



Sandgate Primary School

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Newsletter

Issue 28

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5. I hope you enjoyed the Easter break.

This week, formal offers and confirmation of places were sent to our new Reception intake, who will join us in September 2026. This is such an exciting time for our new families, and we are looking forward to welcoming the children for Stay and Play sessions, picnics and other planned transition events.

Next week, the whole school will be taking part in the London Mini Marathon. This will take place during the school day on Monday, and children should please wear trainers with their school uniform. Last year, almost half a million children and young people walked, jogged or wheeled their way around a two-mile course at school as part of the Mini London Marathon in Schools. We are looking forward to taking part again this year at Sandgate Primary School.

In sporting news this week, our Key Stage Two hockey team attended a Sports Trust tournament on Thursday. They were champions of League One, winning ten games and conceding no goals. Amazing! The Herald Cup continues from next week as we move into the quarter-finals. Updates will be shared via the newsletter.

SPORTS DAY UPDATE – WE HAVE LISTENED TO YOU!

This year, we are trialling a different approach to Sports Day and will be holding it over one day instead of two, to reduce the impact on our working parents. We have also found that a full day outside for sports can be very tiring for our younger children, so we have some exciting plans to combine Sports Day into one whole school day this year. The date for this is Tuesday 16th June. Timings will be shared shortly.

We held our termly Afternoon Tea Party on Thursday, with the Marvellous Me class winners spending time with myself and Mrs Shoob. We always finish with a quiz, which gets very competitive and lively, but is thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

On Wednesday, the PTA will be holding a cake sale and a second-hand uniform sale. Please send any cake donations in on Wednesday morning, with the ingredients clearly labelled (we are a nut-free school). Thank you for your continued support.

Lastly, I hope you all enjoyed reading our Ofsted report and outcomes. We are very proud of our school community, and the results are a celebration of our pupils, families and staff. The report is now live on the website should you wish to read it electronically.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher

As of the 1st May 2026,
school meal prices will increase to
£2.70.

Sporting Events

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

1st July 2026: District Sports, 3.30pm-6pm

Sports Days

Tuesday 16th June, Whole school

EYFS, Next week PE will be on a Wednesday and Fri-
day and back to Monday and Friday week
beginning 4th May.

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



Swimming for Gorillas in Term 5

(one session in Term 6),

Thursdays, 23rd, 30th April, 7th,
21st May, 4th June



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

Gold Book

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

Alfie Lyla	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Leon Felix	Lions Lions
Albert Jacob	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Enzo Freddie	Seahorses Seahorses
Alayna Genevieve	Owls Owls	Charlie Pearl	Turtles Turtles
Anwen Ella	Rabbits Rabbits	Luna Arhan	Rhinos Rhinos
Austin Theo	Penguins Penguins	Blaine Hugo	Hippos Hippos
Arabella Eva Safiya	Panthers Panthers Panthers	Douglas Edward	Gorillas Gorillas
Jude Poppy	Bears Bears	Jake Freya	Manta rays Manta rays



Safeguarding Snapshot



Each week we will send home a snapshot of safeguarding information
to help keep your child safe.

Information for Parents

Who is the Child Protection Team at Sandgate Primary School?

- Mrs Jones – Designated Safeguarding Lead and Acting Headteacher
- Mrs Shoob – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Senco and Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Evans – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Hill – Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Family Liaison Officer

What to do if you have a concern about a child:
Contact any of the Child Protection Team at Sandgate
Primary School. Every day one of us is on the gates or can be
contacted by calling the school office on (01303 257280).

Monday 27th April	Tuesday 28th April	Wednesday 29th April	Thursday 30th April	Friday 1st May
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804) Collage Club, Years 1&2, 3.15pm-4.00pm	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- TIONSPO RTS COACHING.ORG	Where in the world Club, Years 1&2, 3.15pm-4.00pm

Our Marvellous mg winners enjoyed afternoon tea with Mrs Jones and Mrs Shoob!



Bake Sale

And Second-Hand Summer Uniform Shop

3PM, 29 APRIL

Bake us your nut-free cakes, cookies, bars, brownies — all donations welcome! Please label your bakes with ingredients and drop them at the school reception in the morning.

Bakes will be for sale at home time from 3pm, Easter treats for little ones and grown-ups alike! Plus check out our second-hand uniform sale to get summer wear sorted ahead of Term 6. Bring cash if you can (cards also accepted)

Support the PTA, grab a treat, and have fun!

Raising funds to benefit our children. Every penny back into our school. Thank you for your support



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30th April: Year 3 trip to Dover Museum.

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

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

Monday 18th May: Class Photos.

Football Fixtures

Monday 27th April: Herald Cup Quarter Finals V Christchurch @ home 4pm KO

Thursday 30th April: Girls Cup Quarter Finals V Churchill away 4pm KO

PTA Events

Wednesday 29th April: Bake Sale and Second-hand Uniform 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!

Hockey Champions!

Congratulations to our KS2 Hockey team who won the Sports Trust League One Hockey Tournament. Winning all 10 games and conceding no goals.



SPOTLIGHT ON ORACY

Oracy is defined as articulating ideas, developing understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication.

Curriculum Vision: Spoken Language

The aim of the Spoken Language curriculum at Sandgate Primary is to progressively develop children's competence in spoken language and listening to enhance the effectiveness with which they are able to communicate across a range of contexts and to a range of audiences.

The curriculum is designed around a simple Spoken Language Framework which you can see below. This is used with all pupils to develop their understanding of active strategies to use before, during and after speaking opportunities.

This year at Sandgate, we have prioritised Oracy within our curriculum and we have introduced our new Spoken Language Framework

Sandgate Primary School Spoken Language Framework

BEFORE I TALK, I SHOULD...



- Check whether it's my turn.
- Organise and prepare what I want to say in my mind or on paper.
- Practise saying what I want to say with my 'inner' voice.

WHEN I TALK, I SHOULD...



- Face towards the people or person I'm speaking to.
- Make sure I'm loud enough for others to hear.
- Check I'm not speaking too quickly.
- Use my face and body language to help others understand the words.
- Use words that suit what I'm trying to say and the people I'm speaking to.
- Speak in full sentences.
- Expand on or explain what I'm trying to say.

WHEN OTHERS TALK, I SHOULD...



- Encourage others to take a turn.
- Face towards the person who is speaking.
- Avoid speaking at the same time as someone else.
- Think of things I might want to respond with.
- Wait my turn to respond.

Data impact here...

How can you support your child at home?

Ask about the best part of their day

Encourage children to articulate their day and practice active listening. Asking open-ended questions like, "What was the best part of your day?" helps them reflect and express themselves more clearly. Try encouraging them to ask you about your day as well!

Read together and discuss

Reading books or articles together and discussing them afterward can be a great way to boost oracy. Ask your child questions about the story or topic, and encourage them to share their opinions or predictions. This helps them develop their speaking and comprehension skills.

Make it fun

Try games such as –

Would you rather - Be shrunk to the size of a pea for a day, or grown to the size of a house for a year?

Questions such as this are great for getting the imagination going and for the all-important skills of making decisions and giving reasons.

Strategically silly - Put your child in the position of being the sensible, knowledgeable one while you take on the role of being a bit silly!

- Use a colander as a hat, and have them talk you out of it.
- Make a preposterous proposal, such as, "Schools should open at night instead of during the day" and have them prove you wrong.

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:



Multi-Award Winning!

Love Learning Languages

French Lunch Clubs at Sandgate Primary School



Supports the MFL language objectives



We make languages fun again!



No sitting at desks

Language clubs this Autumn Term

On Fridays

12.30-13.00: French for Year 1 & 2

13.00 -13.30: French for Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

£53 for a block of 10 French classes during lunch time. Starting from Friday 1st May. Places are limited so please book online with the link sent in the email or get in touch!



charlotte@bilinguasing.com



www.bilinguasing.com



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!

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

**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

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



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!



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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.

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www.theboardsperformingarts.com



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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>

