



Sandgate Primary School

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Newsletter

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Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has thankfully been a much cooler week in school.

There have been many events this week. We have returned from PGL with year 6 (absolutely exhausted!), had moving up morning, won the Herald Cup, had a ukelele concert, a Teddy Bear's picnic for our new entrants and had Canada Day for Year 6. These are just a few of the events which have taken place.

As we begin to think about next year, there will be some changes to how we currently operate to support us in our focus on well-being, teaching and learning.

Firstly, from September we will provide children with jotters and pens/pencils at playtimes and lunchtimes. They will have their own book for these times and a school writing tool. We want the children to be able to still do this as they love it however, expensive pens from home are being lost, pencil cases are becoming small toys and note pads are becoming sticker books. **From September please do not send in any pens/pencils/pencil cases or note pads into school.** This also includes for in class too. We will provide all stationery. This will stop any upset when things go missing or are misplaced.

Secondly, I have listened to parent feedback and requests and I will be making a small change to the school uniform policy. Shoes must be plain black but this will include plain black trainers too. Ultimately, I want the children to be comfortable. Please note that if you buy your child plain black trainers for school they must not have any coloured logos on them.

Lastly, more and more children are bringing in squishys as 'fidget tools.' In one class this week 16 children had these. From September, class teachers will provide fidget tools for children that require them. There is conflicting evidence around the impact of fidget tools and we are finding that they are becoming distracting, getting lost and ending up outside on the playground. Teachers along with the SEND team will use their professional judgement when giving a child a fidget tool to use in class.

And just a reminder, bags and back packs should only have **one** small key ring on them.

Thank you for your support with the above.

Best wishes,

Lianne Jones

Acting Headteacher

Sandgate Primary School

Gold Book

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

Felix Juniper	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Eira Grayson Mollie rose	Lions Lions Lions
Celeste Juniper	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Freddie Otilie	Seahorses Seahorses
Chloe Monty	Owls Owls	Sam Maki	Turtles Turtles
Freddie Oliver Reggie	Rabbits Rabbits Rabbits	Rafe Maude	Rhinos Rhinos
Harley Nate	Penguins Penguins	Archer Matthew Margarita	Hippos Hippos Hippos
Aamna Oscar Sophia	Panthers Panthers Panthers	Alex Izzy	Gorillas Gorillas
Mila Lily	Bears Bears	Rowan James FH Freya Harry	Manta Rays Manta Rays Manta rays Manta Rays



PTA Events

Friday 10th July: Summer Sizzle!



Book Share Dates for Term 6

Tuesday 7th July:
Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and Panthers
(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

EFYS will have Forest School on Friday



Dates for your Diary

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.

Monday 6th July	Tuesday 7th July	Wednesday 8th July	Thursday 9th July	Friday 10th July
Environmental Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm (last session) Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co. uk 07548 294804) Invite Only Football, 3.15pm-4.15pm (last session)	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 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	

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.



Herald Cup Results!

Congratulations to the Sandgate who are the Herald Cup Winners

Congratulations to the children who took part in District sports achieving 3rd place.

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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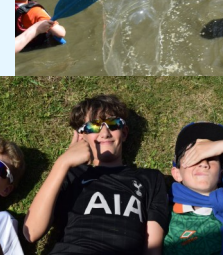


Congratulations to Arianna from Seahorses who won Gold and Bronze medals in a Karate championship.



Congratulations to Elijah from Lions who completed a Karate tournament on June 28th and was awarded the 'Best Fighter' award of the entire tournament. What a marvellous achievement!

Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill!





SUMMER SIZZLE

FREE ENTRY

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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THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK

A huge thank you to all of these wonderful local businesses for their generous donations to this year's Summer Sizzle Raffle. Good luck to everyone taking part! The raffle will be drawn at the Summer Sizzle on July 10th, so **be sure to visit the raffle stall to get your tickets** – you've got to be in it to win it! There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including premium wine, a sauna experience, a family sound bath, softplay tickets, mini golf, restaurant vouchers, toys and much more.



Please show them your support by giving them a follow, a like, or visiting them the next time you're shopping locally. We couldn't do it without them!



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