



Sandgate Primary School

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Newsletter

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Safeguarding Snapshot



Top Tips for Parents

Each week we will send home a snapshot of safeguarding information to help keep your child safe.



Who is in the Child Protection Team at Sandgate Primary School?

CHILD PROTECTION
For any matters regarding child protection make contact with:

 Mrs Jones Acting Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mr Evans Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Shoob Deputy Headteacher and SENCo Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Hill Family Liaison Officer Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Jones – Acting Headteacher and Lead DSL

Mr Evans – Deputy Headteacher and Deputy DSL

Mrs Shoob – Deputy Headteacher and SENCo/Deputy DSL

Mrs Hill – Family Liaison Officer and Deputy DSL

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week in school and Young Voices at the O2 was absolutely amazing. The children were brilliant and sang so beautifully — we are incredibly proud of them. They represented Sandgate Primary School wonderfully and made it a truly memorable experience. A huge thank you to Mr Sharp, Miss Scotchbrook and Mrs Aplin, as well as our parent helpers, for giving up their time to support the children and make this event possible.

During the half term, the PTA will be holding a special event on Saturday 21st February at the Folkestone Silver Screen Cinema. This event is open to Sandgate families, as well as other family members and friends, who are warmly invited to come along and enjoy watching the film *GOAT* together. We hope that lots of families are able to support this event. Tickets can be booked via Eduspot. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and for their continued support of the school.

Thank you to the 153 parents and carers who completed the Safeguarding Questionnaire. I really do appreciate the time taken to give your feedback and share your views.

Some key headlines from the responses are shared below, along with what we will be doing moving forward. More will come next week.

Do you feel you understand what safeguarding means in relation to your child and other children?

- 90% of parents/carers said yes
- 10% said somewhat

What will we do?

Each week, there will be a 'Safeguarding Snapshot' in the newsletter. These short updates will provide helpful information to support you in safeguarding your child. Should you have individual queries please speak to me, Mrs Hill, Mr Evans or Mrs Shoob on the gate or contact us via the office.

Do you know some of the staff on the Child Protection Team at Sandgate?

These staff are known as the DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

- 81% of parents/carers said yes
- 19% of parents/carers said no

What will we do?

In this week's Safeguarding Snapshot, you will see a poster showing who the Child Protection Team are:

- **Myself** – Lead DSL
- **Mr Evans** – Deputy Headteacher
- **Mrs Shoob** – Deputy Headteacher
- **Mrs Hill** – Family Liaison Officer

Please remember that we are on the gate every day should you need to speak to one of us. Posters with this information are displayed around the school and in the foyer. All visitors to the school are also informed which members of the Child Protection Team are on site.

Do you feel informed about the school's safeguarding policies and procedures?

This includes information shared through Safeguarding Snapshots and communication about Lockdown Drills.

- 84% said yes
- 15% said somewhat
- 1% said no

What will we do?

The weekly Safeguarding Snapshot will continue and will provide further information to ensure everyone feels informed and confident.

You can also find more information on our website:

Safeguarding: <https://www.sandgateprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=25>

Online Safety (including apps and games your child may use): <https://www.sandgateprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=106>

Child Protection/Safeguarding Policies: <https://www.sandgateprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=24>

Most importantly...

99.4% of parents and carers said that they feel that their child is safe at Sandgate Primary School.

I will share the rest of the questionnaire responses with you next week. What is absolutely clear from listening to your voice is that you would like more information on how to keep your child safe online — and more will be coming on this very soon.

In the meantime, please make use of the Online Safety section on our website for specific guidance on platforms such as Roblox, Minecraft and YouTube, and much more.

The weather is due to turn colder again next week. Please ensure your child comes to school with warm outdoor clothing, including a coat.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Lianne Jones

Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd February: Whole School Book Share, 3.15pm-3.45pm.

Wednesday 4th February: Year 4 Multiplication Check Information Workshop, 5.45pm-6.15pm in the main hall.

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th February: Year 4 Arithmetic Session in Classroom for parents, 9.00am-9.30am.

Tuesday 10th February: Year 6 Poetry Recital, 2.40pm in the main hall.

Friday 13th February: Reports to parents.

Friday 13th February: Last day of Term 3.

Monday 23rd February: First day of term 4.

Tuesday 3rd March: PTA Meeting, 7.30pm

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February

Gorillas Parent Consultations

Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February

Please book via link already sent.

Gold Book

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



Monday 26th January	Tuesday 27th January	Wednesday 28th January	Thursday 29th January	Friday 30th January
<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 Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)</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>



We welcome parents of Year 6 to join us on Tuesday 10th February at 2.40pm in the main hall for a poetry recital of the two poems they have learnt this term.



Whole School Book Share

Tuesday 3rd February, 3.15pm-3.45pm



PTA Events

Saturday 21st February, 10am, Silver Screen Cinema Saturday. Book via Eduspot.

Friday 20th March, 80's/90's Disco, (Adults), details to follow.

Book Donations

Thank you for all the books that have been donated to the school.

Any further donations are always welcome.



School Safety

Please do not stop in the road by the crossing to drop off your child. Please park safely and responsibly.

Thank you.



Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am each morning at a cost of £3 per child, per day offering a selection of breakfast items.

No need to book.

SEND Coffee Morning

Mrs Shoob (SENDCo) and Mrs Hill (FLO and SENDCo Assistant) are pleased to share details of their next Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coffee Morning for parents.

Thursday 12th February @ 9:00am

Community Room

Lauren Purdie, the school's link Speech and Language Therapist, will be in attendance.

Morag Hards, the school's link Specialist Teacher, will be attendance. Morag will share a video from the Autism Education Trust called "Autism – a difference not a deficit" and will also share "Can You Make It To The End?", a campaign film produced for The National Autistic Society to highlight the sensory overload experienced by autistic people.

Dr Rachel Campbell, Educational Psychologist from Kent Educational Psychology Service (Kent County Council) will also be attending the Coffee morning and will welcome any questions you may have.

Mrs Shoob and Mrs Hill look forward to welcoming you. Please feel free to just turn up on the morning – no need to book J

Please email sen@sandgate.kent.sch.uk if you have any questions.



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

This club is an outside provider and are not run by the school. Please contact directly for information on bookings and payments.

Book Now!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR
USE THE LINK BELOW:



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

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



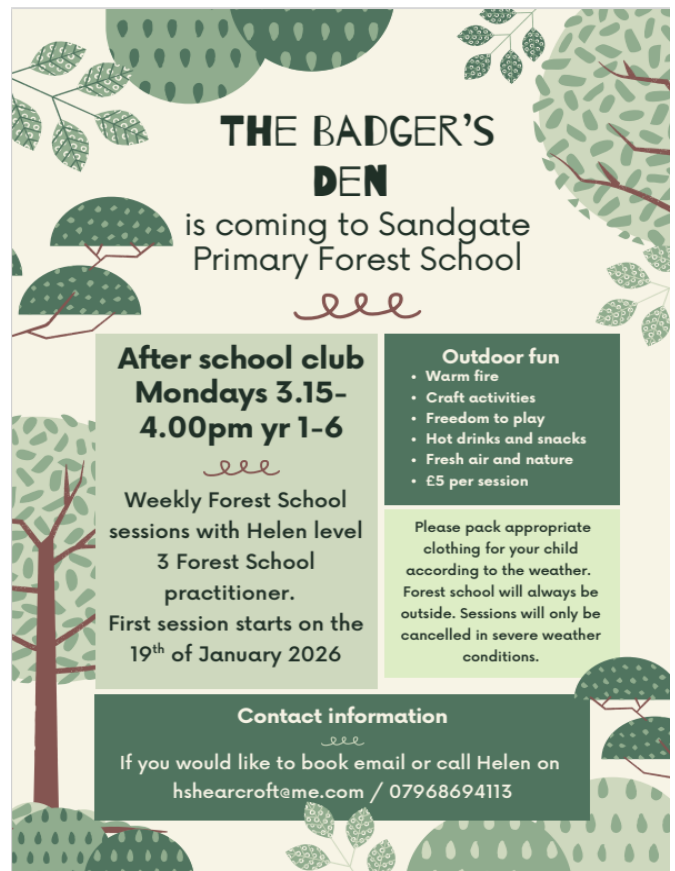
FOOTBALL AT SANDGATE PRIMARY
For boys & girls aged Yr 1-6

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!



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



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

POPCORN
& DRINK
£2

TICKET
£5



SUNRISE CINEMA

21 FEB 2026

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL TAKES OVER THE SILVER SCREEN CINEMA

Come and join us at our private screening of **Goat** at the Silver Screen Cinema in Folkestone! Parents are responsible for their own children. Younger siblings welcome. Tickets need to be purchased in advance via Eduspot (The Teachers2Parents app) before the 12th of February.



Doors at 9:45
Screening at 10:00
Expected Finish at 11:45



Silver Screen Cinema
The Town Hall
1-2 Guildhall Street
Folkestone CT20 1DY

