



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 23

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day, and what a wonderful day it was!

The school was filled with excitement as children arrived wearing their witches and wizards accessories, ready to step into a world of magic, spells, potions and storytelling.

Throughout the day, the children explored some of the most beloved stories featuring witches and wizards, including:

- *Meg and Mog* — Helen Nicoll & Jan Pienkowski
- *Room on the Broom* — Julia Donaldson
- *Winnie the Witch* — Valerie Thomas & Korky Paul
- *The Witches* — Roald Dahl
- *The Worst Witch* — Jill Murphy
- *Harry Potter Series* — J.K. Rowling
- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* — C.S. Lewis
- *The Wizard of Earthsea* — Ursula K. Le Guin

The classrooms were buzzing with creativity. The children took part in activities such as:

- Writing their own Room on the Broom – inspired poems
- Designing instructions for a wicked potion
- Creating information leaflets and posters explaining how to spot a witch — and how to avoid being “squished and squelched”!

The Safeguarding Snapshots for the rest of this term will focus on popular apps/games the children play at home. I have included information on the PEGI ratings, keeping your child safe when using the app and how to set parental controls. More detailed information can also be found on our information pages for different apps on our website: <https://www.sandgateprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=106>

Dates for Your Diary

We have lots of exciting events coming up this term including lots organised by our wonderful PTA. Please keep an eye on the dates section in the newsletter each week so you don't miss anything important. We have Easter Bingo, Break the Rules Day and the Colour Run coming up very soon.

As always, we will be ending the term with our much-loved Egg Decorating Competition. This is an optional competition and do start having a think about what your child could create by decorating hard boiled eggs. More information will be shared on this.

Please note that there was a date error for the book looks. We have just had parent consultations in which you saw your child's books so the next book looks are: Tuesday 5th May and Thursday 7th May. There is no book look on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March. Apologies for this.

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.



All About Minecraft
Minecraft has a PEGI age rating of 7+.

What safety features are available on Minecraft?

Switch off chat when playing multi-player

You can switch off the chat function to stop your child from communicating with others. To do this select 'Options' and then 'Multiplayer settings'. Then choose 'Chat settings' and select 'Chat Hidden.' This setting has been enabled if it highlights blue.

Manage multi-player mode

Help manage who can access their own builds by disabling multi-player mode. To do this go to 'Edit my world' and select 'Multiplayer settings'. Click the slider next to 'Multiplayer game' to prevent other players from accessing their build.

Enable profanity filter

When enabled, this feature helps to stop your child seeing inappropriate language in public servers. To access this, go to 'My account' and select 'Java Realms Profanity Filter'. The filter is on if the toggle is green. On children's accounts this is set up by default and can't be switched off.



Gold Book

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

Jodie Grayson	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Elliot Olive	Lions Lions
Otti Thomas Lara	Bumblebees Bumblebees Bumblebees	Aurelia Harlow	Seahorses Seahorses
Elsie Bronte	Owls Owls	Maki Joey Julius	Turtles Turtles Turtles
Jack Olivia	Rabbits Rabbits	Maude Luna	Rhinos Rhinos
April Harley Maddison	Penguins Penguins Penguins	Delphine Nina	Hippos Hippos
Luna-fay Safiya	Panthers Panthers	Lilly Alex Reuben	Gorillas Gorillas Gorillas
Lily Nafayan	Bears Bears	James FH Max	Manta rays Manta rays



Football Fixtures



Monday 9th March, Herald Cup Game,
Sandgate v Churchill (venue TBC)

Tuesday 10th March: Girls Cup Game,
Sandgate v Lympne (Away)

Monday 16th March: Herald Cup Game,
Sandgate v Lympne (Away)

Monday 23rd March: Herald Cup Game,
Sandgate v Cheriton (Home)

Wednesday 25th March: Girls Cup Game,
Sandgate v Christchurch (Home)

Monday 30th March: Herald Cup Game,
Sandgate v All Souls (Home)



Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 1st April: PTA Easter Bingo. 6pm

Thursday 2nd April: Last day of Term 4.

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday
(Bank Holiday)

Monday 20th April: First day of Term 5.

Tuesday 5th May: Book Share, Years 3, 4, 5
and 6.

Thursday 7th May: Book Share, Years R, 1 and 2

Monday 9th March	Tuesday 10th March	Wednesday 11th March	Thursday 12th March	Friday 13th March
Drawing Club, Yrs 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Environmental Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804) Invite Only Football	Art Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Karate 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)	Rocksteady PM	Clay Club, Yrs 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm (Week 2) Dance Club. 3.15pm-4.00pm. Years 1-6. (Please contact Charley on 07772 637271) If there is someone else collecting your child from Dance, please contact Charley directly. 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

World Book Day!






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5 March 2026

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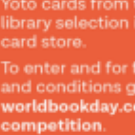
World Book Day is all about reading for fun. It's not about creating rules or telling children they should read because it's good for them. Instead, they get to choose a book they want to read, and take part in celebrations that inspire them to see reading differently – as a fun, entertaining and social thing to do. The brilliant thing is, reading for fun seriously transforms children's lives.

Visit worldbookday.com for ideas and fun resources. Your **£1 book token** is available below.



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DAY®**
5 March 2026


£1 Book Token

Uni Fi and Uni Fi Fi is exclusive to Yoto only. Against All Odds is not suitable for younger readers.


Choose your £1 book for free!

Children, families & educators: This token is for single-use only and entitles children (under 18) to ONE FREE World Book Day 2026 book or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating booksellers only, subject to stock availability.
Find your nearest participating bookseller at worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/participating-retailers/
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One entry per person. Winners will be notified shortly after 15 March 2026.
Prize promotion runs from 12 February to 15 March 2026.



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Valid from 12 February - 15 March 2026

The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers, who fully fund the cost of the €1.50/£1 book token redemptions. Check with your local bookseller what plans they have in place for World Book Day. Find your nearest participating bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers. Please note:

- This token is for single-use only and entitles children (under 18) to ONE FREE WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 BOOK or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating booksellers only, subject to stock availability.
- Token is for children's individual use.
- Offer valid **12 February – 15 March 2026** inclusive.
- The book token barcode can either be scanned from your phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store. Please check with your local bookseller before visiting if they can accept the barcode on mobile devices.
- Tokens are generally not redeemable with online retailers.

Visit our FAQ page to answer all your questions: worldbookday.com/about-us/faq/

To contact the World Book Day team, please email: wbd@education.co.uk

For full terms visit: worldbookday.com/terms-conditions

The reading for fun charity

Registered charity number 1079257 (England and Wales) Registered company number 03783095 (UK).

20th March 2026

Wear a red accessory.

School uniform to be worn.

Small donation.



PTA Events

Friday 20th March, 80's/90's Disco, (Adults)
Wednesday 1st April at 6pm: Easter Bingo, Main Hall
Tuesday 5th May, PTA Meeting, 7.30pm



80's 90's DISCO PARTY

WITH LIVE PERFORMANCE & BAR

£5 via Eduspot

8:00 PM | 20 MARCH 2026

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Creative after school care for years 2-6

Creative, hands-on fun!

- Painting
- Crafting
- Lego
- Den building
- Fun-packed playroom

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs 16:00 - 18:00

£12.00 +£2 to collect from Sandgate Primary

Smile Sandgate
21 Sandgate High Street
www.smilesandgate.co.uk

TERM TIME CLASSES HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Cygnets ART SCHOOL FOLKESTONE

Book here:

Holiday Workshops FOR AGES 5-12

Springtime Wonders

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Coolinge Lane, Folkestone, CT20 3QU

£27/Class
£50/Day
£95/Week

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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!

<p>Tuesday 7th April 10.30 - 12PM Fox Cub with Pencil 12.30 - 2PM Murmuration with Gouache</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th April 10.30 - 12PM Hare with Fineliner and Watercolours 12.30 - 2PM Bluebell Wood with Soft Pastels</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th April 10.30 - 12PM Feather Still Life with Charcoal 12.30 - 2PM 'The Poppy Field' Study with Oil Pastels</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th April 10.30 - 12PM Colourful Eggs with Mixed Pastels 12.30 - 2PM Chick with Clay</p>

Lots of different projects to choose from:

Booking for our Summer Term coming soon!

folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com | cygnetsartschool.com/branch/folkestone

**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

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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

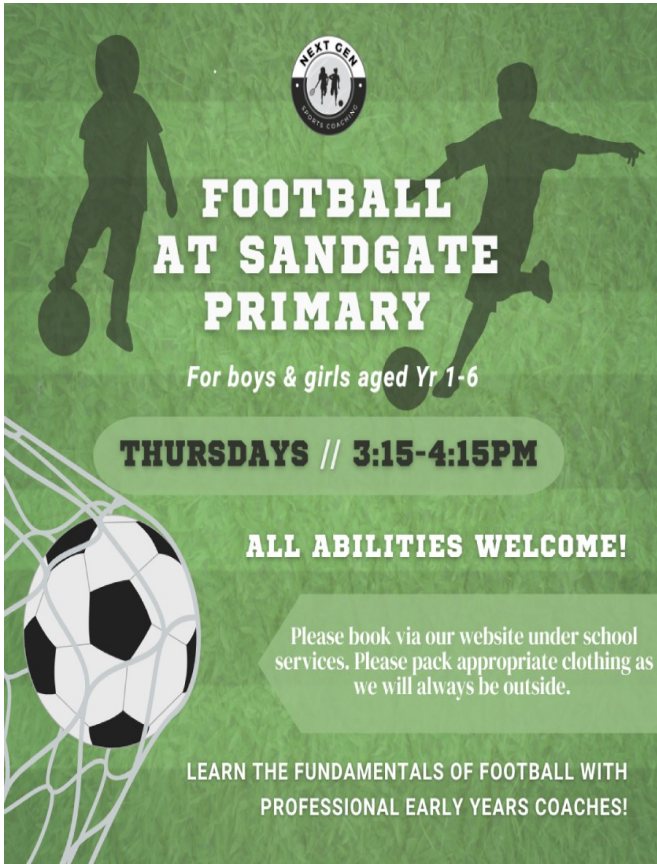
Outdoor fun


- Warm fire
- Craft activities
- Freedom to play
- Hot drinks and snacks
- Fresh air and nature
- £5 per session

Contact information

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





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!



LITTLE STORIES

BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE WITH ACTING, MOVEMENT & CREATIVE PLAY!

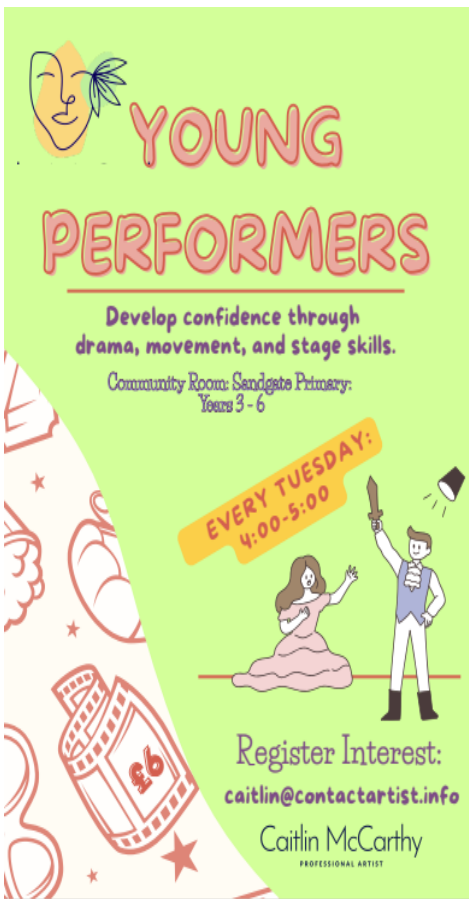
Perfect for building confidence and imagination!

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:
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Caitlin McCarthy
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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>

