



# Sandgate Primary School

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## Newsletter

Issue 39

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been filled with memorable experiences, exciting learning opportunities and wonderful achievements. From educational visits and sporting events to musical performances and classroom successes, our pupils have demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and a genuine love of learning.

To our Year 6s, we say a fond farewell and wish you every success in the next stage of your educational journey. You leave us with many happy memories and have been excellent role models for the younger children. Remember that you will always remain an important part of our school family.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the dedicated staff team. Their commitment, professionalism and care ensure that every child receives the best possible education and support. Behind every lesson, school event and pupil achievement is a team working tirelessly to create positive experiences for our children.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing encouragement, support and engagement. Whether attending school events, helping with home learning, fundraising, volunteering, or simply ensuring that your child arrives each day ready to learn - it is appreciated!

Meet the Teacher will take place on Thursday 3rd September, 3.15pm to 3.45pm. This is not a formal presentation but will be an opportunity for you to say hello to your child's new teacher and receive some information such as the learning overview for Term 1. This will also go onto the website.

Today your child will bring home a 'CGP Summer Unfoldable.' These have been funded by the PTA and provides a number of activities for your child to complete over the Summer break. Any completed booklets should come back to school on the first days back with your child's name on. All children who complete this, will enter a prize draw where we have a number of gift vouchers to win. These will be drawn on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

I hope that you all enjoy a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. This is an important time for children to relax, spend time with family and friends, and recharge for the year ahead. We encourage pupils to continue reading regularly and to make the most of opportunities to explore, create and learn during the holidays. Some additional, non-compulsory opportunities have been sent home such as IRL explorer passport (sent by email) and CGP Summer Unfoldable (in bags).

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you a happy and peaceful summer.

Best wishes,

Lianne Jones

Acting Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

**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.  
**Thursday 3rd September:** Meet the Teacher for Years 1 to 6, 3.15pm to 3.45pm  
**Tuesday 8th September:** Meet the teacher for Year R, 3.15pm to 3.45pm  
**Tuesday 8th September:** PTA Meeting, 7.30pm

### *Gold Book*

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

|                      |                          |                                        |                                  |
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| Samuel<br>Izzy-Rose  | Ladybirds<br>Ladybirds   | Elijah<br>Aayan<br>Eloise<br>Francesco | Lions<br>Lions<br>Lions<br>Lions |
| Seren<br>Teddy       | Bumblebees<br>Bumblebees | Alice<br>Caleb                         | Seahorses<br>Seahorses           |
| Bronte<br>Genevieve  | Owls<br>Owls             | Amelia<br>Arlo<br>Tilda                | Turtles<br>Turtles<br>Turtles    |
| Remi<br>Isabelle     | Rabbits<br>Rabbits       | Holly<br>Rafe                          | Rhinos<br>Rhinos                 |
| Ayla<br>Bay          | Penguins<br>Penguins     | Chloe<br>Zara                          | Hippos<br>Hippos                 |
| Frank<br>Marcie      | Panthers<br>Panthers     | Izzy<br>Wolfie                         | Gorillas<br>Gorillas             |
| Izzy<br>Ava<br>Jadon | Bears<br>Bears<br>Bears  | Leo<br>Edward                          | Manta Rays<br>Manta Rays         |
| Monty<br>Austin      | Lions<br>Lions           |                                        |                                  |

### Forest School in Term 1 for Year 6

**Eagles, Mondays, 14th, 21st, 28th September,  
 5th, 12th, 19th October**  
**Gorillas, Tuesdays, 15th, 22nd, 29th September,  
 6th, 13th, 20th October**

### PE in Term 1

**Mondays, Years 1, 2 & 5**  
**Tuesdays, Years 3 & 4**  
**Wednesday, Years 1 & 5**  
**Thursday, Years 2 & 3**  
**Friday, Years 4 & 6**



**Congratulations to Eva from Rhinos who attended the Vista Twisters Cheerleading Awards Ceremony on Saturday and was presented with an award for 'Best Base' for her team. Well done Eva!**



**Congratulations to Myer from Seahorses who took part in the regional twin piece competition on Sunday. Winning silver on bars. Well done Myer!**



**Congratulations to Grace in Gorillas who passed her International Dance Teachers Association Amateur Award for her Rock and Roll dancing for her Gold medal with her score of Honours 90. Also Grace won a gold medal and a silver medal for coming first and second in dance competitions. Well done Grace!**



**Congratulations to Joni in Mantarays who performed a solo at the Deal Festival this weekend. This year Joni has performed all over the UK with The National Children's Orchestra, The National Youth Choir and The National Children's Concert Band. Well done Joni!**



| Monday 31st August | Tuesday 1st September | Wednesday 2nd September | Thursday 3rd September                                                            | Friday 4th September |
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|                    |                       |                         | Next Gen Football Club,<br>3.15pm-4.15pm.<br>NEXTGENERATIONSPORTS<br>COACHING.ORG |                      |



Yesterday we had a special Goodbye assembly for Mrs Hunt, Mrs Pavlova and Mrs Perrow! We will miss them.



Last week, as part of Y6's Science learning about the human circulatory system, they dissected a lamb's heart.

A lamb's heart is the closest in size and anatomy to a human heart and children observed the different chambers, the aorta and the valves, as well as feeling which side of the heart is more muscular than the other - ask them to tell you why that is!



Mrs Jones and Mr Evans had a wonderful afternoon tea with the Marvellous Me winners from this term. We finished with a quiz and well done to Mae, Reggie, Maki and Marcie for winning!

## 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](https://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](https://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

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| Monday 1 June 2026                                    | Registration opens at <a href="https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . 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](https://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.







Charavari was an amazing event! We cant wait for next year.