



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 16

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting term ahead. Our teachers have planned lots of engaging learning opportunities across all classes. Here is a snapshot of some of the learning coming up and you can find more information on the medium term plans on the website.

EYFS will be starting their topic on Heroes and Villians. They will be reading Supertato and immersing themselves in role play, drama and opportunities to develop their oracy skills. They will also be learning map skills, programming bee-bots and looking at how they can look after the environment by recycling.

Year 1 will be reading Jack and the Beanstalk. They will also be learning about plants in science, transport and how it has changed in history, programming beebots in computing and drawing architecture in art. What an exciting term!

Year 2 will be reading Hodgeheg. This is a wonderful and humorous tale that follows the adventures of Max, a determined young hedgehog with a dream of crossing the perilous road to reach the park. They will learn about everyday materials in science, algorithms and debugging in computing and will start their planning and finally make a 3D papier mache minibeast sculpture.

Year 3 will be reading Stig of the Dump. In science they will learn about forces and magnets, engage in Latin dance in PE, immerse themselves in the romans in Britain for History and create abstract human sculptures in art.

Year 4 will be reading Floodland written by Marcus Sedgwick who is one of my favourite authors. It is a post-apocalyptic story set in a future where most of the UK is under water. The children love this story! In history they will learn about early Islamic civilisations, they will learn how to keep themselves safe online in computing and will be drawing one-point perspectives of landscapes in Art.

Year 5 will be reading The Lost Magician. In science they will learn about forces and in history they will be starting a depth study about Ancient Egypt. They will hone their artistic skills when learning about and recreating British architecture and looking at how this has changed over the year.

Year 6 will be reading Leila and the Blue Fox. Another text which engages, amuses and captivates the mind of the young reader. In history they will conduct a local study about the Battle of Britain, they will study electricity in science and learn to sing 'Ain't gonna let nobody,' in music. This song is one of the many freedom songs that became an anthem during the American civil rights era.

As the weather has turned colder, please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly with coats, hats, and gloves.

We rarely close the school due to bad weather. If there are any changes, updates will be sent via our school text messaging service. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. Safeguarding means protecting children from harm, ensuring they feel safe, and supporting their development in a secure environment. Safeguarding includes protecting children from abuse and neglect, promoting health and well being and ensuring safe practices in school and online.

If you ever have a concern about your child's safety or the safety of another child, please speak to us. No concern is too small and acting early can make a huge difference.

Myself, Mrs Hill, Mr Evans and Mrs Shoob are the Child Protection Designated Safeguarding Leads. You can speak to us on the gate or phone us via the school office on 01303 257280. You can also speak to any other member of staff in the school too.

We want parents and carers to feel confident that their concerns will be taken seriously and handled sensitively.

Next Friday, data collection sheets will be sent home. These are important for keeping our records accurate. Please check all details carefully, make any necessary changes, and return the sheet to the school office or to your child's class teacher.

We had a wonderful time at the Marvellous Me Winners Afternoon Tea Party. Children are awarded Marvellous Me badges by staff when they show any of our school values. The top scorer gets to enjoy afternoon tea and some games with me and Mr Evans. If your child was meant to come to the tea but was absent please do not worry. They will come next term. We had great fun and enjoyed celebrating our Sandgate superstars.

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher



Gold Book

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

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th January: Year 1 walking trip to St Paul's Church.

Thursday 15th January: Lunchtime - Favourites Day!

Monday 19th January: PTA Meeting - Community room.

Tuesday 20th January: Young Voices at the O2.

Friday 13th February: Last day of Term 3.



Monday 12 th January	Tuesday 13th January	Wednesday 14 th January	Thursday 15 th January	Friday 16th January
<p>Choir 02, 3.15pm-4.15pm</p> <p>Singing Club, Years 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Creative Writing, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)</p> <p>Invite Only Football</p>	<p>Art Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Karate 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)</p>	<p>Rocksteady PM</p>	<p>Science Club, Years 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Drawing Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>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></p> <p>Next Gen Football Club. 3.15pm-4.15pm. Please contact: NEXT GENERATIONSPORTS COACHING.ORG</p>	<p>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</p>

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

Please can we ask, if you can check homes, for any hidden books that belong to the school to be returned.



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

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.



Wanted!



Are you having a post Christmas clear-out?

If you have any unwanted good quality books they would be appreciated.

Please drop them into reception.



Only healthy snacks are to be brought into school please. No chocolate, crisps, etc.

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.



Our Marvellous Mx top scorers
enjoyed their afternoon tea
and party games this week with
Mrs Jones and Mr Evans!



There has been a change to the Year 6 and Year 3 PE timetable going forwards, from next week:

Term 3:

Year 3: Outdoor PE- Tuesday

Indoor PE- Thursday

Year 6: Indoor PE- Monday

Outdoor PE- Friday

PTA Meeting

Please come along this is your opportunity to share ideas and contribute to our fund raising events.

Monday 19th January at 6.30pm in the community room.

PE IN TERM 3,

MONDAY, EYFS, YEARS 4

TUESDAY, YEARS 1, 3 AND 6

WEDNESDAY, YEAR 2 AND 4

THURSDAY, YEARS 3, 5 AND 6

FRIDAY, EYFS, YEARS 1 and 2



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.



Year 6 were surprised to find that their chairs had gone on strike earlier this week. The chairs had bundled themselves to the front of the class and wrote a strongly worded letter to the children explaining that until their treatment improved, they would not be returning.

The children then had to work hard to persuade the chairs to come back as they all agreed that, despite the initial fun of lounging around the classroom, the sore knees and questionable handwriting were not worth it! This is all part of Year 6's work on persuasive texts this term.



Congratulations to Olivia from Panthers Class who competed in a Gymnastics Competition over Christmas achieving second place. Well done to Olivia.



Congratulations to Myer from Seahorses Class who competed in a Gymnastics competition and won a gold medal in her age category and first place trophy overall for tin level max.

Well done Myer.

Special Menu

Favourites Day



Thursday
15th January

Hot Dog with Ketchup
vegan Hot Dog with Ketchup
Baked Wedges
Sweetcorn & Baked Beans

Dessert

Waffle
Mixed Berry Sauce



These clubs are outside providers and are not run by the school.
Please contact them directly for information on bookings and payments.



THE BADGER'S DEN
is coming to Sandgate Primary Forest School

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

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

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



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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 SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cygnets
ART SCHOOL FOLKESTONE

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

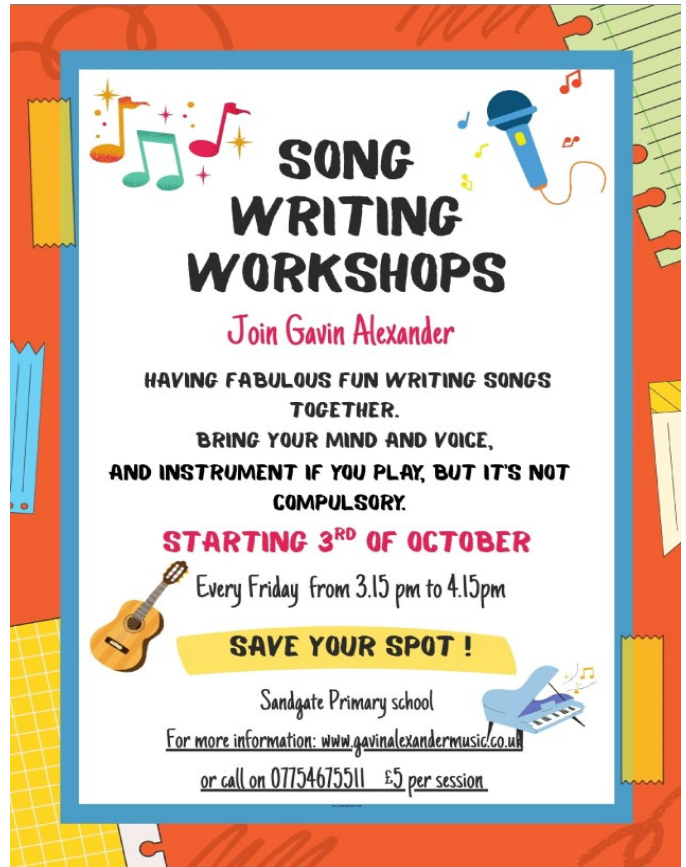
THURSDAYS // 3:15-4:15PM

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!

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BRING YOUR MIND AND VOICE, AND INSTRUMENT IF YOU PLAY, BUT IT'S NOT COMPULSORY.

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Every Friday from 3.15 pm to 4.15pm

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Sandgate Primary school

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or call on 07754675511 £5 per session



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Community Room: Sandgate Primary
Year 1 & 2

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Community Room: Sandgate Primary:
Years 3 - 6

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