



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 27

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 4, we want to reflect on what has been an incredibly full and exciting few weeks. Every term in school is busy, but this one has certainly been the busiest yet!

We finished the term with a fantastic celebration assembly today recognising the achievements of our pupils across the school. Gold Book is our weekly celebration of two children in each class who show our school values. The Marvellous Me winners are children who achieve the most badges in their class over the term. They get to share an Afternoon Tea with myself, Mr Evans and Mrs Shoob on the first Thursday back of the new term. We love this special time with them! Our winning class for the highest number of badges and who visited the Marvellous Me swap shop today to spend their badges was Seahorses. Well done to Seahorses class.

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Easter Egg Decorating Competition. The entries this year were absolutely amazing! Each class had the opportunity to view all the creations this morning, and we were blown away by the imagination and hard work that went into each design.

We were delighted to welcome Mr Wayne Wills, our Chair of Governors, who judged the competition and selected a winner and runner-up for every year group. You'll find the full list of results included in this newsletter. Well done to everyone who took part!

Ofsted Report Update

I know many parents have been waiting eagerly for our Ofsted report and final outcomes for each of the areas assessed. I have been asked about this many times, and I appreciate your patience. I have now received the draft report; however, the final version cannot be released until the first week back after the holiday. This is in line with Ofsted guidance.

As soon as we are permitted to share it, it will be sent to families straight away. I am very much looking forward to sharing the results with you all next term.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this very busy term. We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and joyful Easter break.

We return to school on Monday 20th April.

Have a lovely holiday,

Best wishes,

Lianne Jones

Acting Headteacher

Sporting Events

3rd June 2026: Football Tournament at Three hills (Selected Years 1 and 2)

1st July 2026: District Sports, 3.30pm-6pm (Selected Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)



Sports Days

Monday 15th June, EFYS and KS1

Tuesday 16th June, KS2

Gold Book

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



PE, TERM 5

MONDAY, EYFS, YEARS 2 & 3

TUESDAY, YEARS 3 & 5

WEDNESDAY, YEARS 4 & 5

THURSDAY, YEAR 2, MANTA RAYS

FRIDAY, EYFS, YEARS 1, 4 & 6



Forest School in Term 5 for Year 1

Rabbits, Mondays, 20th, 27th April, Tuesday 5th

May, Mondays 11th, 18th May

Owls, Tuesdays, 21st, 28th April, 5th, 12th, 19th May



Swimming for Gorillas in Term 5

(one session in Term 6),

Thursdays, 23rd, 30th April, 7th,

21st May, 4th June

Monday 20th April	Tuesday 21 st April	Wednesday 22nd April	Thursday 23rd April	Friday 24th April
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co. uk 07548 294804) Collage Club, Years 1&2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Football Training, Invite only. 3.15pm-4.15pm Girls Football Training, Invite only. 3.15pm-4.15pm	Rounders Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Karate 3.30pm- 4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)	Sandgate Radio Club, Year 6, 1.00pm-1.30pm Cookery Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.15pm Rocksteady PM Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co. uk 07548 294804)	Sandgate Radio Club, Year 6, 1.00pm-1.30pm Rocksteady PM Table Tennis Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Dance Club 3.15pm-4.00pm. Year 1—Year 6 (Please contact Charley on 07772 637271) <i>If there is someone else collecting your child from Dance Club, please inform Charley directly.</i> Next Gen Football Club, 3.15pm-4.14pm. NEXTGENERA- TIONSPORTS COACHING.ORG	Where in the world Club, Years 1&2, 3.15pm-4.00pm

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 and Mrs Shoob on Thursday 23rd April 2026.

Bumblebees – Fynn

Ladybirds – Adam and Daphne

Owls – Freddie

Rabbits – Olivia

Panthers – Aamna

Penguins – Sofia

Lions – Eira

Bears – Erin

Seahorses – Grace and Joe

Turtles – Lenna

Hippos – Hugo

Rhinos – Elliott

Manta Rays - Harry

Gorillas – Otto



The top scoring class, who were awarded 748 badges this term, is the Seahorses. They voted to visit the Marvellous Me Swap Shop and spent their reward tokens today.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd April: Last day of Term 4

Monday 20th April: First day of Term 5.

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

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

PTA Events

Wednesday 29th April: Cake Sale

Tuesday 5th May: PTA Meeting at 7.30pm

Friday 22nd May: Colour Run!

Friday 5th June: Break the Rules Day!

Friday 10th July: Summer Sizzle!

Thank you to all who attended the PTA Bingo event. £420 has been raised.



Music for Schools Foundation demonstrated different instruments in Assembly on Wednesday.



Dear parent / guardian

Your school are providing children with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in partnership with the **Music for Schools Foundation**, a non-profit making charity that provide small group lessons on Recorder, Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Cornet and Saxophone.

Today your child was involved in a special assembly where we taught them all about music and instruments.

Why should my child learn to play an instrument?

Our amazing tutors make lessons fun, and children who learn to play a musical instrument also perform better in Maths, English and Science. There are social, emotional and developmental benefits too, such as improved memory, patience, perseverance and self-confidence.

How much does it cost?

Your child can learn to play for **around £1.50 per day** and packages include an instrument, music book, music stand, book bag and instrument maintenance **cover**. If you already have an instrument you can just pay for lessons and there are also reductions for children eligible for Pupil Premium.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

To enrol for lessons:

Lessons will be starting soon - enrol within the next seven days to ensure that your child doesn't miss out!

Just visit www.mfsf.org.uk and read all about our scheme. When you're happy, just click on **Enrol**.

We look forward to meeting your child and starting them on an amazing musical journey!



Our Easter Egg Decorating Competition Winners and Runners Up



EYFS Winner
Gabriel, Ladybirds



Year 1 Winner
Lincoln, Rabbits



Year 2 Winner
Hattie, Penguins



Year 3 Winner
Posy, Lions



Year 4 Winner
Beatrice, Turtles



Year 5 Winner
Margarita, Hippos



Year 6 Winner
Evelyn, Gorillas



EYFS Runner Up
Jacob, Bumblebees



Year 1 Runner Up
Fearn, Owls



Year 2 Runner Up
Isabel, Penguins



Year 3 Runner Up
Eira, Lions



Year 4 Runner Up
Myer, Seahorses



Year 5 Runner Up
Teddy, Rhinos



Year 6 Runner Up
Matilda, Manta rays

Easter Egg Competition Entries, amazing creations!



SMILE

Easter HOLIDAY CLUBS

Unleash your creativity at SMILE's Easter Holiday Clubs!

-  **Tuesday 7th April 10:30-14:30**
Tote bags & mobiles
-  **Wednesday 8th April, 10.30-14:30**
Mini escape room & hoodies
-  **Thursday 9th April, 10.00-14:00**
Finger Skateboards & t-shirts
-  **Friday 10th April 10:00-14:00**
Bunny making & Canvas painting
-  **Tuesday 14th April 10:00-14:00**
Modelling & Peg Doll Making
-  **Friday 17th April 10:00-14:00**
Beanie hat embroidery & Back Packs

**£30/day
Lunch
included!**



Want to join the fun? Pop along with your children or your friends after the holiday clubs for crafts and snacks until 4.30pm!

www.smilesandgate.co.uk

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

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

07391 670905 | FOLKESTONE@CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM
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</p> <p>10.30 - 12PM Fox Cub with Pencil</p> <p>12.30 - 2PM Murmuration with Gouache</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th April</p> <p>10.30 - 12PM Hare with Fineliner and Watercolours</p> <p>12.30 - 2PM Bluebell Wood with Soft Pastels</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th April</p> <p>10.30 - 12PM Feather Still Life with Charcoal</p> <p>12.30 - 2PM 'The Poppy Field' Study with Oil Pastels</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th April</p> <p>10.30 - 12PM Colourful Eggs with Mixed Pastels</p> <p>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

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



FOOTBALL AT SANDGATE PRIMARY

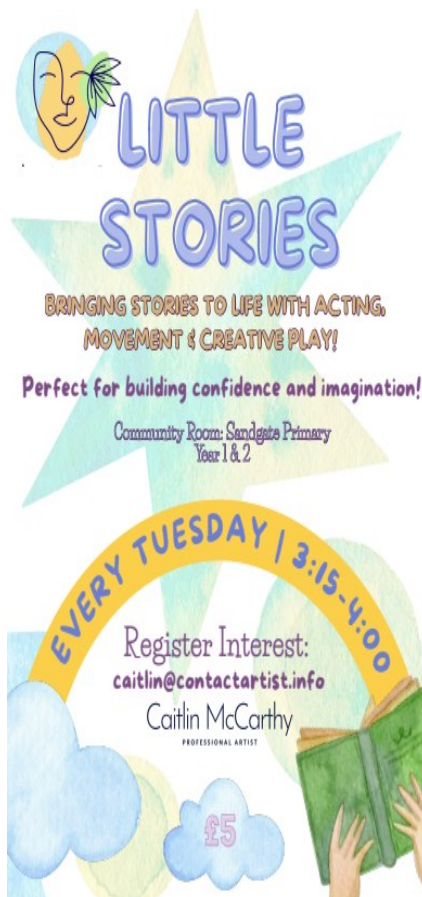
For boys & girls aged Yr 1-6

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!

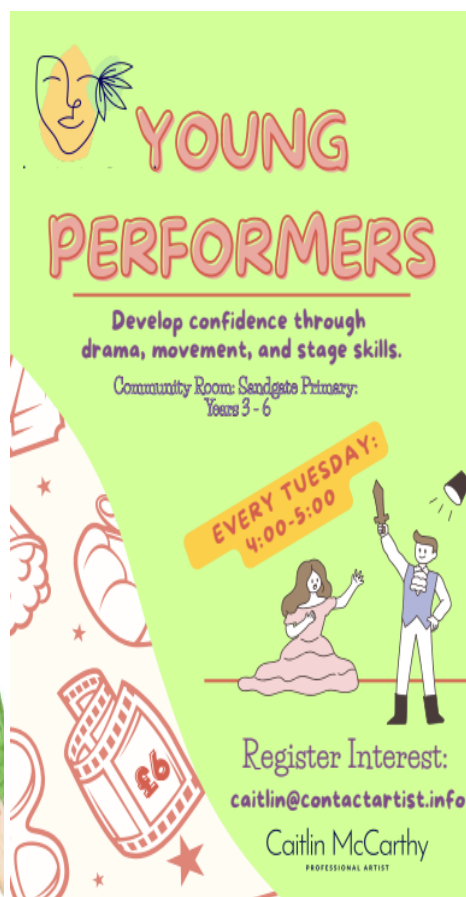
Perfect for building confidence and imagination!

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.

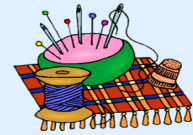
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
EYFS - YEAR 6
ALL ABILITIES
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

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>





A huge thank you to all the Parents and Grandparents who gave up their time to help Year 4 with their sewing activity this week. Your help was very much appreciated.



Congratulations to Sofia, Gorillas, Genevieve, Hippos, Elliott, Gorillas and George, Turtles who have all graduated to their orange belt in Krav Maga. Well done to all!

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_s_hare_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_donation



Children from Seahorses Class
A brilliant end of term performance at
The Boards Performing Arts!



Children's Performing Arts Classes

We offer dynamic performing arts classes for children age 4-16, sessions include a variety of dance, drama and vocal coaching all taught by professionally trained performers and designed to build stagecraft skills and confidence.

**EAST LONDON AND
FOLKESTONE VENUES**

theboardsperformingarts@gmail.com

07848155757

www.theboardsperformingarts.com

Partnership with District & Next Gen

We are pleased to announce that Next Gen will be taking on the District teams again for the upcoming season.

Boys Trials dates - 6th & 13th May
17:00 - 18:00
Current Year 6 & 7

Girls Trial dates - 6th & 13th May
Current Year 5 - 18:00 - 19:00
Current Year 6 - 17:00 - 18:00

To register interest please send the following details to 07495983245, all trials will be held at the Folkestone Academy.

Childs Name:

Club:

Current School Year:

Parent Contact Number & Name:

