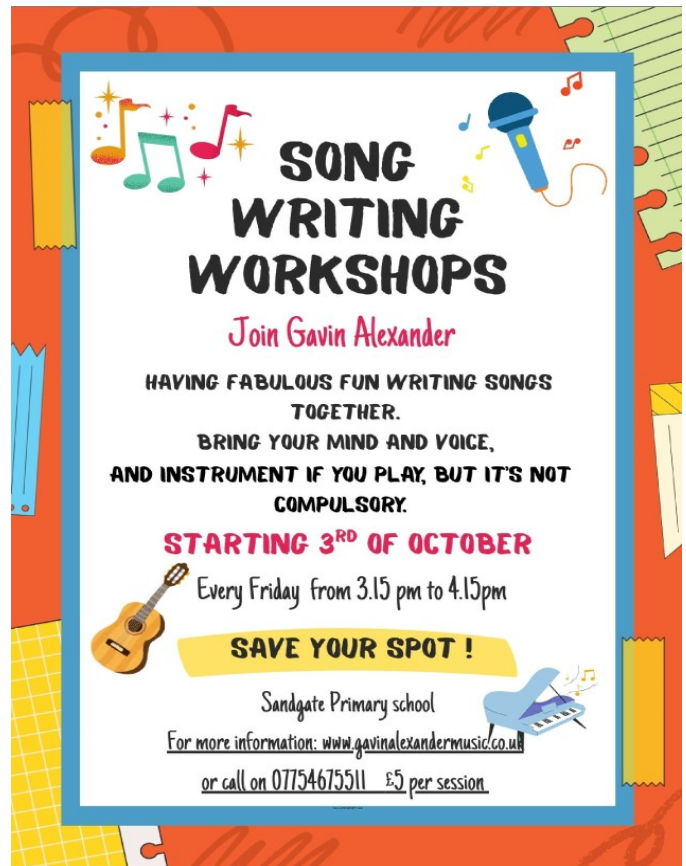
THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM

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
SPORTS 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



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