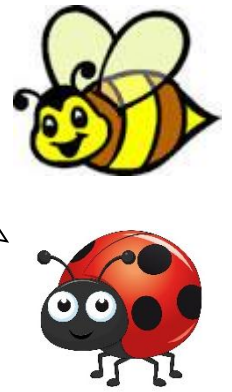


Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

We hope you enjoyed your first few days at school! We are very busy thinking of lots of fun home-learning challenges to set you this year. You will find your first challenge here next week.

Have a great weekend!
Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 31st August 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

Firstly, a very warm welcome to Sandgate Primary School! We are so proud of the children and how brilliantly they have come into school this week. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children a little more and they made a fantastic start to the term, impressing us with their confidence, curiosity, and enthusiasm. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new learning environments and engaging in activities inspired by our current class story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. It has been a real joy to see them embrace everything with such excitement!

Some key information for next week as the children begin full time-

The school gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45. The school day finishes at 3.10 for Foundation children. Please continue to drop off and collect your child from the back doors of the classroom.

Please ensure children bring their book bag, water bottle and coat each day. If you would like your child to have their own spare clothes from home please send in a bag that can stay on their pegs, but we do have plenty of spares at school as well.

Could we please ask that book bags are named and that the label is on the **outside** of the bag, as we will be encouraging the children to find their own bag (in a box) and look for their name tag on it. A colourful and familiar keyring can also help with this.

Just a reminder that school dinners are free for all children until the end of Year 2. From Monday, children can make their selection from the menu each morning when they come in and there is no need to notify us in advance. They can also switch between a packed lunch or a school dinner on different days if you so wish.

Along with this newsletter, we have also sent home your child's home school diary today. This should come into school in the book bag each day and we will ensure they are sent home again each evening. The diary can be used to inform us of anything that is going on with your child, but please bear in mind it is not checked every day. So urgent messages must be passed to staff on the gate in the morning or via the school office.

The school will text parents to inform them if their child has had any type of bump to the head. This is purely to keep parents informed. If the injury is of a serious nature we will telephone you immediately. The text will be a standard message: "Your child has bumped their head today. Appropriate first aid has been administered". They will also bring home a first aid slip which gives further details.

Birthdays are a special time that the children should enjoy with their friends and classmates. In previous years children were often bringing in sweets or cakes to share and, while this is a very generous thought, we do promote healthy eating in school. It is important that children still have the opportunity to celebrate their birthday in school, so we now ask that instead of sweets and cakes, children can donate a book to the class. This is a lovely, lasting reminder for the children of their birthdays.

In Foundation, we ask that the children do not bring in toys from home as we wouldn't want them to get lost amongst the resources we have here. However, we are always happy for children to bring in a book to share at story time if they wish.

Please make sure every item of your child's clothing is named, including shoes, tights and socks, where possible.

Play equipment – Please note that the play equipment in our Foundation playground is only to be used by the children during the school day and not home time. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

We are a **nut free** school, so any items in packed lunches should **not contain any form of nuts**.

In Foundation, we will have PE on a Monday and Friday, so children should come into school in their PE kit on these days. Please note we will start PE sessions from Week 3 of this term, so Monday 14th September will be the first session.

Dates for your diaries

- **Tuesday 8th September** – Meet the teacher 3.15pm – Please collect your child and wait in our Foundation playground. Once all children have been dismissed, you will be invited into class.

We appreciate that there is a lot of information in the newsletter this week, so if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask either by writing in your child's home-school diary, speaking to us at the end of the day, or calling the school office.

The Foundation Team