



# Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

## Newsletter

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Friday 6th February 2026

We have had a wonderful week in school and I have spent many afternoons in classes seeing the wider curriculum subjects being taught from learning how to take photos in EYFS, to programming Beebots in computing in year 1, to dance lessons in PE in year 2, to creating the most wonderful clay sculptures in art in year 3, to local artist studies in art in year 4, to ukelele lessons in music in year 5 and finally to making electrical circuits with buzzers and switches in science in year 6.

We are also thinking ahead to Safer Internet Day next Tuesday and how we will be teaching the children about being safe online in relation to AI. This is an annual global event that promotes the safe, responsible, and positive use of the internet and digital technology. In the lower years this will focus on Voice Assisted Technology and in the older years they will be looking at what is okay and not okay when using AI and what to do when something feels unsafe. This links in well to our work on personal development.

At Sandgate Primary School, personal development is just as important as academic achievement. Alongside learning in the classroom, we are committed to nurturing confident, caring, and responsible children who are well prepared for life beyond primary school and in modern Britain. Our personal development curriculum supports pupils to grow socially, emotionally, and morally. Through carefully planned lessons and everyday experiences, children are encouraged to develop self-confidence, resilience, independence, and a strong sense of self-worth.

Through subjects such as PSHE, History, Geography, and RE, pupils explore important themes including respect, equality, environmental responsibility, and understanding different cultures and viewpoints. Our children show great engagement when discussing topics such as environmentally friendly choices, helping them to develop awareness of their role in caring for the world around them. I observed this in year 1 this week when discussing environmentally friendly transport modes and the children showed real care and consideration to the world around them and what would have a positive impact on it.

At our school, we place great importance on values. We believe that when children demonstrate these values both in school and in their everyday lives, they are more likely to be happy, confident and successful. Success can look different for every child, and this has been an important theme in our assemblies this week, where pupils have been encouraged to recognise and celebrate their own successes as well as those of others from swimming, to dance, to football to even trying broccoli at home! Success takes so many forms.

Supporting our children's wellbeing is crucial and, actually, supersedes all else. Staff work closely with pupils to help them understand and manage their emotions, develop coping strategies, and know where to seek help if they need it. A brilliant example of this was this week in year 3 where the children moved their photos to the zone that represented them best on the Zone of Regulation board and the class TAs swiftly identified any children who needed a more nurtured start to the day. The children could specifically identify 'tools' that could help them.

In my assemblies this week, I asked the children to tell me what it means to be a pupil at Sandgate Primary School. The responses were vast but included - brilliant (Sophia in year 2), incredible (Artur in year 1), fantastic (Aria in year 2), interesting (Alfie in year 1), fascinating (April in year 2), fun (Eli in EYFS), safe (Nabihah in year 5), interesting (Zimuzo in year 3), exciting (Arham in year 6), inclusive (Deliliah in year 6), sporty (Felix in year 4) and happy (George in year 4).

Thank you to all parents/carers who came to the book look session on Tuesday. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's learning across the curriculum.

A few reminders as we head into the final week of the term 3:

- Reports will come home next Friday.
- Parent Consultations take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Please book these via the school office if you have not done so already. This is a chance to discuss your child's report.

Best Wishes

Lianne 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 we safeguard your child at Sandgate Primary School?

There are a number of ways in which we safeguard our pupils including the following:

- All staff follow robust child protection policies and procedures. These are regularly monitored for implementation by the DSL Mrs Jones. These clearly identify how to spot, report and record concerns.
- Have a dedicated team for child protection who are school leaders and the family liaison officer.
- Rigorous safe recruitment checks on all staff.
- Frequent training to all staff members on how to spot abuse, report and record.
- A safe school environment including secure premises, supervision during lunch and break times and health and safety risk assessments for the school site and trips.
- Our school values are well embedded within our school culture. These values are demonstrated by the children, staff and parents.
- Through our curriculum including PSHE and Computing. We teach our children how to stay safe and who to speak to if they are worried or need support.
- Robust online safeguarding including filtering and monitoring systems, education about cyber bullying and online risks and clear rules on device and internet use in school.
- Partnership with parents and carers to share safeguarding information and work together if concerns arise.

## Dates for your Diary

**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: Year 3, Art Sculptures viewing in classrooms after dismissal.**

**Friday 13th February: Last day of Term 3.**

**Monday 23rd February: First day of term 4.**

**Tuesday 3rd March: PTA Meeting, 7.30pm**

## *Gold Book*

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



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

Alfie	Ladybirds	Teddy	Lions
Daphne	Ladybirds	Austin	Lions
Shyla	Bumblebees	Autumn-Rae	Seahorses
Raphael	Bumblebees	Alice	Seahorses
		Esme	Seahorses
Ellie	Owls	Amelia	Turtles
Freddie	Owls	Harley	Turtles
Remi	Rabbits	Bodhi	Rhinos
Eliot	Rabbits	Evie	Rhinos
Ayla	Penguins	George	Hippos
Fox	Penguins	Matthew	Hippos
		Amber	Hippos
Seth	Panthers	Leo	Gorillas
Arla-Ray	Panthers	Nathaniel	Gorillas
Cassie	Bears	Maddie	Gorillas
Frankie	Bears		
Jessica	Bears	Harry	Manta rays
		Frankie	Manta rays

Monday 9th February	Tuesday 10th February	Wednesday 11th February	Thursday 12th February	Friday 13th February
<p>Singing Club, Years 1 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 2 1.00pm-1.30pm, Years 3 4, 5 &amp; 6. Please contact: charlotte@bilinguasing.com</p>

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please email [sen@sandgate.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sen@sandgate.kent.sch.uk) if you have any questions.



### **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.

**Next PTA Meeting will be held**  
**on Tuesday 3rd March at**  
**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.**

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hshearcroft@me.com) / 07968694113



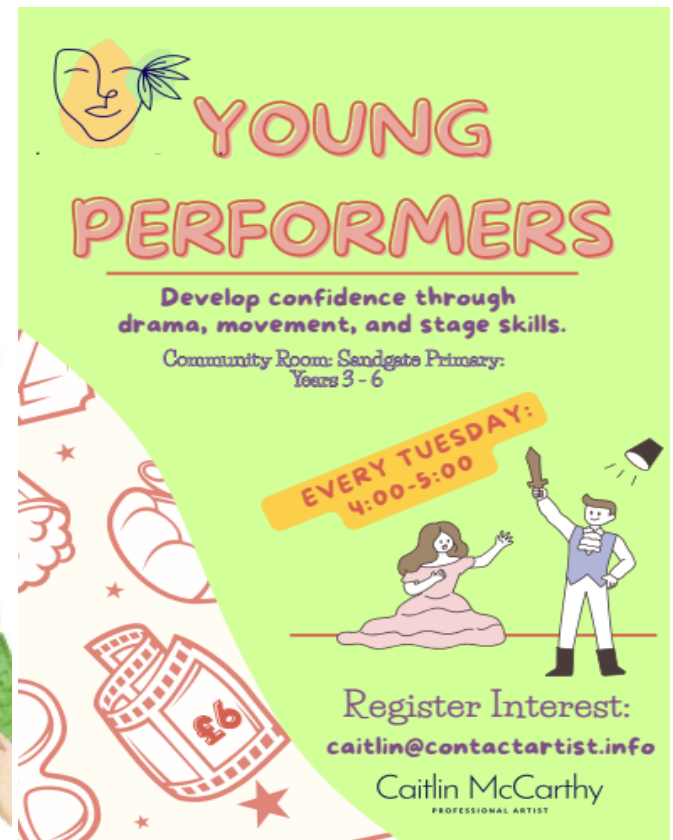
**LITTLE STORIES**  
BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE WITH ACTING, MOVEMENT & CREATIVE PLAY!  
Perfect for building confidence and imagination!

Community Room: Sandgate Primary  
Year 1 & 2

**EVERY TUESDAY | 3:15-4:00**

Register Interest:  
[caitlin@contactartist.info](mailto: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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Final date:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

**This club is an outside provider and are not run by the school.  
Please contact them 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>

TERM TIME CLASSES

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



Book here:



# February Half Term Holiday Workshops

FOR AGES 5-12

*Hibernating Animals*

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

£27/Class

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

£50/Day

Coolinge Lane, Folkestone,  
CT20 3QU

£95/Week

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[WWW.CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM/BRANCH/FOLKESTONE](http://WWW.CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM/BRANCH/FOLKESTONE)

Cygnets teaches traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, experienced teachers & professional quality materials.

We run two holiday workshops per day, so students can attend individual classes, or bring a packed lunch and stay for both!



Tuesday 17th February

10.30 - 12PM Hazel Dormouse with  
Watercolour and Pencils

12.30 - 2PM Bumblebee with Soft Pastels

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 - 12PM Tortoise with Pencil

12.30 - 2PM Black Bear with Acrylic



*Lots of different projects to choose from:*

Booking for our Summer Term coming soon!

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm | 25% discount for Sandgate pupils!

[folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com](mailto:folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com)



[cygnetsartschool.com/branch/folkestone](http://cygnetsartschool.com/branch/folkestone)

# SCRUMPTIOUS PANCAKES

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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



pabulum HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

