



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 21

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to share some of our highlights and celebrations with you.

Whole School Attendance – 96.7%!

A huge well done to all our pupils and families for achieving an incredible 96.7% whole school attendance this term. This is a fantastic achievement and thank you for your continued support. Did you know that locally we are a beacon school for attendance which means we can support other schools to improve their attendance too? We are very proud of this.

Marvellous Me Award – Congratulations to Owls Class

A special celebration goes to Owls Class, who won this term's *Marvellous Me* award for consistently demonstrating our core school values of courtesy, respect, equality, determination, friendship and compassion.

This afternoon, they enjoyed a well-deserved visit to the Swap Shop to spend their badges today. I am super proud of each and every one of them.

Well done also to all the top scorers from every class. These children will be invited to afternoon tea with myself, Mr Evans, and Mrs Shoob next term — a special treat they have certainly earned!

Last term, the Governing Board at Sandgate Primary welcomed three new governors:

- Simon Feeney – Parent Governor
- Emma Genders – Parent Governor
- Nikki Brown – Co-opted Governor (and parent)

It has been a pleasure touring them around the school. Simon and Emma visited on an afternoon and observed a range of lessons including Art, Computing, Music, RE and History. Nikki joined us during an English lesson.

Here are some of their reflections:

"It was brilliant to see such a fantastic quality of writing in both Key Stages and I was so impressed to see the whole school on task and engaged in learning. The atmosphere was incredibly impressive — the children were fully engaged in their writing, everyone was on task; behaviour was fantastic across the school and I can't believe how quiet it was!"

— Nikki Brown

"It was also great to learn about the thought that goes into each student's development and progression on their journeys throughout the school, and the monitoring approach you take to ensure you can course-correct early when a pupil starts falling behind. Finally, seeing the range of activities being undertaken was also a huge positive."

— Simon Feeney

"It was a really great opportunity to see the children involved in lots of different lessons and I was so impressed with their engagement and enthusiasm, particularly given it was a Friday afternoon!"

— Emma Genders

Your child will have brought home their mid-year report today. These reports offer a snapshot of your child's attainment in reading, writing and maths as well as attitude and effort towards learning.

Don't forget to head over to our medium-term plans to see what your child will be learning next term: [Sandgate Primary School - Medium Term Plans](#)

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 23rd February. A reminder that Parent Consultations will take place during the first week back, so please ensure you have booked your appointment.

Best wishes,

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 0808 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.



Gold Book

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



Monday 23 rd February	Tuesday 24 th February	Wednesday 25 th February	Thursday 26 th February	Friday 27 th February
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804) Invite Only Football	Karate 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)	Rocksteady PM	Clay Club, Years 1&2, 3.15pm-4.00pm (Week 1) 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

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, Mr Evans and Mrs Shoob on Thursday 26th February.

Bumblebees - Murphy

Ladybirds - George

Owls - Elsie

Rabbits - Eliot

Panthers - Eva

Penguins - Livia

Lions - Vinnie

Bears - Isabella

Seahorses - Beau

Turtles - Rainer

Hippos - Leo and Charlie

Rhinos - Becksy

Manta Rays - Sayan

Gorillas - Leo

The top scoring class, who were awarded 604 badges this term, is the Owls. They voted to visit the Marvellous Me Swap Shop and spent their reward tokens today.



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 21st February: PTA Event, Sunrise Cinema at The Silver Screen Cinema, Folkestone.

Monday 23rd February: First day of term 4.

Tuesday 3rd March: PTA Meeting at 7.30pm.

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day.

Tuesday 10th March: Book Share, Years R, 1 and 2. 3.15pm-3.45pm.

Thursday 12th March: Book Share, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. 3.15pm-3.45pm.

Friday 20th March: PTA Adults 80's/90's Disco.

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February

Gorillas Parent Consultations

Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February

Please book via link already sent.

The Bumblebees and Ladybirds competed in the Winter Olympics today. They had fun curling, Slalom skiing, ski jumping, ice skating and skeleton.





'Wicked' World Book Day'

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 5th March

This year at Sandgate, we'll be celebrating all of the wonderful witches and wicked wizards in our favourite stories.

Children are invited to wear a witch or wizard's hat, beard or pointy nose to school that day as part of the celebration. The children can make and decorate their own with some plain paper, card and liberal application of colour, gold stars and/or bits of fluff.

See you there, my pretties!

PE, TERM 4
MONDAY, EYFS, YEARS 2 AND 5
TUESDAY, YEARS 4 AND 6
WEDNESDAY, YEARS 1 AND 3
THURSDAY, EYFS, YEARS 4 AND 6
FRIDAY, YEARS 1, 2 AND 5

Forest School, Term 4, Year 3

Bears, Mondays,
23rd February,
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,
30th March

Lions, Tuesdays,
24th February,
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
31st March

80's 90's DISCO PARTY

WITH LIVE PERFORMANCE & BAR

£5 via Eduspot

8:00 PM | 20 MARCH 2026

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

PTA Events

Saturday 21st February,
Sunrise Cinema at
The Silver
Screen Cinema,
Folkestone

Friday 20th March,
80's/90's Disco, (Adults)

Wednesday 1st April at
6pm: Easter Bingo,
Main Hall

*Next PTA Meeting will
be held on Tuesday 3rd
March at 7.30pm*

**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

16-20 Feb

**kollektiv Kids
Half Term Fun!**

Sessions available
from under 5's to 11

Acting!

Paper Making!

Story telling!

Creating from nature!

Making instruments!

Singing Songs!

To book:

Or visit
www.betoncollective.org

One child & parent - £8.00
Each additional sibling £4.00
Full pass available

kollektiv

69 The Old High St, Folkestone CT20 1RN

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>



holiday camps

FREE ENTRY

WHY NOT COME AND HAVE A TASTE OF WHAT OUR HOLIDAY CAMPS HAVE IN STORE?

THURSDAY 19TH FEB 2026
THREE HILLS SPORTS PARK
10AM-2PM

WE ARE OFFERING A FREE OPEN DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

BOUNCY CASTLE
ARCHERY
GOLF
BASKETBALL
ARTS AND CRAFTS
PLUS MUCH MORE!

FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 1 - 8



BOOK NOW VIA THE QR CODE




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 18th 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!

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,	£95/Week
CT20 3QU	

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