



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 3

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week at school, and I would like to begin by saying a huge well done to our Ladybirds and Bumblebees children who have been coming into school independently through the main gate each morning. We know what a big step this is for our youngest pupils, and they have shown such confidence, resilience and growing independence. We are incredibly proud of them and the positive start they are making to each school day. Thank you as well to all of the parents who have supported with this. It is not uncommon for there to be the odd wobble, but I can guarantee that as soon as they have entered the classrooms - smiles return and every child is settling quickly.

This week, we have also selected our Year 6 Ambassadors and Games Captains. These are prestigious leadership roles within our school community and we are delighted with the enthusiasm shown by our pupils throughout the application process. These positions require a high level of responsibility, commitment and consistent role modelling of our school values. Successful pupils will be expected to demonstrate excellent behaviour, support younger children, represent the school positively at events, contribute to school improvement initiatives and help foster a welcoming, inclusive environment for all. We look forward to seeing them thrive in their new roles over the coming year. The first important job for our Ambassadors is showing potential new pupils for September next year around the school.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Windsor back from maternity leave. Mrs Windsor will be teaching the Rabbits class on Thursdays and Fridays alongside Ms Wright. We are delighted to have her back as part of the team and know that both staff and children will give her a very warm Sandgate welcome.

A reminder that individual school photographs will take place on Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform and is prepared for their photograph. We know these pictures often become treasured family keepsakes and arrive just in time for Christmas!

Well done to all the children who completed the IRL Explorer Passport over the Summer holidays. The winners were Esme Walker and Myles Walker. They both won a £10 gift voucher for Amazon. Well done to them both.

Next Friday is National Teaching Assistant Day, providing us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and recognise the exceptional contribution our Teaching Assistants make every day. Time and time again, external visitors comment on the positive impact of our TAs, noting their skill, dedication and commitment to supporting children to achieve their very best. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and caring team who I feel fortunate to work alongside every single day!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs L Jones

Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23rd September: Individual Photos.

Friday 25th September: Crafting Event, Ladybirds with Parents. 9am-10am.

Friday 25th September: PTA Cake and Uniform Sale.

Wednesday 11th November: PTA Meeting, 2.15pm



Gold Book



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

Juniper Leo	Owls Owls	Erin Olimpia	Seahorses Seahorses
Lara Henry	Rabbits Rabbits	Austin Frankie	Turtles Turtles
Alba Mila	Penguins Penguins	Posy	Turtles
Freddie Holly	Panthers Panthers	Chloe Joe	Rhinos Rhinos
Alfie Isla	Bears Bears	Myla Dexter	Hippos Hippos
Joseph Sakchhyam	Lions Lions	Nabihah Elliott	Gorillas Gorillas
		Archer Charlie G	Eagles Eagles



**Thursday 1st October
will be
Fish and Chip Day!**

Menu for Friday 2nd October:

Tex Mex Chicken

Tomato and Squash Pasta



**The Book Fair will be in
school from:**

**Wednesday 23rd to
Tuesday 29th September**



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, EYFS

Tuesdays, Years 3 & 4

Wednesday, Years 1 & 5

Thursday, Years 2 & 3

Friday, Years 4 & 6, EYFS



Monday 21st September	Tuesday 22nd September	Wednesday 23rd September	Thursday 24th September	Friday 25th September
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co. uk 07548 294804) Young Voices, Yrs 4-6, 3.15pm-4.15pm Stop, Motion, Animation Club, KS2, 3.15pm-4.00pm Sing and Sign Club, KS 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm	Karate, 3.30pm- 4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377) Arts and Crafts Club, Yrs 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm	Rocksteady PM Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co. uk 07548 294804) Yoga 3.15 -4.10 www.cheekymono.co .uk/book/online Next Gen Football Club, 3.15pm- 4.15pm. NEXTGENER- ATIONSPO RTS COACHING.ORG	Rocksteady PM Dance Club 3.15pm-4.00pm. Year 1—Year 6 (Please contact Charley on 07772 637271) If there is someone else collecting your child from Dance Club, please inform Charley directly. Team Building Club, Yrs 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm	Bilinguasing French Club, Lunchtime. char- lotte@bilinguasing.com

Our Year 6 Ambassadors

Respect

Rupert
Scarlett

Friendship

Hugo
Nabihah
Caspian

Determination

Eva
Bodhi

Courtesy

Bobbie
Delphine

Equality

Bella
Indie

Compassion

Felix
Eliana

Our Year 6 Games Captains

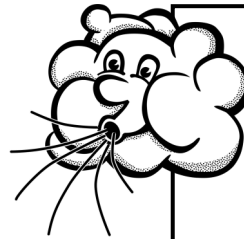
Fire

George
Henry
Isla
Zara
Maivie



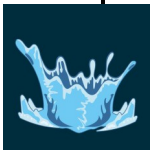
Air

Luke
Dylan
Benjamin
Nina
Becky



Water

Archer
James
Margarita
Maude
Rose



Earth

Pietro
Rinchhen
Elsie
Abbey
Sienna



Help your child learn their model text!

Children learn models to help them when writing something of their own - it's an essential component of learning to be an effective writer. We have set up a webpage with each year group's model so that you can help practise it at home. You'll find a copy of the text, a story map and a recording of the text being told - you could practise it on the way to school, over breakfast or with a story at bedtime.

[Writing Model Texts - SANDGATE PRIMARY](#)



Christmas Performances: Save the Date

Tickets will be sent home nearer the performances. Three people (anyone requiring a seat) will be able to attend per child.



Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1 - Christmas Carol Concert	Monday 7 th December	2.15pm
Year 2 - Christmas Play	Tuesday 8 th December	2.15pm
Year 3 - Christmas Carol Concert	Wednesday 9 th December	2.15pm
Year 4 - Christmas Play	Thursday 10 th December	2.15pm
Year 5 - Christmas Carol Concert	Monday 14 th December	2.15pm
EYFS - Christmas Play Nativity	Tuesday 15 th December	2.15pm



**Shaping
the future
through
creative
learning.**

CARE | COURTESY | CONSIDERATION
THROUGH KINDNESS

BROCKHILL PARK
PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

SCHOOL TOURS

For prospective students and their families



**15, 16, 21, 22, 23 AND
28, 29 AND 30 SEPTEMBER**
9.30 – 11am



SCAN TO BOOK

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road,
Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HL

www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk | 01303 265521

SANDGATE PRIMARY

OUR FAMILIES ARE CHOOSING TO WAIT TOGETHER

Sandgate Primary is a Smartphone Free School.

173
children
represented in
the Parent Pact

41%
of our school
community

TOP 1%
of schools
nationally for
families signing
pacts



When at least 1 in 5
families have signed
the Parent Pact...

8%↓

lower recorded social,
emotional and mental-health
needs in primary schools

New independent
research from the
Institute for Fiscal Studies
analysed data from around
12,000 primary schools
in England and found
that schools with at least
20% of families signing
the Parent Pact saw an
8% reduction in recorded
social, emotional and
mental-health needs.



Have you signed?

THE PARENT PACT

- ✓ Delay smartphones & social media
- ✓ Takes 30 seconds to sign
- ✓ Reduces peer pressure
- ✓ Over 150,000 sign ups
- ✓ View live data for your school & year

SIGN NOW



Enter child's school

SIGN THE PACT

SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD.ORG

@SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD

Have you seen our banner that
celebrates our Smartphone Free
mission?

Across Kent we are ranked 2nd out of
522 schools who have signed the pact
and nationally we are 36th out of
15,002!! This is amazing! Please sign
up if you haven't already done so!



Gymnastics at Sandgate Primary

Monday and Wednesday after-school clubs at
Sandgate Primary School, Folkestone.

Venture Camps is introducing the British
Gymnastics RISE programme to our coaching
sessions, giving children the opportunity to
progress through the levels and earn a
certificate and medal each time they achieve a
new level. *See back for schedule
& more details.*



Gymnastics for all

Gymnastics coaching for primary-aged children of all abilities.
Whether your child is new to gymnastics or wants to build on their
skills, our sessions focus on fun, confidence, and learning without
pressure. From complete beginners to those with some experience.
We provide a supportive and enjoyable environment where every
child can learn, grow, and have fun at their own pace.

Monday

- 3:15pm - 4:15pm Gymnastics for all (Years 1-6)
Sandgate Primary Children only
- 4:20pm - 5:20pm Mini - gymnasts (3 - 5 yrs)
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Gymnastics for all (Years 1-6)
Open sessions to all

Wednesday

- 3:15pm - 4:15pm Gymnastics for all (Years 1-6)
Sandgate Primary Children only
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm Gymnastics for all (Years 1-6)
Open Session to all

Children will progress through their RISE Gymnastics levels, receiving a
certificate and medal at each stage of Core Skills, Apparatus and Group Work
based on individual progress. Sessions are paid for in School terms (usually 6
weeks). Spaces limited.

Book online at venturecamps.co.uk/clubs
Tel: 07548 294804



ROCK STEADY A BAND FOR EVERYONE



ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS IN YOUR SCHOOL



Children learn
to play on
instruments in their
very own band.



Fun and inclusive
in-school band
lessons. No music
theory involved.



Instruments
provided and
no experience
necessary.



Exam-free,
Ofqual-regulated
Trinity music
qualification.



Follow their
musical journey
in your Rockstage
account.

0330 113 0330
(Mon-Weds 9am-4pm, Thurs-Fri 9am-4pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com



**BOOK TO START
LESSONS THIS TERM!**

ROCK STEADY A FUN AND INCLUSIVE WAY TO LEARN MUSIC

Choose from: Drums, guitar, bass, keyboard or vocals.



Accessible and hassle-free!

Takes place in school, instruments provided and no
experience necessary!



Have fun and learn by playing

Children work their way through a curriculum of up
to 300 musical skills.



Taught by professional musicians

Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained
musicians who make learning music fun.



Much more than music

Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and
academic achievement.



Progress at their own pace

Your child can achieve an exam-free,
Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!



End every term on a high note

Watch your child shine as they perform in their end
of term concerts.

£46.48 per month (no payment in August). Money back guarantee for the first month.
Cancel at any time.

98%

of parents say their
child loves or enjoys their
Rocksteady lessons
Insights from 5,127 parents

"Rocksteady is his
favourite time of the week.
He can't get to school
quickly enough on a
Monday morning!"

Lisa

92%

of Rocksteady pupils report
greater confidence and
self-belief
Insights from 1,758 children



**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
PLACE ONLINE!**



0330 113 0330
(Mon-Weds 9am-4pm, Thurs-Fri 9am-4pm, local rate)
info@rocksteadymusicschool.com



Rocksteady Music School Ltd Registered in England No. 1073332

These clubs are outside providers and are not run by the school. Please contact them directly for information on bookings and payments.

Bilingua Sing
Love Learning Languages

French Lunch Clubs at Sandgate Primary School

Multi-Award Winning!

Supports the NFL language objectives

We make languages fun again!

No sitting at desks

Language clubs this Autumn Term
On Fridays
12.30-13.00: French for Year 1 & 2
13.00-13.30: French for Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

£53 for a block of 10 French classes during lunch time. Starting from Friday 1st May. Places are limited so please book online with the link sent in the email or get in touch!

charlotte@bilinguasing.com www.bilinguasing.com

NEXT GEN FOOTBALL FOR ALL

FOR YEARS R-6
EVERY
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
17:00 - 18:00

FOLKESTONE ACADEMY 3G
BOYS & GIRLS ARE WELCOME
TERM TIME ONLY

ALL SESSIONS MUST BE PRE BOOKED

WWW.NEXTGENERATIONSSPORTSCOACHING.ORG

KIDS YOGA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB **NEW**

Wednesdays, 15.15 - 16.10pm
Sandgate Primary School
Foundation, Year 1 & 2 classes
6 week term | £48/term

Dates: Sep 16th, 23rd, 30th, Oct 7th, 14th and 21st

SAVE £5
USE CODE: SAVE5
Book by 10/09

A chance for kids to slow down after school, have some fun, move and learn simple tools for breathing, mindfulness and relaxation

WWW.CHEEKYMONO.CO.UK/BOOK-ONLINE

YEARS 3-6 YOGA CLUB COMING SOON, WAITLIST OPEN, JOIN ONLINE

Half Term Spooktastic Fun Club - Age 6-13
A week of fun games, activities & spooky creativity!

Monday 26th October
10am-2pm (9am Drop-Off Option)
Ceramic Tea Light Holders
Halloween Beaded Bracelets
Batty Creations - £30

3pm-5pm Witch Crafts & Potions - £20

Tuesday 27th October
10am-2pm (9am Drop-Off Option)
Paint by Numbers
Ghostly Creations - £30

3pm-5pm Wreath Making
Gingerbread Zombies/Ghosts - £20

Wednesday 28th October
10am-2pm (9am Drop-Off Option)
Flying Bats
Pot Decorating - £30

3pm-5pm Pocket Monster Sewing - £20

Thursday 29th October
10am-2pm (9am Drop-Off Option)
Dancing Ghosts
Bottle Monsters & Lanterns - £30

3pm-5pm Halloween Doll Sewing - £20

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st October
10am-4pm
Open Crafting
Accompanied / Drop-Off
Min spend £10 per hour

07345 509215
WWW.AREDSMILEYCLUBS.CO.UK
BY KENNEDY BOND CREATIVITY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Creative after school care for years 2-6

Creative, hands-on fun!

- Painting
- Crafting
- Lego
- Den building
- Fun-packed playroom

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs
16:00 - 18:00

£12.00
+£2 to collect from Sandgate Primary

Smile Sandgate
21 Sandgate High Street
www.smilesandgate.co.uk

Fine art FOR YOUR KIDS

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

At Cygnets our focus is on traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, all taught by experienced teachers using professional quality materials.

Sandgate Primary School
EYFS - YEAR 6 (ALL ABILITIES)
Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm
Bears classroom
£162/ Term (12 Classes)

For you to know:

- Children come straight to the club at the end of the school day.
- Pick-up is from the school's main office.
- Please inform us if your child goes to Little Oaks/Greenfields.
- Please inform us if your child has permission to walk home.

Looking to book on 2 or more children?
See our booking page for a discount code to enter at checkout!

07391 670905
folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com
cygnetsartschool.com/branch/folkestone

@CYGNETSARTSCHOOL

Book Now!

Star & Sail Family Club & **The Wonder Lab Project**

HOME ED & AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS AVAILABLE

HANDS-ON. CURIOUS. CREATIVE. POWER UP YOUR IMAGINATION!

7-WEEK BLOCK LEGO ROBOTICS
BUILD. CODE. CREATE. BRIGHT FUTURES!
£122.50 (1HR SESSION PER WEEK)
(£122.50 FOR £175.00 PER SESSION)

7-WEEK BLOCK JUNIOR ELECTRICIANS
EXPLORE. CONNECT. POWER. DISCOVER.
£122.50 (1HR SESSION PER WEEK)
(£122.50 FOR £175.00 PER SESSION)

AGES 5-10 YEARS OLD AGES 11+ SESSIONS NOT AVAILABLE

DATES: SEPTEMBER: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
OCTOBER: 6th, 13th, 20th

DATES: NOVEMBER: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
DECEMBER: 1st, 8th, 15th

HANDS-ON LEARNING
Build, test & problem solve!

BUILD CONFIDENCE
Boost creativity, critical thinking & resilience!

MAKE FRIENDS
Work together, share ideas & have fun!

REAL WORLD SKILLS
Learn skills for today & the future!

VENUE: STAR & SAIL PLAY STUDIO AT LATHE BARN, ROMNEY MARSH TN29 0JN

The Wonder Lab Project
Building Scientists of the Future

Star & Sail Family Club

FAMILIES WELCOME!
Inspiring young minds together.

TERM TIME CLASSES **Cygnets** **HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

Art Classes FOR EYFS - YEAR 6

Now Booking for Autumn Term 2026

Safari Adventures

- Cheetah with Watercolour
- Safari Tent with Soft Pastels
- Elephants at Sunset with Watercolour & Ink
- Brincobars Still Life with Pencils
- Zebra First Land Rover with Painting
- Hippo with Acrylic
- Painted Dog with Charcoal
- Edward Said Tingalinga Painting with Oil Pastels
- Giraffes with Watercolour Pencils
- Meerkat with Clay

07391 670905 | folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com
www.cygnetsartschool.com/branch/folkestone