



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 4

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week it has been in school and the sunshine has been an extra bonus too. This week, children had their individual school photographs taken. It was lovely to see everyone looking so smart and proud, and we hope families enjoy receiving these special keepsakes.

We were also delighted to mark National Teaching Assistants' Day, taking time to recognise and celebrate the incredible contribution our teaching assistants make every day. Their dedication, care and commitment help our children thrive both academically and personally. They enjoyed some sweet treats from me in the Staff Room today.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome Gareth Metcalfe to our school next Thursday. Gareth is the Director of I See Maths and is a highly respected mathematics consultant who works with schools across the UK to develop deep mathematical understanding, reasoning and problem-solving skills in children. He supports teachers and school leaders through training, lesson observations and professional development, helping schools strengthen their mathematics provision. We are looking forward to him observing our maths lessons and celebrating the excellent mathematical thinking taking place across our school. Gareth has been working with us for a while now and we are already seeing the huge impact this work is having on our mathematical understanding across the school. This year, 98% of our year 6 children reach the expected standard in mathematics compared to 62% nationally. This is a huge achievement and we want to continue to build on this success.

We will finish the week by celebrating World Teachers' Day on Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the hard work, dedication and passion of teachers everywhere who inspire children to learn, grow and achieve their very best each day.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend and look forward to another fantastic week ahead.

Best wishes,

Lianne Jones
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd October: End of Term 1.
 Wednesday 21st October: Family Bingo & PJ Night (Details to follow)
 Monday 2nd November: Staff Development Day.
 Tuesday 3rd November: First day of Term 2 for children.
 Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th November: Open Day, Admissions 2027, 1.30pm-2.30pm (Sign up via google form on website)
 Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th November: Open Day, Admissions 2027, 9.30am-10.30pm (Sign up via google form on website)
 Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November: Parent teacher consultations
 Wednesday 11th November: PTA Meeting, 2.15pm
 Thursday 19th November: Yoga and Sound bath 4-6pm, St Paul's Church



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



Gold Book



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

Seren	Owls	Cassius	Seahorses
Toby	Owls	Mila	Seahorses
Rowan	Rabbits	Felix	Turtles
Robyn	Rabbits	Teddy	Turtles
Gladys	Penguins	Edward	Rhinos
Henry	Penguins	Mekhi	Rhinos
Alea	Panthers	Lenna	Hippos
Noah	Panthers	Samuel	Hippos
Riley	Bears	Rafe	Gorillas
Fox	Bears	Theo	Gorillas
Martha	Lions	Rinchen	Eagles
Isabella	Lions	Indie	Eagles
		Delphine	Eagles



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 28th September	Tuesday 29th September	Wednesday 30th September	Thursday 1st October	Friday 2nd October
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



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

SANDGATE PRIMARY

OUR FAMILIES ARE CHOOSING TO WAIT TOGETHER

Sandgate Primary is a Smartphone Free School.

209 children represented in the Parent Pact

50% of our school community

No.1 school in Kent
Top 1% of schools nationally for families signing pacts

New independent research shows the power of collective action.

8% ↓

In schools where at least 1 in 5 families had signed the Parent Pact, recorded social, emotional and mental-health needs were around 8% lower than they otherwise would have been.

The more families that sign, the greater the positive impact.

This research from the Institute for Fiscal Studies analysed data from around 12,000 primary schools in England.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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

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<https://parentpact.app.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

It doesn't seem five minutes ago that our team were lifting the Herald cup for the 25/26 Season. Today saw the first group game V Folkestone Academy (as much earlier start this year).

After a slow start from us, our team came back strong winning 5-2. Well done team.

Our next game is on Monday 28th September V Cheriton away.

Our first girls game is on Tuesday 29th October home V Stella Maris.



Football Results!

Congratulations to the Football Team who won their first game against the Folkestone Academy with a result of 5-2!



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BROCKHILL PARK
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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

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes
at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between
1 September 2015
and **31 August 2016**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in **September 2027**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Tuesday 1 September 2026** and closes at midnight on **Monday 2 November 2026**. Other LA deadlines may differ.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 1 March 2027**) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 15 March 2027**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



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

Supports the NFL language objectives

We make languages fun again!

No sitting at desks

Multi-Award Winning!

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

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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!

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folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com

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Book Now!

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

Ghastly 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

07244 50922

www.halftermspooktastic.co.uk

SCHOOL AFTER 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

Art Classes FOR EYFS - YEAR 6

Now Booking for Autumn Term 2026

Safari Adventures

- Cherish with Watercolour
- Safari Tent with Soft Pastels
- Elephants at Sunset with Watercolour & Ink
- Broccoli Still Life with Pencils
- Zebra Print Land Rover with Printing
- Hippo with Acrylic
- Painted Dog with Charcoal
- Edward Scissorhands Painting with Oil Pastels
- Giraffes with Watercolour Pencils
- Antelope with Clay

07391 670905 | folkestone@cygnetsartschool.com

www.cygnetsartschool.com/branch/folkestone

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.

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British Gymnastics

Star & Sail

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 (1122.50 FOR £17.50 PER SESSION)

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

7-WEEK BLOCK JUNIOR ELECTRICIANS

EXPLORE. CONNECT. POWER. DISCOVER.

£122.50 (1122.50 FOR £17.50 PER SESSION)

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

HANDS-ON LEARNING Build, test & experiment

BUILD CONFIDENCE Boost creativity, critical thinking & resilience

MAKE FRIENDS Meet regularly, share ideas & have fun!

REAL WORLD SKILLS Learn skills for today & for future

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

The Wonder Lab Project Making Learning Fun

FAMILIES WELCOME! Inspiring young minds together.

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

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

SAVE £5

USE CODE: SAVEES

Book by 10/09

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

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-gymnastics (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.

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Tel: 07548 294804

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