



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 35

Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic success Sports Day was. The children demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, both on the field and in the crowd, as pupils supported one another and celebrated each achievement. The sea of coloured flags were a personal highlight for me along with the teacher race.

A huge thank you to all parents, carers and family members who came along to cheer the children on. Thank you to Mrs Van der Wal for her brilliant organisation which contributed to making the day a huge success. This year the winning house was Water closely followed by Earth, Air and Fire.

Moving up day is Thursday 2nd July this year. Your child will meet their new teacher on this day and spend time in their new classroom. Parents are all informed on this day too.

As the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle in school. Ideally sun cream should be applied before school (if it is the long lasting 8 hour brand) so your child is protected throughout the day.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher

Gold Book

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

Bonnie Nathaniel	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Bethany Mekhi	Seahorses Seahorses
Bear Juniper	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Esme Myla Thea Indie Lenna	Turtles Turtles Turtles Turtles
Luca Jessie	Owls Owls	Bodhi James	Rhinos Rhinos
Lottie Artur	Rabbits Rabbits	Eliana Rupert Leo	Hippos Hippos Hippos
Frankie Insaf	Penguins Penguins	Wilf Thomas	Gorillas Gorillas
Dylan Martha	Panthers Panthers	Jake Rose	Manta Rays Manta rays
Arther Ava Cassius	Bears Bears Bears		
Archer Jude	Lions Lions		

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)**

Manta rays, Swimming in Term 6

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

Forest School in Term 6 for Year 2

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



**PTA Events
Friday 10th July:
Summer Sizzle!**



Years 3 and 4 would like to invite parents to come and enjoy their musical performances on the 22nd June at 2:40pm in the main hall. This will finish by 3pm so children will be collected as normal.

Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June	Wednesday 24th June	Thursday 25th June	Friday 26th June
Recorder Club, Years 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)	Wild Club, Years 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Stop Motion Animation 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 Rocksteady PM Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)	Sandgate Radio Club, Year 6, 1.00pm-1.30pm Table Tennis Club, Years 4, 5 & 6, 3.15pm-4.00pm Rocksteady PM 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-4.15pm. NEXTGENERATIONSPORTS COACHING.ORG	Story and Poetry Club, Years 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Dance Club, KS1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm



Congratulations to Olivia from Panthers Class who won 2 places at the Dover Gymnastics Club Summer Spectacular last weekend.

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)



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.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd June: Years 3 and 4 Musical Performance at 2.40pm in the main hall.

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.

Thursday 2nd July: Year 5 Ukulele Concert, 2pm-3pm.

Tuesday 7th July, Year 6 Performance, 2pm.

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

Wednesday 8th July: Year 6 Performance, 6pm

Friday 10th July: PTA Summer Sizzle!

Monday 13th July: Year 4 Trip to Wingham.

Monday 13th July: Year 6 Leavers Disco, 5.45pm-6.45pm

Friday 17th July: Leavers Assembly!

Friday 17th July: Last Day of Term 6.

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 / Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.

Sunday 13 September 2026

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.



The three Shepway Cup Finals will take place on **Wednesday 24th June on The Marsh Academy 3G pitch**, as follows:

Girls Cup Final - kick-off 17.00
St Nicholas v Greatstone



Consolation Cup Final - kick-off 18.15
Castle Hill v St Augustines

Herald Cup Final - kick-off 19.30
Churchill v Sandgate



Admission

Admission Adults £3.00 – cash admission only (to include a programme). Children free but must be accompanied and supervised.

Would love to see you there.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Could the company you work for, or your own business, donate a prize for this year's Summer Sizzle Fayre raffle?

Last year our amazing parent community helped us create an incredible raffle with prizes including brunches, yoga classes, massage vouchers, family photoshoots, cakes, toiletries, flowers, cocktails, wine, artwork, and even Eurotunnel tickets!

If your workplace or business could donate a prize, we'd be hugely grateful. Every donation helps us raise valuable funds for the school community. All donating businesses will receive a mention in the fayre brochure and across our marketing and promotion.

Please ask, spread the word, and help us make this year's raffle the best one yet! To donate a prize, please get in touch.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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

The Channel Rotary Club of Folkestone have very kindly donated £500 towards school funds of which we are very grateful.



Congratulations to Hugo from Seahorses who has gained the Environmental Award from Blue Peter and has received a badge and a certificate. Hugo often on his way to school collects roadside rubbish (litter pic) which is how he gained the badge. A huge well done to Hugo!

These clubs are outside providers and are not run by the school.
Please contact them directly for information on bookings
and payments.



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Language clubs this Autumn Term
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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



THE BADGER'S DEN
is coming to Sandgate Primary Forest School

After school club
Mondays 3.15-4.00pm yr 1-6

Outdoor fun


- Warm fire
- Craft activities
- Freedom to play
- Hot drinks and snacks
- Fresh air and nature
- £5 per session

Weekly Forest School sessions with Helen level 3 Forest School practitioner.

First session starts on the 19th of January 2026

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 hshearcraft@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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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>

