



# Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

## Newsletter

Issue 32

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to year 5 who completed their CATs assessments this week. Once again, we were so impressed with their determination and focus throughout.

I hope Year 1 and 2 parents enjoyed the poetry recitals which the children performed this week. The poetry recitals are a core part of our English curriculum in which our children learn important performing and oracy skills to share with an audience.

On Monday our football team met Hawkinge Primary School in the Herald Cup Semi Finals. It was a tense game throughout with it going into extra time and us winning 2-1. The finals will take place next term. Well done Team Sandgate!

As we move into term 6, we have a number of events happening. The office will send reminders but please do check the dates section in this newsletter too so you don't miss anything.

Hair Reminder - if your child has hair below their shoulders, then it must be tied up. This helps to prevent the spreading of headlice. Please ensure your child has their hair tied up each day for school.

The school website now has the medium-term plans on it for term 6. Head over there to see what your child will be learning next term: Sandgate Primary School - [Sandgate Primary School - Medium Term Plans](#)

I hope everyone has a wonderful half-term break - the weather is looking particularly good this weekend. The children return to school on Monday 1st June for term 6.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Jones

Acting Head

## Gold Book

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

Nate Isabella	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Lottie Eloise Husna	Lions Lions Lions
Bear Otti	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Flora Ottilie	Seahorses Seahorses
Finian Noah	Owls Owls	Barnaby Scarlett	Turtles Turtles
Daisy Lincoln	Rabbits Rabbits	Eva Nabihah	Rhinos Rhinos
Frankie Isabel	Penguins Penguins	Charlie j Freyja	Hippos Hippos
Aleena Aamina	Panthers Panthers	Elsie Hugo Maddie	Gorillas Gorillas Gorillas
Lois Paisley	Bears Bears	Cillian James FH	Manta rays Manta rays

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 22nd May: End of Term 5.**  
**Monday 1st June: First day of Term 6.**  
**Friday 5th June: Break the Rules Day!**  
**Thursday 11th June: Year 5 Trip to Sandwich Discovery Park**  
**Tuesday 16th June: Whole School Sports Day.**  
**Wednesday 24th June: Year R Trip to Wingham.**  
**Thursday 25th June: Year 1 Trip to Rare Breeds.**  
**Friday 26th June—Monday 29th June: Year 6 Residential.**  
**Tuesday 30th June: Book Share for Year R, 1 and 2.**  
**Wednesday 1st July: Year 1/2 Football Tournament at Three Hills (selected children)**  
**Wednesday 1st July: District Sports (selected Years 3, 4, 5, 6 children.)**  
**Tuesday 7th July: Book Share for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. (Please note date change)**  
**Friday 10th July: PTA Summer Sizzle!**  
**Friday 17th July: Leavers Assembly!**  
**Friday 17th July: Last Day of Term 6.**

### Forest School in Term 6 for Year 2

**Panthers, Mondays, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> July,**  
**Penguins, Tuesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> July**



### PE, TERM 6

**MONDAY, EYFS, YEARS 1 AND 6**  
**TUESDAY, YEARS 3 AND 4**  
**WEDNESDAY, YEARS 2 AND 5**  
**THURSDAY, YEARS 1 AND 6**  
**FRIDAY, YEARS 3, 4 AND 5**



**EYFS will have Forest School on Friday**

Monday 1st June	Tuesday 2nd June	Wednesday 3rd June	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
<p>Recorder Club, Years 1 &amp; 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Environmental Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)</p> <p>Football Training, Invite only. 3.15pm-4.15pm</p> <p>Girls Football Training, Invite only. 3.15pm-4.15pm</p>	<p>Wild Club, Years 1 &amp; 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Stop Motion Animation 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>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>Table Tennis Club, Years 4, 5 &amp; 6, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Rocksteady PM</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-4.15pm. NEXTGENERATIONSPORTS COACHING.ORG</p>	<p>Story and Poetry Club, Years 1 &amp; 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Dance Club, KS1 &amp; 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p>

## 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 Mr Evans.

*Bumblebees – Lara*

*Ladybirds – Lyla*

*Owls – Reggie*

*Rabbits – Monty*

*Panthers – Seth*

*Penguins – Hamza*

*Lions – Leon*

*Bears – Arte*

*Seahorses – Mekhi*

*Turtles – Barnaby*

*Hippos – Nina*

*Rhinos – Arhaan*

*Manta Rays – Harry*

*Gorillas – Sal*



The top scoring class, who were awarded 778 badges this term, is the Rhinos. They voted to visit the Marvellous Me Swap Shop and spent their reward tokens today.



Congratulations to Evelyn in manta-rays, who achieved the Brownie Gold Award— the highest award a brownie can earn! Amazing, well done Evelyn!

### 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 date change)**

### Swimming for Gorillas in Term 6

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

### Manta rays, Swimming in Term 6

**Thursdays, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> July with the last session being on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026.**

### Sporting Events

1st July 2026: Football Tournament at Three hills (Selected Years 1 and 2) Please note this is a revised date.

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



### Sports Day

Tuesday 16th June, Whole school



Congratulations to Frankie and Ollie from Manta rays who competed in a Charlton football tournament and were finalists. Well done to both boys!



### PTA Events

Friday 5th June: Break the Rules Day!

Friday 10th July: Summer Sizzle!



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



Huge Congratulations to the Herald Cup Team who are now through to the Final!

# 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](http://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](http://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

<b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>	Registration opens at <a href="http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
<b>Wednesday 1 July 2026</b>	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.
<b>Thursday 10 September 2026</b>	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
<b>Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026</b>	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 15 October 2026</b>	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](http://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](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk).

For help registering please email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto: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.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**17 SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

This summer, Sandgate Primary School's Sunrise Cinema returns as we take over the Silver-Screen Cinema in Folkestone once again!

**17** Saturday 4th July

Join us for a special morning at the movies with the school community. More details coming soon... 🍿

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

**IT'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

# BREAK THE RULES

DAY 2026



**ON THE CHAOTIC DAY OF FRIDAY 5TH JUNE, JOIN THE REBELLION! FOR JUST £3.00, YOU'LL UNLOCK A DAY OF DELIGHTFUL RULE-BREAKING!**

- Indulge in unhealthy snacks!
- Call your teacher by their first name!
- Ignore the first bell at playtime!
- Rock nail polish, hair dye, or even some snazzy tattoos!
- Splash squash into your water bottle like a true rebel!
- And yes, bring your favourite teddy to school for an extra dose of cuteness!

Payment via Eduspot or cash on the day

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We would like to invite you to our

## EBSA World Cafe

A community to reflect on your experiences of Emotional Barriers to School Attendance

We want to bring together your insights, ideas and experiences in a sharing space of support and discussion

Maria



Rachel



Cam

We are from Kent Educational Psychology. Join us on **Weds 1<sup>st</sup> July 9:30-12pm** for tea, coffee, biscuits and conversation

People have within them the wisdom and creativity to confront even the most difficult challenges

Kent Educational Psychology:  
Emotional Barriers to School  
Avoidance World Cafe Event!



**SIGN UP  
HERE!**



**The Beacon**  
Park Farm Rd  
Folkestone  
CT19 5DN

We are wiser together  
than when we are alone



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Avoidance World Cafe Event!



**SIGN UP  
HERE!**

the  
WorldCafe



Please see above information relating to a parent workshop offering support to parents with children who find coming into school difficult. This is referred to as Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). This workshop will be delivered by educational psychologists who are already linked to Sandgate Primary School and who have attended our SEN coffee mornings.



**May Holiday Club at Smile**

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

**Mon 25th Tie Dye Hair Bands & Paint Pot Decorating**

**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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Please contact them directly for information on bookings and payments.



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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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026  
Final date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

**Book Now!** SCAN THE QR CODE OR USE THE LINK BELOW:  
<https://cygnets-art-school-folkestone.classforkids.io/term/2>




TERM TIME CLASSES HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**May Half Term Holiday Workshops**

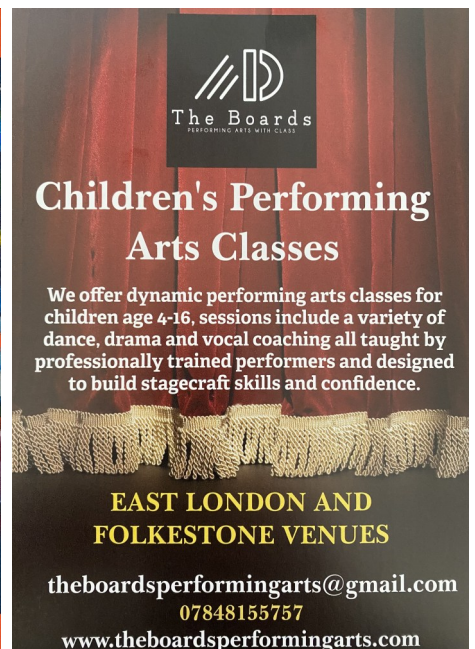
FOR AGES 5-12

*Colours of the Rainbow*

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Coolinge Lane, Folkestone, CT20 3QU  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

£27 Class  
£50 /Day  
£95 Week

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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](mailto:charlotte@bilinguasing.com) [www.bilinguasing.com](http://www.bilinguasing.com)



**WEST COAST FOOTBALL CLUB**

**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!



**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 [hshearcoftime.com](http://hshearcoftime.com) / 07968694113