



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

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Friday 31st January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday and what a busy week we have had.

This week has seen some exciting developments in active, engaging play opportunities available to children at lunchtimes. Our aim is to make sure every child can find something they enjoy, whether that's being active, creative, or enjoying quieter play with friends. Children now have access to a wide range of equipment and play zones, including a designated five-a-side football area, basketball nets, swingball, small world play, crates and construction areas, stacking cups, board games, quieter reading and writing areas and lots more.

We would really appreciate donations of construction kits for the construction area please - lego, duplo, sticklebricks in particular. Have a look at the photos later in the newsletter. These activities support children's physical health, teamwork, problem-solving and creativity, while also helping them to build positive friendships and social skills - just brilliant! It's wonderful to see the playground buzzing with enthusiasm and purposeful play every day. Thank you to Mrs Van Der Wal and the Games Captains for leading on this.

On Thursday, we were visited by our School Improvement Advisor into school. During the visit, they spent time, observing mathematics lessons across the school, looking closely at pupils' books and talking to school leaders about our progress and areas of development

These visits are an important part of our ongoing school improvement work, helping us reflect on what we do well and identify next steps to continue strengthening teaching and learning for all children. She commented on the focus and engagement of all the children in the school and how calm the school is, the checks for understanding by class teachers throughout the maths lesson leading to progress and the strong use of manipulatives (such as fraction walls, cubes and money) to support children with their learning.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parent safeguarding questionnaire. I shared some of the results with your last week and would now like to share the rest:

- 100% of parents/carers said they feel confident raising safeguarding concerns
- 98% said that when they have raised concerns, these have been dealt with.

This tells us that families trust our safeguarding systems and feel listened to, which is hugely important. What is also very clear and actionable from your responses is that parents/carers would like more support and information around keeping children safe online:

- 68% said they feel confident when keeping their child safe online
- 29% said they feel *somewhat* confident when keeping their child safe online
- 3% said they do *not* feel confident when keeping their child safe online
- 54% of parents asked for workshops on online safety

This feedback gives us a clear direction for our next steps and how we can help you at home with keeping your child safe online.

So, What Will We Do?

Based on your responses, we will now refine our safeguarding information and support for parents/carers, with a particular focus on online safety. This will include:

- Sharing parent workshops on online safety, covering apps, games, parental controls and current online risks. Our school website now includes a dedicated Online Safety tab. This area provides top tips for keeping children safe online, as well as guidance on individual apps and platforms that children may be using at home. Our online safety tab on the website already provides lots of this information so if you requested more support and guidance please visit: <https://www.sandgateprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=106>
- Sharing clear, practical guidance through newsletters and the school website. These will appear in the weekly Safeguarding Snapshot.
- Signposting families to trusted online safety resources
- Continuing to teach children about online safety in an age-appropriate way as part of our curriculum
- Keeping communication open so parents/carers feel confident to ask questions or raise concerns.

Many thanks for your engagement and feedback on this.

Next week we have a book share for all year groups. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to come into class and look at your child's books and all the wonderful learning they have been doing. This is 3.15pm to 3.45pm. Please do bear in mind that this is for your child to share their books with you. Individual discussions around your child's learning should take place separately or in the parent consultations coming up in a few weeks. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Have a wonderful weekend and I will look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher



Safeguarding Snapshot

Top Tips for Parents



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

How do parents raise safeguarding concerns about their own child or another?

1. Speak to one of the Child Protection Team in school. This could be Mrs Jones, Mr Evans, Mrs Hill or Mrs Shoob. This could be on the gate in the morning or after the gate by requesting a meeting or phone call.
2. Call the school office on 01303 257280 and ask to speak to Mrs Jones, Mr Evans, Mrs Hill or Mrs Shoob.
3. If you can not speak to someone at school and you feel a child or your own child is at risk of immediate harm use this link: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub/keep-your-family-safe/report-child-abuse>
4. Speak to the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000 or visit the NSPCC website for support <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
5. In an emergency, call Kent Police on 101 or 999.

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.

Isabella Gabriel	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Posy Zimuzo	Lions Lions
Bear Jacob	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Edward Bethany	Seahorses Seahorses
Teddy Alea	Owls Owls	Freddie Scarlett	Turtles Turtles
Freddie Henry	Rabbits Rabbits	Lucio Rafe Laine	Rhinos Rhinos Rhinos
Noah Riley	Penguins Penguins	Olivia Isla	Hippos Hippos
Seth Arla Ray	Panthers Panthers	Hugo Primrose	Gorillas Gorillas
Fraser Izzy	Bears Bears	Freya Jake	Manta rays Manta rays

Monday 2nd February	Tuesday 3rd February	Wednesday 4th February	Thursday 5th February	Friday 6th February
<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.



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.

Thursday 5th February: Foundation Parent Workshop, Year 6 Classroom. 5.30pm-6.30pm

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

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

Tuesday 10th February: PESE/11+ Information Session on Zoom at 6pm for Year 5 parents. Link will be sent prior to meeting.

Thursday 12th February: SEND Coffee Morning, 9am in the Community Room.

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

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.



Play times and lunchtimes at Sandgate primary



**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
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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

**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

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>

SCRUMPTIOUS PANCAKES

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Fluffy Pancakes with Berry Compote,
Sugar & Lemon or Golden syrup



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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

