



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 5

Friday 2nd October 2026

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about our brilliant teachers at Sandgate ahead of World Teachers' Day on Monday. I would like to thank our fantastic teaching staff for their dedication, commitment and the positive difference they make to the lives of our children every day. As a small token of appreciation, the staff will enjoy a sweet treat from me on Monday.

This week we were delighted to welcome Gareth Metcalfe, Director of I See Maths and a highly respected primary mathematics consultant, trainer and former assistant headteacher. He works with schools across the country to develop deep mathematical understanding, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Gareth spent time visiting maths lessons across the school and it was wonderful to see the high-quality teaching and learning taking place in every classroom. He was impressed by the enthusiasm of our pupils and the commitment of our staff. His visit has provided valuable insights and will help us shape our maths priorities for the year ahead as we continue to strengthen our curriculum and ensure the very best outcomes for all children.

Looking ahead, next week we will be holding our Harvest Celebrations in school. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. If you are able to do so, please send in any donations of non-perishable food items. These will be donated to the Rainbow Centre. Your generosity will help support local people who need it most and is a wonderful way for our children to learn about kindness and community spirit.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs L Jones
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd October: End of Term 1.

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.



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

George Teddy	Owls Owls	Alessia Jude	Seahorses Seahorses
Albert Penelope	Rabbits Rabbits	Aayan Eloise	Turtles Turtles
Ellie Joshua	Panthers Panthers	Alannah Arlo Barnaby	Hippos Hippos Hippos
Anwen Maxim	Penguins Penguins	Beau Grace	Rhinos Rhinos
Miya Hugo	Bears Bears	Scarlett Leo	Eagles Eagles
Eva Seth	Lions Lions	Dylan Maude	Gorillas Gorillas



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 5 th October	Tuesday 6 th October	Wednesday 7 th October	Thursday 8 th October	Friday 9 th 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. NEXTGENERATIONSPORTS COACHING.ORG	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>	Bilinguasing French Club, Lunchtime. charlotte@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

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

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.

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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

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Football Results!

Another great game against Cheriton.
Sandgate Boys Team
winning 2-1

Great team performance from Sandgate Girls winning 6-1 against Stella Maris.

Congratulations to Myer, in Rhinos, took part in the women's South East artistic competition at the weekend. She came 4th in her category.





HYTHE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
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PLAYERS WANTED!

HYTHE TOWN FC GIRLS

U10s • U11s • U12s

More than just a game...
Friends
Confidence
Skills
Fun

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
Whether your daughter is an experienced player or completely new to football, we'd love to hear from you!

GOALKEEPERS WANTED

OUTFIELD PLAYERS WANTED

We offer a safe, friendly, unpressured and fun environment where girls can enjoy football, make friends, build confidence and develop their skills.

TRAINING: THURSDAYS

MATCHES: SUNDAYS

No previous experience needed – beginners are very welcome!

CONTACT:
girlsfootball@hythetownfc.co.uk

Come and be part of the Hythe Town FC Girls family!



Folkestone Live 2026

Illustration by Ravencroft

A Festival of Theatre & Comedy

Friday 9th October
Saturday 10th October
Sunday 11th October

Quarterhouse
49 Tontine Street CT20 1BN

Kollectiv
69 Old High Street CT20 1RN

supported by:
Creative Folkestone
Folkestone & Hythe Town Council
Vita Paladino

www.folkestonelive.com
@folkestonelivecic

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 RFL 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.NEXTGENERATIONSPORTSCOACHING.ORG

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!

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

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 399213
www.halftermfunclub.co.uk

Art Classes FOR EYFS - YEAR 6

Now Booking for Autumn Term 2026

Safari Adventures

- Cheetah with Watercolour
- Safari Tent with Soft Pastels
- Elephants of Sunset with Watercolour & Ink
- Brooklands Still Life with Pencils
- Zebra Pink Land Rover with Printing
- Hippo with Acrylic
- Printed Dog with Charcoal
- Edward Scissorhands Painting with Oil Pastels
- Griffins with Watercolour Pencils
- Meerkat with Clay

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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

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

ROCK STEADY

A BAND FOR EVERYONE

Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.

Fun and inclusive in school band sessions. No music theory involved.

Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

Exam-free. Ofqual-regulated theory music qualification.

Follow their musical journey in your backstage account.

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS IN YOUR SCHOOL

0330 712 0330
From Mon-Sun 9am-5pm, 7am-9pm, 10am-12pm
rocksteadymusicalschool.com

BOOK TO START LESSONS THIS TERM!

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

Wednesday
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

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

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British Gymnastics

Star & Sap & **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 £17.50 PER SESSION

7-WEEK BLOCK JUNIOR ELECTRICIANS
EXPLORE, CONNECT, POWER, DISCOVER.
£122.50 (1HR SESSION PER WEEK)
£122.50 FOR £17.50 PER SESSION

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

AGES 5-10
YEAR 5-6
AGES 11+

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

HANDS-ON LEARNING: Build, test & program a robot.

BUILD CONFIDENCE: Develop problem-solving and teamwork skills.

MAKE FRIENDS: Work together to solve challenges & build a team.

REAL WORLD SKILLS: Learn skills to 'Tidy & Be a Hero'.

STAR & SAIL PLAY STUDIO AT LAITHE BARN, ROMNEY MARSH TN29 0JN

The Wonder Lab Project building a generation of the future.

FAMILIES WELCOME! Inspiring young minds together.