



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 31

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge well done to Year 6 who completed their SATs tests this week. Their resilience, determination and focus throughout made us very proud. Next week Year 5 will sit their CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests) on Monday and Tuesday and we know they will show the same determination that Year 6 did. Good luck, Year 5.

We have had lots of families already sign up for the Colour Run - our next PTA event. This takes place next Friday on the last day of term. If you have not done so already, please have a look at the flyer later on in this newsletter and pay via Eduspot. It is going to be such a fun event - the children (and staff!!) are really looking forward to it.

Thank you to all parents who came to Book Look. This is an opportunity to have a look at your child's learning for all subjects and to see the progress they are making. At the end of each term, you will see the website update with the Medium-Term Plan for the following term. This plan shows you specifically what your child will be learning for each subject. Please do have a look at this.

The Forest School Wild Passports have now launched fully in year 1 following our trial. These were shared with parents at our recent book look and the children have already achieved lots of the stamps. Year 2 will next receive theirs and Mr Walterus is requesting ring pulls from food cans to help us make these. Each passport needs four ring pulls in total. There is a box at the office for you to drop your ring pulls into. This must be the larger ring pulls from food cans and not drink cans. Please do help us with this - it is much appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see everyone next week for the final week of term 5.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher



Gold Book

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

Daphne Harrison	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Flo Emily	Lions Lions
Faith Jonas	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Joey Rosie	Seahorses Seahorses
Artie Ellie	Owls Owls	Bea Dexter	Turtles Turtles
Alba Eliot	Rabbits Rabbits	Arhaan Laine	Rhinos Rhinos
Aamna Sakchhyam Seth	Panthers Panthers Panthers	Abbey Olivia	Hippos Hippos
Fox Harley	Penguins Penguins	Grace Wilf	Gorillas Gorillas
Loxley Cassius	Bears Bears	Evelyn Tilly Izzy	Manta rays Manta rays Manta rays

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th May: Class Photos. All children in school uniform please.

Tuesday 19th May: Year 2 Poetry Recital at 2.50pm in the main hall.

Friday 22nd May: Year 1 Poetry Recital at 2.50pm in the main hall.

Friday 22nd May: End of Term 5.

Monday 1st June: First day of Term 6.

Tuesday 30th June: Book Share for Year R, 1 and 2.

Tuesday 7th July: Book Share for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. (Please note date change)



Safeguarding Snapshot Top Tips for Parents



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



Talk PANTS



When's the right time to talk PANTS?

Every family is different, and when and where you have these conversations may depend on your child's age, or how grown up they are - it's all about whatever feels natural for you and them.

Some examples of times you can talk PANTS are:

After school – if they've had a lesson on personal relationships or Talk PANTS at school, ask them what they remember when they get home.

Bath time – you could start a conversation when you're running your child's bath, or helping them get dressed.

Car journeys – this can be a great time to talk, and your child will have plenty of time to ask questions if they need.

Reading our new PANTS storybook together.

Singing – sing along to our PANTS song with *Pantosaurus!*

Swimming – a great time to say that what's covered by swimwear is private.

Walking – walking home from school, or a weekend walk to the shops can help you both feel more at ease as you stroll and chat.

Watching TV – if a TV show features a sensitive storyline, you can encourage them to talk about anything that upsets them.



**Thursday 21st May
Fish and Chip Day!
(and a special pudding!)**

Menu for Friday 22nd May

MAIN	Spiced Tex Mex Chicken & Baked Wedges
VEGETARIAN MAIN	Roasted Vegetable Fajita & Baked Wedges
PASTA OR JACKET	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce
TO GO WITH	Corn on the Cob & Roasted Carrots
DESSERT	Homemade Strawberry Cheesecake



Book Share Dates for Term 6

Tuesday 30th June, Years R, 1 and 2

**Tuesday 7th July: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
(Please note this is a change of date)**

Monday 18th May	Tuesday 19th May	Wednesday 20th May	Thursday 21st May	Friday 22nd May
<p>Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)</p> <p>Collage Club, Years 1&2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Football Training, Invite only, 3.15pm-4.15pm</p> <p>Girls Football Training, Invite only. 3.15pm-4.15pm</p>	<p>Rounders Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Karate 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)</p>	<p>Sandgate Radio Club, Year 6, 1.00pm-1.30pm</p> <p>Cookery Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.15pm</p> <p>Rocksteady PM</p> <p>Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)</p>	<p>Sandgate Radio Club, Year 6, 1.00pm-1.30pm</p> <p>Rocksteady PM</p> <p>Table Tennis Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>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></p> <p>Next Gen Football Club, 3.15pm-4.14pm. NEXTGENERA- TIONSPORTS COACHING.ORG</p>	<p>Where in the world Club, Years 1&2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p>

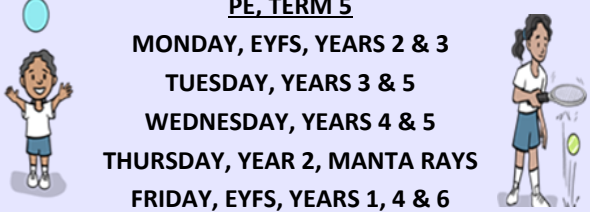



Congratulations to Austin from Lions Class who has been awarded "most improved player of the season" for Folkestone hockey U8s at their end of season ceremony and has also been given the "values of rugby" trophy for Folkestone Rugby Club U8s.


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

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

Monday 18th May,
Class Photos
All children in school uniform please.
Please bring PE kit in if this is your PE Day



If your child won a trophy for the Achievement Awards last year, please could these now be returned to the School Office.
Thank you.

Sporting Events
3rd June 2026: Football Tournament at Three hills (Selected Years 1 and 2) - POSTPONED
1st July 2026: District Sports, 3.30pm-6pm



Sports Day
Tuesday 16th June, Whole school



PTA Events
Friday 22nd May: Colour Run!
Friday 5th June: Break the Rules Day!
Friday 10th July: Summer Sizzle!

Terrible Tudors at Leeds Castle!

On Thursday, the children from Penguins and Panthers class traveled to Maidstone to visit Leeds Castle.

During a tour of the castle, the children learned some very interesting facts and spotted lots of hidden clues that provided evidence of Leeds Castle once being a home to Tudor kings and queens. They also discovered more historical facts about the life of King Henry VIII and what kind of monarch he was during a workshop that offered role play and making clay Tudor roundels. The children had a fantastic time and all said they can't wait to visit again and find out more about the life of British royalty and monarchs.



Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2027

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 1 June 2026 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2026

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2027 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2026.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Monday 1 June 2026	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Wednesday 1 July 2026	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
Thursday 10 September 2026	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Thursday 15 October 2026	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



SANDGATE PRIMARY'S FIRST-EVER

Colour Run

22 MAY 2026

GATES OPEN AT
3.30

Join us for a short, fun (and messy!) run or walk around the playing fields, finished with a burst of colourful powder. Older children can run independently, or adults can join younger ones free of charge. All children must be accompanied by an adult and remain their responsibility throughout.

Arrive early to enjoy our Runners' Village with music, refreshments and a fun warm-up. Wear trainers and old clothes — white t-shirts work best to show the colour. Goggles or sunglasses recommended!

Tickets include a bag of coloured powder, a lei and entry for one child and one adult.

Book via Eduspot or pay on the door.

Gates close at 4:30pm | Last entry 3:45pm

£5



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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

**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

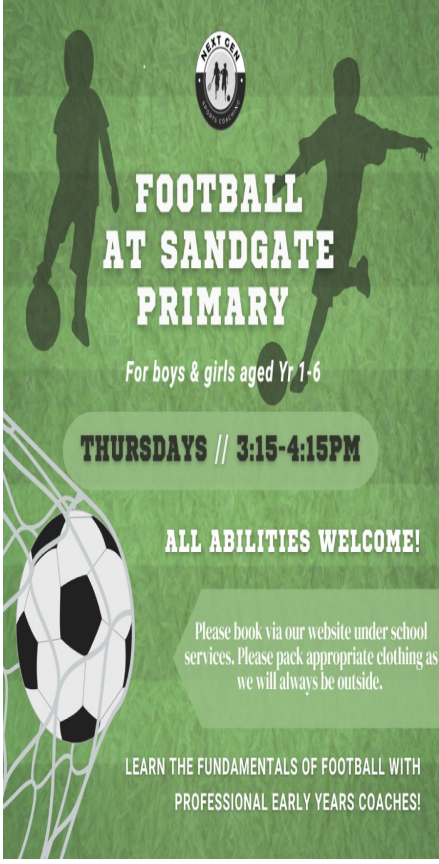
Outdoor fun


- 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 hsearcroft@me.com / 07968694113





FOOTBALL AT SANDGATE PRIMARY

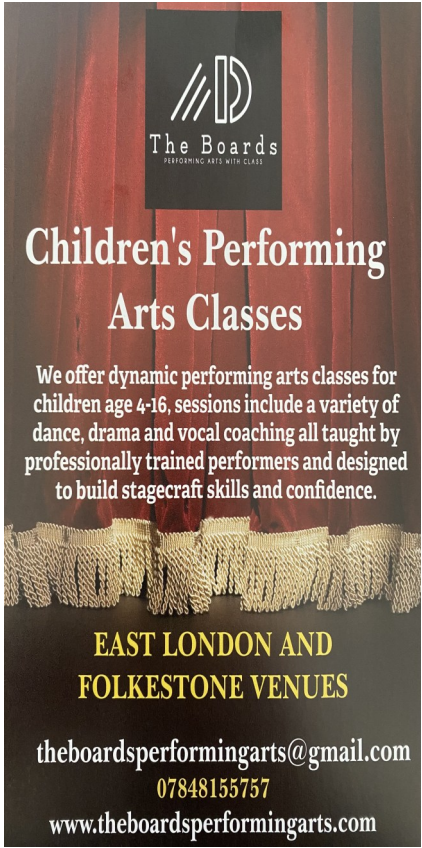
For boys & girls aged Yr 1-6


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.

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OPEN 10AM-2PM FOR FAMILY FUN**

May Holiday Club at Smile

**10AM-2PM
EARLY DROP OFF FROM 9AM**

Tues 26th Decorate a Baseball Cap & Make Friendship Bands

Wed 27th Decorate a Beach Bag & Model with Clay

Thurs 28th Finger Skateboard Creation & Decoration & Room Signs

Friday 29th T-shirt & Plant Pot Decorating

3PM-5PM WORKSHOPS

Tues 26th Hoodies

Wed 27th Bags & Hats

Thurs 28th Rag Dolls

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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>