# Sandgate Primary School

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# Newsletter

**Issue 7**

**Friday 16th October 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week with the children working hard across the curriculum and taking part in a range of exciting learning opportunities.

A reminder that our Writing Together Event will take place on Wednesday morning next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to join their child in the classroom and experience some of the writing activities we enjoy at school.

The sign-up link has been emailed to families. Please complete this as soon as possible so that we have an accurate idea of numbers.

**Sign-up link:** https://forms.gle/KWfMDkVxbM7BnP1NA

Due to limited space in some classrooms, only one adult per child will be able to attend. We would also appreciate it if buggies and prams are kept to an absolute minimum, as there will not be sufficient space to accommodate them in classrooms. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Next week is the final week of term, and school will close for the half-term break on Friday 23rd October.

A reminder that Monday 2nd November is a Staff Training Day. During this day, staff will be focusing on raising standards in writing across the school. The children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

The first week back will also see us welcoming prospective pupils and their families who are considering joining Sandgate Primary School in September 2027. We look forward to showcasing our wonderful school and giving visitors the opportunity to see Sandgate "in action" as they tour our learning environment.

This term we have been reviewing our Art, PE and Music curriculums as part of this year's focus on 'The Arts.' We have changed some of the units of our PE curriculum to fit our local context and every year group will learn about Water Safety. This is a statutory expectation for our RSHE teaching as well and will be fun, interactive and inclusive. We absolutely believe this is crucial for our pupils and families given our location and the huge amount of tragic deaths in the UK linked to water safety over the summer. For example, in year 5 children will learn to assess different water environments, understand behaviour and peer pressure, select and apply safe rescue techniques and to lead a team in a challenge. Each term you can see exactly what your child is learning in every subject by looking on our website at our medium term plans: Sandgate Primary School - Medium Term Plans

Have a brilliant weekend and we will see everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jones
Acting Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 21st October: Parent Writing Together Event, 9am-10am**

**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 November: Parent Teacher consultations, 3.30pm-7.00pm.**

**Wednesday 11th November: Parent Teacher Consultations, 3.30pm-5.00pm.**

**Wednesday 11th November: PTA Meeting, 2.15pm.**

**Thursday 19th November: Yoga and Sound bath 4-6pm, St Paul's Church.**

## Afterschool club



We are excited to let you know we have availability in our afterschool club. Please contact the school office for further information.

## *Gold Book*

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

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| Sami | Bumblebees |
| Eloise | Bumblebees |
| Colby | Ladybirds |
| Hailey | Ladybirds |
| Otti | Owls |
| Umar | Owls |
| Arthur | Rabbits |
| Noah | Rabbits |
| Lottie | Penguins |
| Mila | Penguins |
| Elora | Penguins |
| Elsie | Panthers |
| Chloe | Panthers |
| Finian | Panthers |
| Austin | Bears |
| Phoebe | Bears |
| Aleena | Lions |
| Teddy | Lions |
| Fryderyk | Seahorses |
| Srivani | Seahorses |
| Sammy | Seahorses |
| Eira | Turtles |
| Noah | Turtles |
| Ottilie | Rhinos |
| Grace | Rhinos |
| Hugo | Rhinos |
| Alessio | Rhinos |
| Joshua | Rhinos |
| Indie | Hippos |
| Julius | Hippos |
| Isabelle | Hippos |
| Rose | Gorillas |
| Elliot | Gorillas |
| Matthew | Eagles |
| Eddie | Eagles |
| Abbey | Eagles |



**We have a large amount of unnamed lost property in school, please ensure clothing is labelled with your child's name. Thank you.**

## 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 19th October | Tuesday 20th October | Wednesday 21st October | Thursday 22nd October | Friday 23rd October |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co. uk 07548 294804)<br><br>Young Voices, Yrs 4-6, 3.15pm-4.15pm<br><br>Sing and Sign Club, KS 1 & 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm (*last session)* | Karate, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377) | Rocksteady PM<br><br>Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co. uk 07548 294804)<br><br>Next Gen Football Club, 3.15pm-4.15pm. NEXTGENERA-TIONSPORTS COACH-ING.ORG<br><br>Yoga 3.15 –4.10 www.cheekymono.co .uk/book/online hel-locheekymono@gmail.com 07518 505142 | Rocksteady PM<br><br>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.* | 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 7th December | 2.15pm |
| Year 2 - Christmas Play | Tuesday 8th December | 2.15pm |
| Year 3 - Christmas Carol Concert | Wednesday 9th December | 2.15pm |
| Year 4 - Christmas Play | Thursday 10th December | 2.15pm |
| Year 5 - Christmas Carol Concert | Monday 14th December | 2.15pm |
| EYFS - Christmas Play Nativity | Tuesday 15th December | 2.15pm |

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**Plea for active play equipment, if you have any of the following you no longer require please drop in to reception.**

**Scooters**



**Go carts**

**Log slices**

**Guttering**

**Toy cars**



**Clean tyres**






**Congratulations to Fryderyk from Seahorses. On Sunday 11 October, he represented Thanet Road Club at the RTTC National Closed Circuit Championships at Thruxton motor racing circuit in Hampshire. . Starting at noon, Fryderyk raced against the clock over five laps, covering 11.4 miles (approximately 18.3 km).**

**Fryderyk finished in 37 minutes 55 seconds and won the title for the fastest eight-year-old boy, beating the second-place eight-year-old by 5 minutes 30 seconds. He maintained an even pace, averaging around 29 km/h, before ramping up his effort for a big sprint to the finish line.**



We have an upright piano which we need to find a new home for, if you are interested, please contact the school office.

**On Saturday the 10th Caspian in the Gorillas class swam 1000m which is 40 lengths of the pool in 30minutes. He was awarded his 1000m swimming badge by the Folkestone swimming club. Huge congratulations to Caspian!**



## Football Results

**Well done to the boys who won 8-3 against Christchurch**

**Well done to the girls who won 6-1 against St Marys**




Get the Smartphone Lowdown – a free 10-minute guide for parents

As a smartphone-free school, we want to help families make informed choices about smartphones and social media beyond the school gates.

Smartphone Free Childhood has created a **free, 10-minute interactive guide**, based on its Parent Talk delivered more than 2,000 times in schools across the UK.

The guide covers:

- **The facts:** How smartphones are changing childhood.
- **Practical solutions:** What parents can do.
- **Making change together:** How families can support one another.

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





































