



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

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Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

With one week to go until the end of term, there have been many events taking place in school this week. The Year 6 production was a spectacular performance. It was filled with humour, comedy and simply brilliant acting and singing. Years 1-5 watched the Dress Rehearsal on Monday and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Today your child will bring home their end of year report which celebrates their successes. I hope you enjoy reading this.

On Thursday, we were visited by an Inclusion Specialist within Kent, Ruth Gately. We invited Ruth in to look at how we adapt teaching and learning at Sandgate Primary School. Ruth provides expert advice, guidance, and training for school leaders, SENCOs, inclusion leads, and classroom practitioners across primary, secondary, and specialist settings. Her work focuses on supporting schools to review and enhance their SEND provision, policies, and inclusive practices. Ruth worked alongside school leaders on action planning for the new academic year and will be training staff further during the staff training days in September. Our recent Ofsted inspection highly commended our SEND provision and we are now looking to build on this even further. Ruth was so impressed with what she observed particularly

- The focus and engagement of all children
- The highly inclusive culture across all classrooms
- The expertise of all adults in each lesson
- Very effective use of adaptations to support children

Today we announced the Marvellous Me winners for each class and the winning class visited the swap shop this afternoon. Please see the announcement later in the newsletter. The top badge earners will come to Afternoon Tea with me and Mr Evans next Wednesday.

A huge thank you to the PTA for running and organising our Summer Sizzle fair. We do not under estimate how much planning and work goes into this so it is very much appreciated. The PTA tirelessly fund-raise for the school, impacting on the experiences our children have here. Thank you!

And finally, I will finish with the brilliant sporting news that Sandgate Primary School won the Herald Cup this year against Churchill Primary School. It was a tense game but won 4-0 and we are super proud of our team! Well done!

Next week we have final week of the academic year with school trips happening, celebration events, our inflatable day and Year 6's final farewell to their primary school years.

Best wishes,

Lianne Jones

Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

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.

Gold Book

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

Otto Penny	Ladybirds Ladybirds	Grace Chloe	Seahorses Seahorses
Bear Celeste	Bumblebees Bumblebees	Sonnie Pearl	Turtles Turtles
Alea Aayansh	Owls Owls	Becksy Maivie	Rhinos Rhinos
Henry Jack	Rabbits Rabbits	Coral Eddie Rupert	Hippos Hippos Hippos
Isaac Aria	Penguins Penguins	Edward Otto Avaya Maddie	Gorillas Gorillas Gorillas
Isabella Jack	Panthers Panthers		
Artie Calla Nafrayan	Bears Bears Bears	Aarib Harlow Max Arham	Manta Rays Manta Rays Manta Rays
Vinnie Zimuzo	Lions Lions		

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](http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest). 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 kentonlineadmission@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.



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



Monday 13th July	Tuesday 14th July	Wednesday 15th July	Thursday 16th July	Friday 17th July
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)	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. NEXTGENERA- TIONSPO RTS COACHING.ORG	Last day of Term 6

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 on Wednesday 15th July.

Bumblebees – Edward

Ladybirds – Reggie

Owls – Noah

Rabbits – Maxim

Panthers – Marcie

Penguins – Harley

Lions – Grayson

Bears – Ava

Seahorses – Mekhi

Turtles – Maki

Hippos – Charlie

Rhinos – Ben

Manta Rays— Mae

Gorillas – Evelyn

The top scoring class, who were awarded 794 badges this term, is the Lions. They voted to visit the Marvellous Me Swap Shop and spent their reward tokens today.



Congratulations to Mae and Isabelle from Manta Rays took their Grade 2 Ballet exam



Congratulations to Sakchhyam in Panthers who achieved two gold medals at his karate tournament last week



**Charivari Parade on Saturday
11th July, please come and cheer
along Sandgate Primary!**



Congratulations to Mekhi, Aron, Henry and Alfie from Year 4 who competed in the under 9's Countdown 40 competition at Nonnington against 4 other teams and won all four matches, they are now in the next round in August.



**Congratulations to
our Herald Cup
Winners!**



**Year 1 and 2 played
in a friendly football
tournament at the
three hills winning
every game.
Congratulations to
all of the children!**

**Congratulations to
the children who
took part in District
Sports, 3rd in large
schools!**



**Congratulations to
Lily Mills who won
the junior category
of the young artist
competition.**



**Congratulations to Beau
who has been selected for
the kent swimming county
development program**