



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 24

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week it has been British Science Week however, at Sandgate Primary School, this will continue into next week too.

To celebrate this year's theme of 'curiosity', the children have been involved in a range of activities this week:

- Online workshops and talks with STEM Ambassadors, which ranged in topics from The Moon & Mars, What's in Our Water, Exploring Space: Missions, exploring Machines and Minds and more!
- In the KS2 assembly, children watched their peers deliver a thought-provoking, pattern seeking assembly on whether toast always lands butter side down when flipped.
- In the KS1's assembly, children discussed and looked at weird and wonderful animals in our world.

Next week, all classes will be taking part in their own investigations and sharing their findings with their peers.

Children are also invited to take part in the British Science Week's annual competition.

The UK government are thinking about how to build a positive future for children. They are keen to understand children and young people's own ideas on this, so they are asking:

What makes children's lives positive? What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?

If your child would like to enter, here are the rules from the British Science Week website:

Children should present their own, original ideas by creating a poster using any materials they like, including digitally. Please make sure posters are the students' own work, without the use of any templates. Posters must be A4 or A3 in size (no 3D models please!) so pictures can be sent to the organisers for judging. Flaps can be included, but the poster should still make sense without the flaps being lifted. Children can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, collage and paper to create their posters. Digitally created posters are also allowed. Shortlisted posters are often shared publicly, so please don't include any personally identifiable information such as names or photos of real people.

To help your child think about their design you could discuss with them:

What things make their life positive now?

What they enjoy at school, home and the community and what makes their life good/positive. They might like to think about people, places, things, occasions, interests and activities.

What did a good/positive childhood look like in the past?

You could discuss what you feel made your life good when you were a child.

What would a positive childhood look like for future children? What will they be playing / doing / eating / learning / thinking? Who will they be doing these things with?

If your child would like to enter, please can they make sure their name and class is on the back of their poster and given to Mrs Evans (in Gorilla's Class) by Friday 27th March! Mrs Evans and the rest of the Sandgate STEM hub team can only pick 5 entries to submit and these will be announced in our April newsletter. Good luck everyone! There are some example templates in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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 Roblox



Roblox has a PEGI age rating of PG (Parental Guidance)

Six tips to help keep your child safe on Roblox

Sign up with the correct age

Make sure your child creates an account using the correct age. On Roblox, certain safety settings and parental controls are enabled by default for children under 13. However, you should still review the settings to ensure they've been set up correctly.

Build a list of age-appropriate games

Not all games on Roblox will be appropriate for your child. The platform has a setting that lets parents and carers limit what their child can play by allowing them to build lists of age-appropriate games. You can also switch off in-app spending or set them monthly limits.

Explore communication settings

You can manage who your child can speak to by disabling chat completely or limiting it to friends only. You can also switch off their inbox to stop them receiving direct messages.

Explore the platform together

Ask your child to give you a demonstration of the platform to help you understand how they use it and explore some of the parental controls together. You could even consider setting up your own account and playing the games yourself.

Have regular conversations about gaming

Ask your child open questions like 'What games have you been playing on Roblox recently?' or 'What platforms have you been using to play games?'.

Check out the NSPCC's Online Safety Hub

Visit the [Online Safety Hub](#) for more advice and tips on gaming, talking to your child and much more. If you need more information on setting up parental controls on Roblox, visit [their Parent Guide](#).



Gold Book

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

Felix Sam	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Eira Grayson Posy	Lions Lions Lions
Celeste Eli	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Grace Leo	Seahorses Seahorses
Chloe Tom	Owls Owls	Indie Leo	Turtles Turtles
Arthur Gladys	Rabbits Rabbits	Elliott Felix	Rhinos Rhinos
Riley Sofia	Penguins Penguins	Abbey Elsie	Hippos Hippos
Charles Joseph	Panthers Panthers	Delilah Toby	Gorillas Gorillas
Cassie Albert	Bears Bears	Evie Frankie	Manta rays Manta rays



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



Football Fixtures



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)

Monday 16th March	Tuesday 17th March	Wednesday 18th March	Thursday 19th March	Friday 20th 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

POSTER COMPETITION SUPPORTING RESOURCES



What makes children's lives positive?
What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?

Use this sheet to jot down your thoughts before you create your poster. You could use words or pictures to record your ideas.



POSTER COMPETITION SUPPORTING RESOURCES



What makes children's lives positive?
What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?

You could use the questions below to find out what other children your age think...

Are there any people that make your life positive?

What makes your life 'good' or 'positive'?

Are there any objects or occasions that make your life positive?

Where do you enjoy being? What do you enjoy doing?

What do you think a positive childhood will look like in the future?

We're excited to be part of #BigWalkAndWheel

From **16–20 March**, we'll be getting active by walking, wheeling, scooting, or cycling to school—and we'd love you to join us.



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We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

Join in by walking,
wheeling, scooting or
cycling to school
between 16 - 27 March.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

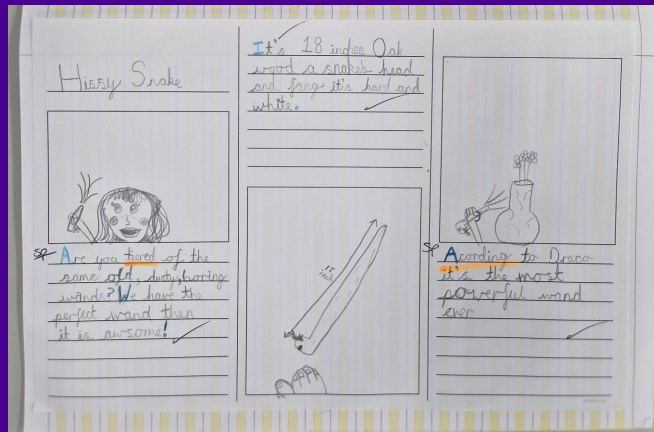
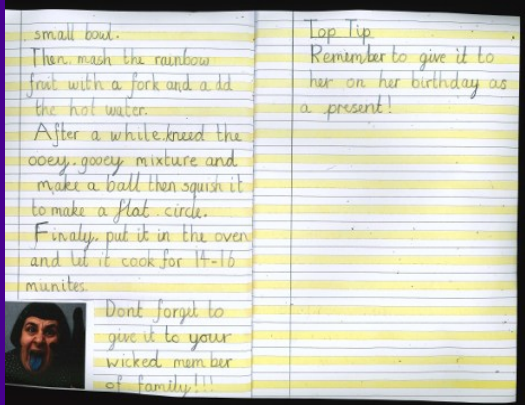
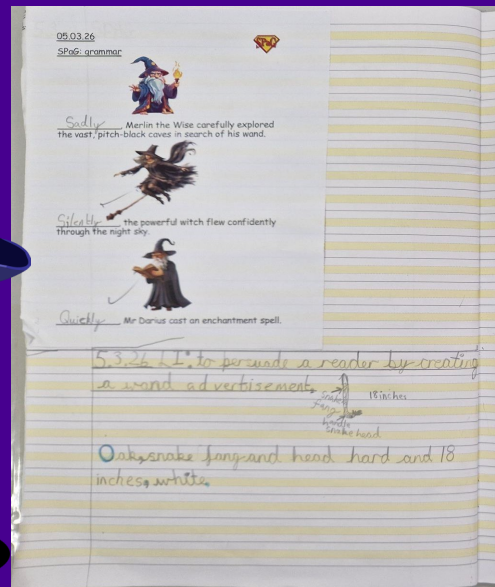
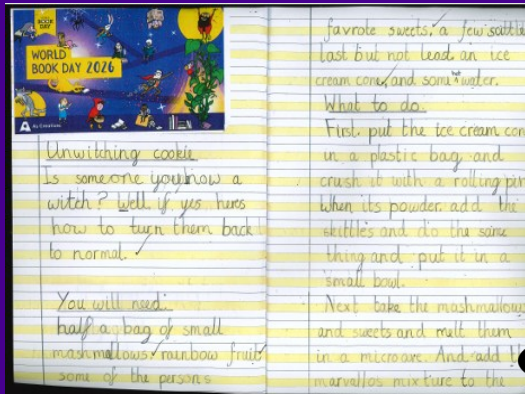
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Some examples of writing from our 'Wicked World Book Day'



YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS 2026

Our open morning events will take place between Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May 2026, from 9:15am to 10:45am for girls in Year 5.

The prospective students, with their parents and carers, will have the opportunity to see the school in action and hear from the Principal and Senior Leadership Team about all that is on offer at FSG.

If parents/carers want their daughters to sit the Shepway test in September, then details of this will be given at these open mornings.

Please fill in the booking form on the link below.

We would be grateful if families could fill in the form once and only pick one day wherever possible to help make sure that there is enough space for everyone. If you cannot make the day you have booked, or if any other details have changed, do not fill in the form again. Contact Main Reception on 01303 251125 and we will try to accommodate you or another day and change other details as required.

Once a day is fully booked, we will remove the ability to select it. We will run a waiting list for each day when necessary. If you need to be added to it, then phone main reception on 01303 251125.

Please visit The Folkestone School for Girls website for booking link



A 5 day trek by one of our parents in the Jurassic Coast for CoppaFeel!

Please see link below for the Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/emma-spencer-81?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_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

20th March 2026
 Wear a red accessory.
 School uniform to be worn.
 Small donation.



Congratulations to our Football Team who competed in a tournament last week at The Three Hills finishing in 3rd place.



80's 90's DISCO PARTY

£5 via Eduspot

WITH LIVE PERFORMANCE & BAR

8:00 PM | 20 MARCH 2026
 SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM TIME CLASSES HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Book here:

Holiday Workshops
 FOR AGES 5-12

Springtime Wonders

Tuesdays & Wednesdays £27/Class
 SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL £50/Day
 Cooling Lane, Folkestone, £95/Week
 CT20 3QU

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 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!

<p>Tuesday 7th April 10.30 - 12PM Fox Cub with Pencil 12.30 - 2PM Murruration 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

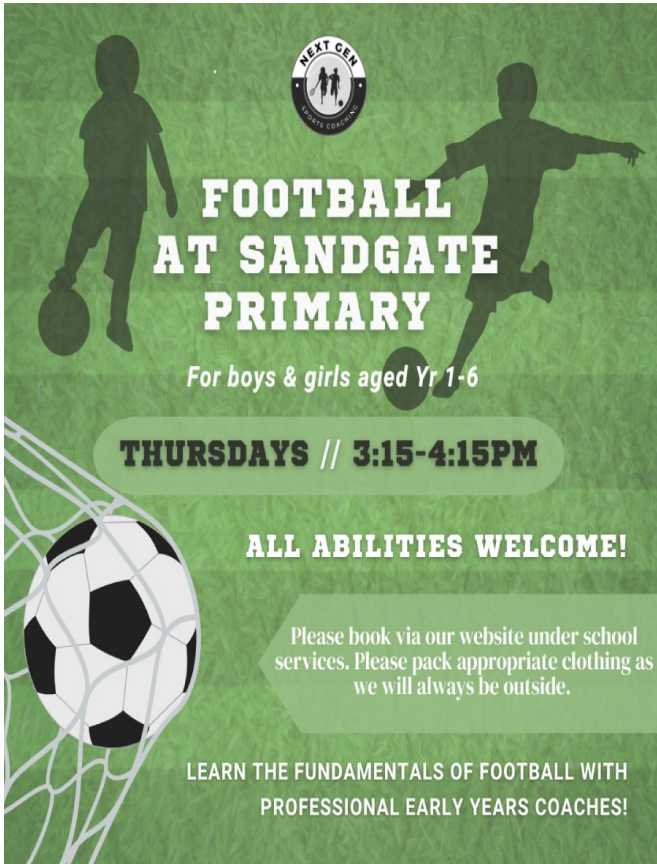
Outdoor fun


- 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!

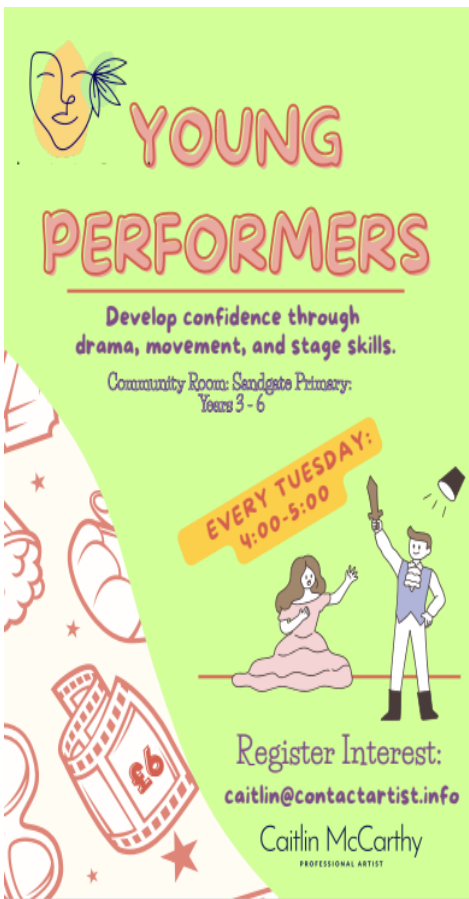
Perfect for building confidence and imagination!

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:
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>

