



Confirmation ceremony

## Learning holistically through God's unconditional love.

Good afternoon.

A huge well done to the Couch to 5K group - they have achieved their goal of running 5k in 10 weeks, which is a fabulous achievement.

We were very proud to baptise and confirm children from our school into the church family this week. Thank you to Father Chris and Mrs Adlington for preparing the children for this special ceremony. It was a wonderful service and we look forward to next year's service.

Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Dover Castle on Wednesday. They participated in a super workshop and enjoyed walking down into the tunnels. Even the wind did not deter our good behaviour during the day!

Year 5 and Year 6 participated a brilliant science workshop making bio-degradeable plastic. What a great experience for them!

The Book Fair will still be in school on Tuesday next week. We will set the book cases up outside on the playground at the end of the school day. The school earns commission from books sold which we can put towards buying books for the classes. Please come and take a look, cash only please as we can't except cards.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Jacobs

Our amazing Year 4 class have the highest attendance this week with 98%



**WELL DONE!**

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Book Fair in school.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday - school closed.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 to Beach School.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Trip to Wingham

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Summer Fair in playground.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Residential to PGL Kingswood.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - End of Term 5.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Start of Term 6.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Year 5 trip to France.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day at the Three Hills.

**THERE IS A LOT OF LOST PROPERTY.**

**THIS IS ALL KEPT IN THE BOX NEAR THE ENTRANCE DOOR.**

**PLEASE COME AND HAVE A RUMMAGE!**



## FAMILY TALK

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

DISCUSS THIS DURING CAR RIDES, MEAL TIME OR A WALK IN THE PARK

# PTFA NEWS

THANK YOU!!!

Our sincerest appreciation to Mr. O'Neon, the staff and all parents who participated in the Quiz last Friday. It was a very enjoyable evening of fun, learning and fundraising. We raised a total of £225.

We are also grateful to all the parents who were able to attend the planning meeting last Monday 27th April 2026.

Please make note of the following two key dates on our calendar:

**Bring-a-Bottle TAG DAY – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Children wear their own clothes to school and bring an unopened bottle for the Bottle Tombola at the Fair

**St Eanswythe's PTFA SPRING FAIR**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 12pm to 3pm, in the playground**

Raffle tickets for the fair will be on sale from next week Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the main entrance from 8.15am and in the playground from 3.00pm.

For the Fair, we need your help! If you have any small treasures you can spare, we would be very grateful for your donations, for the "fossil/treasure hunt". On the day, any donations of baked goods towards the cake stall will also be gratefully received. Finally, if you have a gazebo or beach umbrella you could lend us, please let us know. This would make it look more on theme and help keep the stall holders cool.

Myriam, Kim, Louise, Brenley, Chloë & Victoria

**NEXT COFFEE MORNING: MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY @ CHURCH**

## Class Representatives

Ducklings – Brenley  
(Cameron), Owls – Debbie  
(Ellie), Eagles – Victoria  
(Chloe-Chandehier), Year 3 –  
Rani (Evan), Year 4 – Brenley  
(George), Year 5 – Shona  
(Logan) & Year 6 – Rhiannon  
(Indiah)



**Opening soon**  
**Folkestone Library & Community Learning Centre**

**Opening Tuesday 26 May 2026**

A new place to learn, read and connect, right in the town centre.

Folkestone Library and Community Learning Centre is opening its doors, bringing together learning, culture and essential services under one roof.

**What you'll find inside:**

- Adult and children's library, including the local history collection
- Accessible spaces for reading, study and community events
- Digital facilities, including free public Wi-Fi and computers
- A town-centre location for birth and death registration appointments
- Modern classrooms and teaching spaces for adult learning courses
- and much more ...

**Opening times:**

Monday	9.30am to 5pm
Tuesday	9.30am to 5pm
Wednesday	11am to 5pm
Thursday	9.30am to 5pm
Friday	9.30am to 5pm
Saturday	9.30am to 4.30pm
Sunday	Closed

For more information visit [kent.gov.uk/folkestonelibrary](http://kent.gov.uk/folkestonelibrary)

**COMMUNITY LEARNING AND SKILLS**

Kent County Council  
kent.gov.uk

## A Prayer written by Bridgette Worship Leader Yr 5

Dear God,  
Thank you for the lessons  
from Jesus  
encouraging us to be  
kind to each other

Amen





## The Pikindom Choir

Experience the Beats & Rhythms of Africa!

Calling all children ages 7-14 who would like to experience the beats and rhythms of Africa. Join our exciting and vibrant children's choir in Folkestone, which specialises in African music and dance.

- ✓ Fun musical activities
- ✓ African-inspired rhythms, dance and stories
- ✓ A warm and supportive community
- ✓ Confidence-building and creative expression
- ✓ NO previous experience needed!

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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Creative, hands-on fun!

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

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

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+£2 to collect from Sandgate Primary

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Tues-Fri  
10am-2.30pm

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10am-4pm

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Mon- Thurs  
4pm-6pm

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FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY!  
WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN.  
A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!



# RC RACE AND DISPLAY

10AM-4PM

ADULTS: £3  
CHILDREN: £1.50  
EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY

OPTIONAL ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

30TH & 31ST MAY 2026

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL [INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK)

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

## Fine art FOR YOUR KIDS

Term Time Classes & Holiday Workshops

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

At Sandgate Primary School

AGES 5-12 (ALL ABILITIES)

Fridays 4:00-5:00pm or Saturdays 10:00-11:00am  
£178 per 11-session term, paid monthly by subscription!

UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS  
We will also be running May Half Term and Summer Holiday workshops!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
10:30am-12pm and 12:30-2pm  
£27 per session / £50 per day / £95 per week

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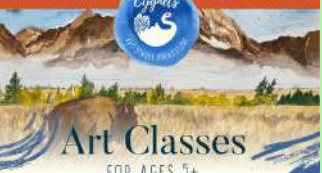
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## TRAIN TO BE A TEACHING ASSISTANT

Apply for a 12-month teaching assistant training and learning support assistant (LSEA) placement in a primary school.

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## BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG



**Aged 11 - 18?**  
Become a Kent Volunteer Police Cadet and explore some of the most exciting roles and departments in Kent Police. Learn real policing skills, build your confidence, and make friends for life! Junior Cadets are aged 11 - 13 and meet in Dover, Maidstone, Folkestone and Medway with more units on the way. Senior Police Cadets are aged 13 - 18 and meet at locations across Kent.

**Aged 18+?**  
The fun doesn't stop at 18. Our adult volunteer leaders have access to the same amazing opportunities as our cadets, plus extra training for the role. We need volunteers from both inside and outside of the police and would love to hear from you if you're interested!

Interested? Search Kent Police Cadets, or email [cadets@kent.police.uk](mailto:cadets@kent.police.uk) for more info.



SEARCH: KENT POLICE CADETS  
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## Parenting Support & Advice Drop-In



Term Time

A welcoming drop-in session offering one to one support and advice for parents of children aged 0-19. The session provides a supportive space to discuss parenting challenges with a family hub practitioner and access helpful resources. No booking required.

DATE: Monday  
TIME: 9am - 12pm  
VENUE: New Romney Family Hub

DATE: Wednesday  
TIME: 12:30pm - 3:30pm  
VENUE: Folkestone Family Hub

Phone: 03000 421167

Email: [folkestoneandthefhb@kent.gov.uk](mailto:folkestoneandthefhb@kent.gov.uk)

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[www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub)



# New screen time guidance for under-5s:

The government has published new, evidence-informed guidance to support parents/carers in managing screen time for children under the age of five. The guidance, available via [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and the [Best Start in Life](https://www.beststartinlife.org.uk) website, responds to widespread parental concerns about the impact of screens on young children's development and aims to provide practical, non-judgmental advice.

The guidance recognises that digital devices are now part of everyday family life, but highlights the importance of balance during the early years, when children's brains are developing rapidly. It emphasises that not all screen use is equal and that how, when and why screens are used matters as much as the amount of time spent on them.

## Key messages for parents and carers

The guidance sets out clear, age-appropriate expectations:

- Children under two should avoid screen time wherever possible, other than shared activities that support interaction, bonding and conversation, such as video calls with family.
- Children aged two to five should ideally be limited to no more than one hour a day, with less where possible.
- Screen use should be avoided at mealtimes and in the hour before bedtime.
- Slow paced, age appropriate content is recommended, while fast paced, social media style videos and AI based toys or tools should be avoided.
- Watching or using screens together with an adult is considered more beneficial for children's development than solo screen use.

The guidance also acknowledges that screen based assistive technology may play an important role for some children with special educational needs and disabilities, and that time limits may not apply in the same way in these circumstances.

Further information and the full guidance can be accessed at:

[New screen time guidance for parents of under-5s – GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

[Best Start in Life: screen time guidance for under-5s](https://www.beststartinlife.org.uk)