



Sandgate Primary School

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Newsletter

Issue 36

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support this week with warmer temperatures. Next week we are expecting this to reduce and return to normal. We have allowed hand fans during this time but please do not send them in from Monday they do distract the children and we will keep the rooms well ventilated as normal.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Year 3 and 4 performance on Monday. The singing was phenomenal and the children were so excited to perform for you all.

As you read this, Year 6 will be at Windmill Hill in Sussex for their annual residential. We are looking forward to a packed weekend of adventures before returning on Monday. This is a highlight of a child's experiences with us at Sandgate Primary School. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who are attending - Mr Evans, Mrs Bagshaw, Miss Rawcliffe, Miss Scotchbrook, Miss Cable, Mrs Crooks, Miss Lincoln and Mrs Verkaik.

Upcoming Lockdown Drill

Before the end of term, we will be having an unannounced lockdown drill. The children are well prepared for this and we have practised this already. These drills are essential and crucial and help us, as school leaders, to modify or adapt any parts of the drill which are necessary. The children know to expect a tannoy message which states it is a Lockdown Drill. Teachers then encourage the children to crouch and play 'hide and seek' ready for us to find them. This was seamless at our last practise back in term 3 so I am sure we will see the same again this time. We will be having an assembly on this on Monday just to prepare and reassure the children that it will be happening in the next few weeks.

Next week is a busy one - we have a book share (for EYFS, Years 1 and 2), Canada Day for Year 6, Kent Police in to speak to Year 6 about transition, Moving Up morning on Thursday and District Sports to name a few of the events taking place. Keep an eye on the Calendar section for all dates.

On Thursday you will receive a letter informing you of your child's class teacher and teaching team for next year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jones

Acting Headteacher

Gold Book

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

George Leo	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Elodie Elliot	Lions Lions
Lara Robyn	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Beau Emmy Enzo	Seahorses Seahorses Seahorses
Effie Holly	Owls Owls	Alannah Aron	Turtles Turtles
Daisy Elora	Rabbits Rabbits	Becky Henry	Rhinos Rhinos
Aurora Hattie	Penguins Penguins	Nina Genevieve	Hippos Hippos
Chloe Joseph	Panthers Panthers	Avaya Hugo	Gorillas Gorillas
Jadon Fraser	Bears Bears	Harlow Tilly	Manta Rays Manta rays

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!**

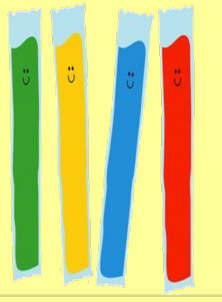
Sporting Events

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)



Monday 29th June	Tuesday 30th June	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd July	Friday 3rd July
<p>Recorder Club, Years 1 & 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>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>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 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p> <p>Dance Club, KS1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm</p>



A huge thank you to the PTA who funded ice poles for every child during the extreme heat on Thursday. They were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Thank you.

At school we ensure that children are washing their hands prior to eating, this is at snack and lunchtimes. We also give reminders after they have been to the toilet. Together this will help to stop the spread of Threadworms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

Dates for your Diary

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.

Friday 3rd July: Tag Day!

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 1 Trip to Rare Breeds (re-arranged date)

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

Friday 17th July: Leavers Assembly!

Friday 17th July: Last Day of Term 6.

Monday 20th July: Staff Development Day.

Tuesday 1st September: Staff Development Day.

Wednesday 2nd September: Staff Development Day.

Thursday 3rd September: First day of Term 1.

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.



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



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YEAR 6 FIVER CHALLENGE UPDATE

Year 6 had a busy start to the week with the Fiver Challenge running at breaktimes on Monday, afterschool and then again at breaktime on Tuesday. As predicted, demand was high and some groups sold out in the first session! The overall total profit that year 6 worked hard to make was a whopping **£512.80!** They have decided that half of the money will go towards planting fruit trees in forest school to leave as a legacy. As one child beautifully put it, they hope that one day their own children might sit under an apple tree that they planted. With the rest of the money, Year 6 have decided to put it towards an extra treat for our end of year celebrations.

Congratulations to:



FIDGET FACTORY

Stanley and Barnaby for guessing the weight of the squishy.



BEAD BRIGADE

Evie and Eva for guessing the winning number and bagging the rainbow octopus!



BUNNY LOVERS

Maddison for correctly guessing the name of the bunny: Marshmallow!



Thank you to everyone who came to play games and buy our products. Congratulations to Bead Brigade for making the most profit. You can see how well each group did below:

Baguettes	£55.21
Bead Brigade	£109.27
Homemade Arcade	£89.76
Krazy Kards	£13.44
Fidget Factory	£59.40
Matchers Lair	£42.15
Teletubbies	£15.46
Bunny Lovers	£70.36
K-Pop Balloon Hunters	£21.25
Six or Seven Higher or Lower	£36.5



On Friday 3rd July, all children can wear own clothes to school in exchange for a donation towards the Summer Sizzler.

Tag Day!

We kindly ask for the following donations in addition to any other general items you are able to donate. Please bring your items into school on Friday 3rd July – these can be brought directly to our Community Room via the main office.

Year Group	Donations
Foundation	Bottles: wine, spirits, beer, mixers
Year 1	
Year 2	Sweets – e.g. haribo multi-pack, fruit pastilles/Rowntrees, small packaged sweets.
Year 3	
Year 4	Tubes of pringles/ or similar + bottles of soft drink
Year 5	Chocolate – boxes, bars, sharing bags, multi-pack bags
Year 6	
General	Gift sets, unopened toiletries, unwanted presents, new/preloved soft toys.



Friday 10th July

3.30pm – 5.00pm

- bouncy castle & inflatable alley •
- beat the goalie – Harry Nunn •
- soak the teacher •
- adult tombola •
- sweet cones, ice creams, cakes •
- market stalls •
- hot dogs & snacks •
- champagne bar •
- Pimms, strawberries & cream •
- and much more!



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SANDGATE SUMMER SCREENING



ILLUMINATION'S
**minions
& monsters**

SATURDAY JULY 4TH 10AM

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

-  Saturday 4th July, 10am
-  Screening Minions & Monsters
-  Tickets: £5
-  Popcorn & Drink Bundle: £2
-  Tickets available via EduSpot

We can't wait to see you there!



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

STRANGE CARGO PRESENTS
FOLKESTONE'S FAMOUS STREET CARNIVAL

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ONCE UPON A

CARNIVAL



SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026

FEATURING BATALA PORTSMOUTH, BEATROOTS, SAMBA PELO MAR, CARNIVAL COLLECTIVE & BIG FLAVA BAND
Starts at 2pm on The Stade – Old High Street – Town Centre – The Leas Bandstand with music from 3.30pm

