



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter



Issue 15

Friday 19th December 2025



It has been a wonderful week of festivities at Sandgate Primary School and I hope your child has enjoyed the final week of term.

We have had EYFS performances, EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas parties and our Christmas dinner. Thank you to Mrs Shoob for coordinating a wonderful Christmas dinner which was designed around the theme of 'Wish Upon a Star.'

Thank you to all our families who donated to the Evelina Charity fundraising at the Christmas plays. We have raised an amazing £880.43 which will be donated directly to the charity. A special mention should go to Elodie in Owls who won the Prize Draw of £100 at the fair and donated it all to Evelina. This truly shows such compassion and kindness. Thank you, Elodie.

So many families came to enjoy the fair. A huge thank you to the PTA for this event. It was a fantastic atmosphere made even better with our choir singing too. The fair and the giving tree raised over an impressive £1900. This will go into PTA funds and the laptop fundraising campaign. Thank you everyone.

We are already looking ahead to next term and the experiences the children will have through our curriculum. Don't forget to head over to our curriculum pages on the website to see the medium terms plans for your child's year group. You will also receive an up-to-date school report next term which will inform you of your child's attainment and progress. There will be follow up consultations in early term 4 (more details to come on this).

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Stratas. We had a wonderful celebration assembly in her honour, filled with singing, poems, and gifts from the children and staff.

Goodbye, Mrs. Stratas — we will truly miss you. We wish you happiness and success in the next chapter of your journey!

May I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and New Year and restful break. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 6th January, 2026.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jones



Dates for your Diary

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.

Penny	Ladybirds	Vinnie	Lions
Noah	Ladybirds	Alex	Lions
Marley	Bumblebees	Rosie	Seahorses
Shyla	Bumblebees	Freddie	Seahorses
Bertie	Owls	Henry	Turtles
Matilda	Owls	Samuel	Turtles
Daisy	Rabbits	Suki	Rhinos
Esme	Rabbits	Henry	Rhinos
Alfie	Penguins	Genevieve	Hippos
Alma	Penguins	Chloe	Hippos
Reuben	Panthers	Toby	Gorillas
Oscar	Panthers	Salvador	Gorillas
Calla	Bears	Douglas	Gorillas
Jessica	Bears	James	Manta rays
Loxley	Bears	Cillian	Manta rays

Monday 5 th January	Tuesday 6 th January	Wednesday 7 th January	Thursday 8 th January	Friday 9 th January
Inset Day	Karate 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)	Rocksteady PM	Dance Club. 3.15pm-4.00pm. Years 1-6. (Please contact Charley on 07772 637271) <i>If there is someone else collecting your child from Dance, please contact Charley directly.</i> Next Gen Football Club. 3.15pm-4.15pm. Please contact: NEXT GENERATIONSPORTS COACHING.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

Forest School, Term 3, Year 5,

Hippos, Tuesday 6th January, Mondays, 12th, 19th, 26th January, 2nd, 9th February.

Rhinos, Tuesdays, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th February.



PE IN TERM 3,

MONDAY, EYFS, YEARS 4 AND 3

TUESDAY, YEARS 1 AND 6

WEDNESDAY, YEAR 2 AND 4

THURSDAY, YEARS 5 AND 6

FRIDAY, EYFS, YEARS 1, 2 AND 3



Marvellous Me Top Badge Earners

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded the highest number of Marvellous Me badges in their class this term. They will enjoy an afternoon tea party with Mrs Jones and Mr Evans.

Bumblebees – Seren
Ladybirds – Reggie
Owls – Eliza
Rabbits – Jack
Panthers – Chloe
Penguins – Bay
Lions – Elliot
Bears – Samuel
Seahorses – Ariana
Turtles – Maki
Hippos – Archer
Rhinos – Bobbie
Manta rays - Joni
Gorillas – Stanley



The top scoring class, who were awarded 932 badges this term, is the PENGUINS. They voted to visit the Marvellous Me Swap Shop and spent their reward tokens today.

The Immunisation Service would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their community clinics if your child missed the FLU vaccination during the recent school visit.

If you gave consent but your child was not immunised, you will have received an automated email with a link to book an appointment.

Alternatively, if you missed the opportunity for your child to be vaccinated at the school session you can complete a consent form via our website at

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/> using the school code: KT118505 please contact the team directly on 0300 123 5205 option 1 for more information about community clinic availability & bookings.

If your child was vaccinated on their recent visit, you are invited to complete the following surveys [Parent / Carer Survey](#) or [Young Persons Survey 11-19 year olds](#)”

You can also visit the Immunisation Service website for further details: <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms>

Christmas at Sandgate 2025



Leaving Assembly for Mrs Strat



Congratulations to Myer from Seahorses who took part in the Kent Competition at Meapa in Rochester on Sunday. She placed 10th overall across all ages and was awarded the judges choice award for her floor routine. Well done Myer!



Congratulations to Otilie from Seahorses and Monty from Owls who made it to the national Supreme dance finals in London last weekend. Otilie won a gold and silver medal for her troupe dances and Monty won a silver medal in troupe and a gold medal for his solo. Well done to both children!



Happy Christmas
from Hamish, our
therapy dog.



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.

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

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



THE BADGER'S DEN

is coming to Sandgate Primary Forest School

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After school club
Mondays 3.15-4.00pm yr 1-6

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Weekly Forest School sessions with Helen level 3 Forest School practitioner.
First session starts on the 19th of January 2026

Outdoor fun

- Warm fire
- Craft activities
- Freedom to play
- Hot drinks and snacks
- Fresh air and nature
- £5 per session

Please pack appropriate clothing for your child according to the weather. Forest school will always be outside. Sessions will only be cancelled in severe weather conditions.

Contact information

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If you would like to book email or call Helen on
hshearcroft@me.com / 07968694113

These clubs are outside providers and are not run by the school.

Please contact them directly for information on bookings and payments.

Fine art

FOR YOUR KIDS



At Cygnets our focus is on traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects - all taught by experienced teachers using professional quality materials.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
EYFS - YEAR 6
ALL ABILITIES
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 3:15 - 4:15 PM

Venue: Sandgate Primary School, Bears classroom

Cost: £13.50 per week for 10 weeks (Term 3 and Term 4)

Starting date: Wednesday 21st January 2026

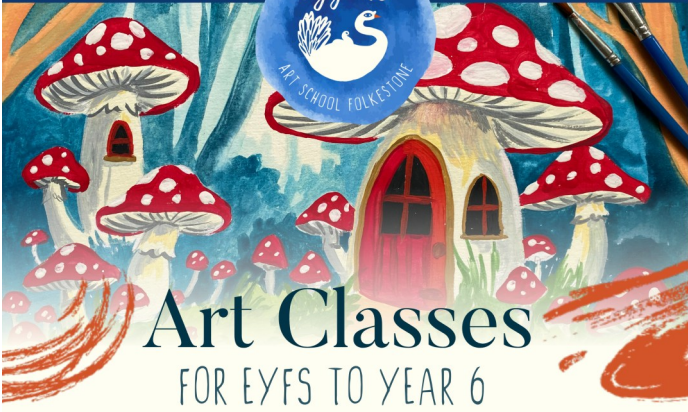
Final date: Wednesday 1st April 2026

Book Now! SCAN THE QR CODE OR USE THE LINK BELOW:



<https://cygnets-art-school-folkestone.classforkids.io/term/2>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Cygnets ART SCHOOL FOLKESTONE
SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL




Art Classes


FOR EYFS TO YEAR 6

Now Booking for Spring Term 2026

Magical Scenes

- Unicorn with Pencil
- Fairy Woodland with Gouache
- Mermaid with Clay
- Enchanted Forest with Watercolour & Soft Pastels
- Flying Dragon with Acrylic
- The Lavender Fairy with Watercolour Pencils
- Magical Castle with Fineliner & Neon Inks
- Crystals with Watercolour
- 'The Sun Sets Sail' with Soft Pastels
- Pegasus with Printing





FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LAURA ON
07391 670905 OR FOLKESTONE@CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM

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

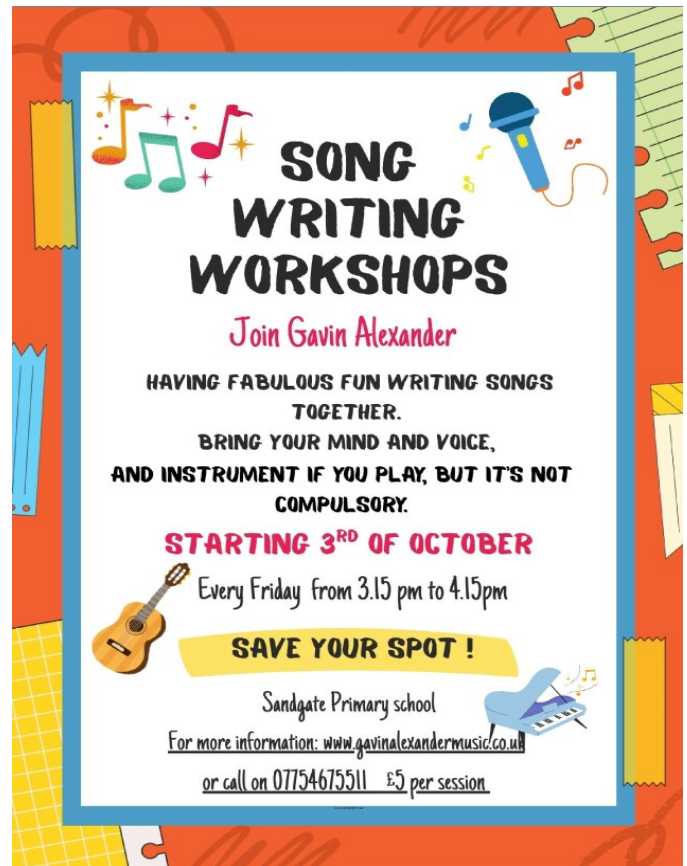
THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM

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 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**

Register Interest:
caitlin@contactartist.info
Caitlin McCarthy
PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

NEW MENU WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 2026

LET'S SEE WHAT'S FOR LUNCH...

MENU - WEEK 1

MONDAY

MAIN Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti

VEGETARIAN MAIN Spinach & Pesto Sauce with Spaghetti

PASTA OR JACKET Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

TO GO WITH Broccoli & Sweetcorn

DESSERT Chocolate & Courgette Sponge

TUESDAY

MAIN Thai Green Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice

VEGETARIAN MAIN Vegetable Pasanda Curry with Steamed Rice

PASTA OR JACKET Pasta with Cheese Sauce

TO GO WITH Steamed Peas & Cauliflower

DESSERT Vanilla Ice Cream

WEDNESDAY

MAIN BBQ Style Hunters Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

VEGETARIAN MAIN Mac N' Cheese with Garlic Bread

PASTA OR JACKET Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

TO GO WITH Carrots & Seasonal Greens

DESSERT Banana Flapjack

THURSDAY

MAIN Chilli Beef Taco with Cajun Sweet Potato Wedges

VEGETARIAN MAIN Vegetarian Chilli Taco with Cajun Sweet Potato Wedges

PASTA OR JACKET Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce

TO GO WITH Roasted Carrots & Sweetcorn

DESSERT Iced Lemon Cake with Sprinkles

FRIDAY

MAIN Fish Fingers, Chips & Ketchup

VEGETARIAN MAIN Baked Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Garlic Mayo Wrap with Chips

PASTA OR JACKET Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

TO GO WITH Baked Beans & Peas

DESSERT Maryland Cookie

ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt
Jelly

WEEK 1:
5TH JAN, 26TH JAN, 16TH FEB, 9TH MAR, 30TH MAR, 20TH APR, 11TH MAY, 1ST JUN, 22ND JUN, 13TH JUL, 31ST AUG, 21ST SEPT, 12TH OCT, 2ND NOV, 23RD NOV, 14TH DEC

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JANUARY 2026

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LET'S SEE WHAT'S FOR LUNCH...

MENU - WEEK 2

MONDAY

MAIN Grilled Cumberland Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

VEGETARIAN MAIN Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

PASTA OR JACKET Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce

TO GO WITH Steamed Peas & Carrots

DESSERT Marble Sponge with Custard

TUESDAY

MAIN Beef Korma with Steamed Rice

VEGETARIAN MAIN Vegan Chickpea & Spinach Korma with Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread

PASTA OR JACKET Baked Jackets with Baked Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise

TO GO WITH Spiced Roasted Cauliflower & Broccoli

DESSERT Apple & Carrot Flapjack

WEDNESDAY

MAIN Honey Roast Gammon with Gravy

VEGETARIAN MAIN Sweet Potato & Leek Frittata with Gravy

PASTA OR JACKET Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce

TO GO WITH Roast Potatoes & Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERT Fruit Jelly

THURSDAY

MAIN Spiced Tex Mex Chicken & Baked Wedges

VEGETARIAN MAIN Roasted Vegetable Fajita & Baked Wedges

PASTA OR JACKET Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce

TO GO WITH Corn on the Cob & Roasted Carrots

DESSERT Homemade Strawberry Cheesecake

FRIDAY

MAIN Fish Fingers, Chips & Ketchup

VEGETARIAN MAIN Vegan Quorn Nuggets with Chips & Ketchup

PASTA OR JACKET Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

TO GO WITH Baked Beans & Peas

DESSERT Vanilla Ice Cream

ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt
Jelly

WEEK 2:
12TH JAN, 2ND FEB, 23RD FEB, 16TH MAR, 6TH APR, 27TH APR, 18TH MAY, 8TH JUN, 29TH JUN, 20TH JUL, 7TH SEPT, 28TH SEPT, 19TH OCT, 9TH NOV, 30TH NOV, 21ST DEC

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LET'S SEE WHAT'S FOR LUNCH...

MENU - WEEK 3

MONDAY

- MAIN** Beef & Bean Chilli with Steamed Rice
- VEGETARIAN MAIN** Vegan Bean Chilli with Steamed Rice
- PASTA OR JACKET** Pasta with Cheese Sauce
- TO GO WITH** Sweetcorn & Carrots
- DESSERT** Jam & Coconut Sponge

TUESDAY

- MAIN** Homemade BBQ Chicken Pizza with Spiced Baked Wedges
- VEGETARIAN MAIN** Homemade Margherita Pizza with Spiced Baked Wedges
- PASTA OR JACKET** Baked Jackets with Baked Beans
- TO GO WITH** Sweetcorn & Coleslaw
- DESSERT** Carrot Cake

WEDNESDAY

- MAIN** Herby Roast Chicken with Gravy
- VEGETARIAN MAIN** Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Loaf with Gravy
- PASTA OR JACKET** Baked Jackets with Baked Beans
- TO GO WITH** Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Seasonal Greens
- DESSERT** Chocolate & Sweet Potato Brownie

WEEK 3:
 19TH JAN, 9TH FEB, 2ND MAR, 23RD MAR, 13TH APR, 4TH MAY, 25TH MAY, 15TH JUN,
 6TH JUL, 27TH JUL, 14TH SEPT, 5TH OCT, 26TH OCT, 16TH NOV, 7TH DEC

THURSDAY

- MAIN** Traditional Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread
- VEGETARIAN MAIN** Vegan Bean Bolognese with Pasta & Garlic Bread
- PASTA OR JACKET** Wholemeal Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
- TO GO WITH** Steamed Peas & Carrots
- DESSERT** Oaty & Sultana Cookie

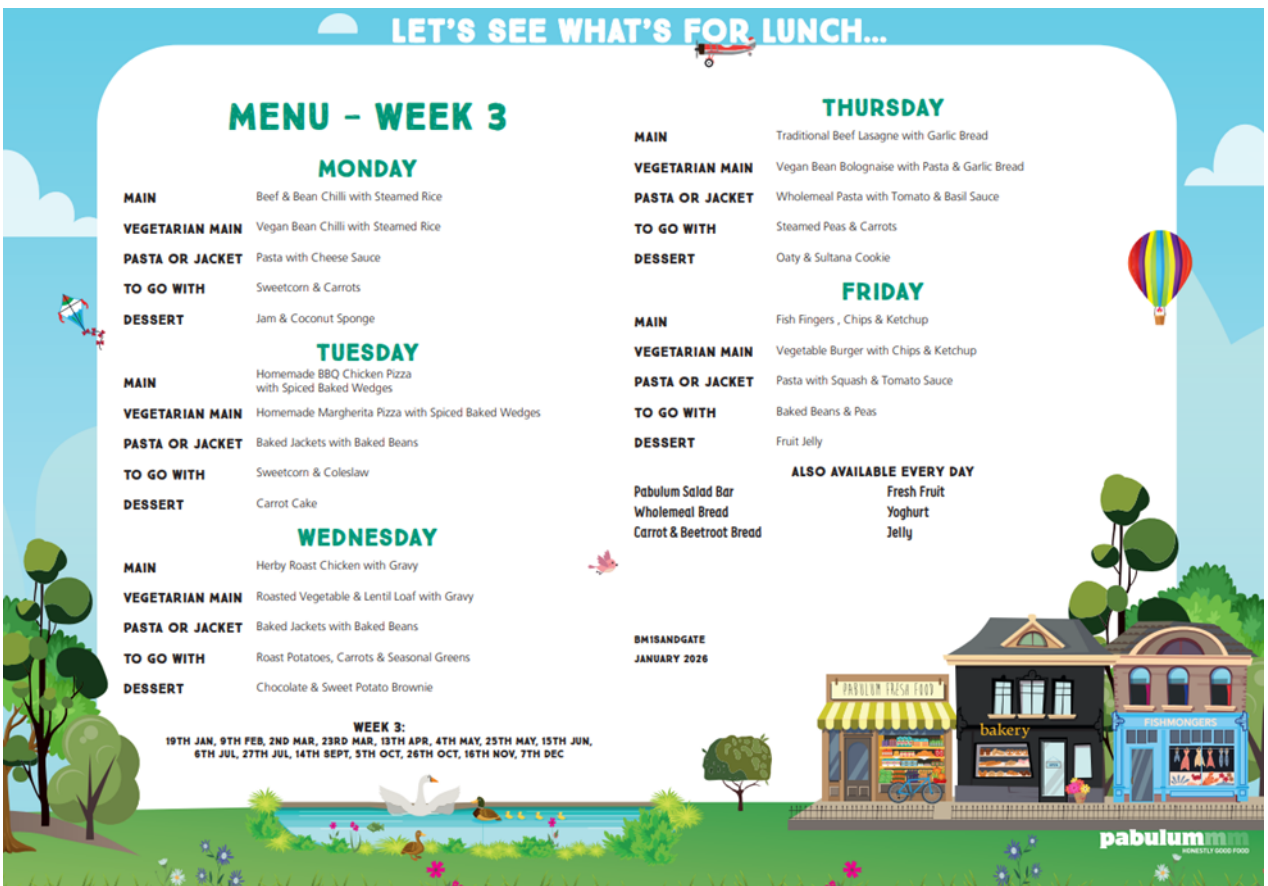
FRIDAY

- MAIN** Fish Fingers, Chips & Ketchup
- VEGETARIAN MAIN** Vegetable Burger with Chips & Ketchup
- PASTA OR JACKET** Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce
- TO GO WITH** Baked Beans & Peas
- DESSERT** Fruit Jelly

ALSO AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

- Pabulum Salad Bar
- Wholemeal Bread
- Carrot & Beetroot Bread
- Fresh Fruit
- Yoghurt
- Jelly

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