

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th May 2026

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All Souls' Primary  
Stanley Road,  
Folkestone



## SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION



### BOOK WEEK AT ALL SOULS' MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY

WE WILL HAVE THE BOOK FAIR RUNNING WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE LOTS OF LOVELY BOOKS. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



## ★ Year 6 SATs A Huge Well Done!

We would like to say a massive congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown.

SATs week can feel challenging, but the children approached each day with such a positive attitude. They demonstrated not only their knowledge, but also their ability to persevere, stay focused and keep going even when things felt tricky, skills that are far more important than any test.

These qualities will carry them far beyond primary school, and they should all feel extremely proud of themselves.

Well done Year 6 – you have been amazing!



Year 6 Residential  
Please note you **MUST** take a pillow and sleeping bag.



### WHAT TO BRING

Please ensure that all items are named.

#### CLOTHING

Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and/or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities.

- Tops & jackets
  - T-shirts
  - Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts
  - Waterproof jacket
  - Fleeces/jumpers
- Trousers or leggings but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet
- Underwear & socks
- Swimming costume/trunks for water activities
- 1 or 2 sets of clothes for the evening
- Suitable nightwear



Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities.



Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do some activities.



#### TRAVELLING IN THE...

##### ...SUMMER?

- Shorts
- Baseball cap/sun hat
- Sunscreen

##### ...WINTER?

- Warm coat
- Hat and gloves

#### Lost property

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact PGL. Postage will be charged for returning lost items.

#### Study courses and sports weekends

Groups taking part in study courses and sports weekends e.g. netball/football, should bring appropriate clothing/footwear for these activities.

#### What to wear

We have included some guidance on what to wear and what not to wear for the activities we are most often asked about. Please note, activities vary at each centre and final activity itineraries are planned to specific centres.

- Water-based activities**
- ✓ Old trainers/leather shoes
  - ✓ Warm clothing
  - ✓ Layers
  - ✓ Old clothes
  - ✓ Swimwear (or some water suitable)
  - ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
  - ✗ Jewellery
  - ✗ Jewels

- Rope sessions**
- ✓ Sturdy footwear
  - ✓ Taps to cover the shoulders (knitproof if possible)
  - ✓ Shorts that cover the thighs
  - ✓ Long trousers
  - ✓ Flip flops/crocs/sandals

- Muddy activities**
- ✓ Old trainers
  - ✓ Long trousers (knitproof if possible)
  - ✓ Layers
  - ✓ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
  - ✗ Shorts

#### FOOTWEAR

- 2 pairs of trainers
  - 1 for activities
  - 1 old pair for watersports
- 1 pair of dry shoes for evening activities



We recommend that all visitors wear closed-toe footwear while on site due to uneven terrain and safety considerations around activity areas.

#### OTHER ITEMS

- 2 towels
  - 1 for showering
  - 1 old one for activities
- Reusable drinks bottle
- Small rucksack/bag
- Labelled bin bag for wet and dirty clothing
- Sleeping bag or duvet and pillow (unless otherwise advised)
- Washbag including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste (please do not bring Aerosols)
- Hair ties for long hair
- Torch
- Pocket money €10-20 Recommended



#### PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- ✗ Electrical devices
- ✗ Computer games
- ✗ Food items that contain nuts
- ✗ Jewellery/valuables
- ✗ Aerosols
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals



If you bring your mobile phone, please note, it is not covered by our insurance.



Well Done to James in Sharks Class. He completed his first adult parkrun, running a full 5k distance in a time of 42:06!! We are all extremely proud of him and, more importantly, he's proud of himself. He set a time goal and managed to complete it!

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### Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Qualifications

Nicola Condon an STL Lecturer & Teaching and Learning Innovator from Folkestone College will be attending the school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm to talk with anyone that may be interested in the below course. Everyone is welcome to come along!



### WISH LIST

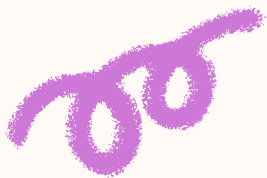


## Amazon Wish List

If you would like to support our school, we have created an Amazon Wish List of items that would benefit the children's learning and experiences.

There is absolutely no expectation to contribute, but any support, big or small, would be gratefully received.

**All Souls' Amazon Wishlist -**  
**<https://amzn.eu/01vcYOBC>**



# CHANGE



If you are currently eligible for Free School Meals - Kent County Council have made changes to the scheme...



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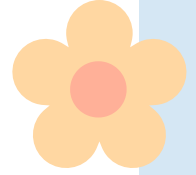
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## SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS UPDATE



Children, Young People and  
Education  
County Hall  
Sessions House  
Maidstone ME14 1XQ  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear School/Provider/Parent / Carer / Guardian,

### Changes to support for families with children eligible for Free School Meals

We are writing to let you know about an important change to the support available to families with children who are eligible for free school meals during school holidays.

### End of supermarket vouchers funded by the Household Support Fund (HSF)

In recent years, families of children eligible for free school meals have received supermarket vouchers during school holidays. These vouchers were funded by the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF).

The HSF ended on 31 March 2026. As a result, no further supermarket vouchers will be issued for school holiday periods after Easter 2026.

Easter 2026 vouchers, where issued, remain live and can still be redeemed if families have not yet used them. Please ensure that these are downloaded fully as soon as possible.

We understand that this change may be difficult for families.

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### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Support continues to be available through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

The HAF Programme provides children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals with:

- Free holiday activities and experiences
- A healthy meal on the days they attend.

HAF activities run during the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. The council is also proposing to complement this existing support through the use of Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) monies, with appropriate governance arrangements currently being progressed.

Families can find out more and view local HAF activities by visiting: [Holiday Activities and Food Programme \(HAF\) – Kent County Council](#)

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



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## STARS OF THE WEEK



Well Done to everyone for all your hard work this week!

Stars of the Week are as follows:

**Ladybirds** - Leah Nora for her super maths and her writing!

**Bumblebees** - Zackary- for showing resilience with his writing

**Caterpillars** - Josh for hard work all week

**Fireflies** - Tobias for always coming to school with a smile on his face

**Dolphins** - Emily for being a kind and helpful friend and trying hard with her learning. Madison, for being a trustworthy helper in our class.

**Sharks** - Aria for showing great Trust. She has completed many jobs this week and completed some great learning.

**Stingrays** - Ivy for showing the value of respect towards her learning by working hard on her writing and Daisy-Mai for making great progress with her reading and completing 20 yellow bookmarks.

**Turtles** - Teagan for the resilience she has demonstrated all week

**Orcas** - Curtis for demonstrating good behaviour and attitudes all week

**Penguins** - Izzy for super focus all week



## BIRTHDAYS



RILEY

ROBYN

LILLIE

FREDDIE



**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT A BLUE TOKEN IN ALL SOULS' AT TESCO**



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Please like and visit our [Facebook page](#) (@allsoulscep for School updates.



Stronger Starts.

**TESCO**

We are delighted to tell you that we have been successful in our application to be part of the customer vote at Tesco.

We are hoping to launch our bubble time project in school with money granted from Tesco stronger starts.

The bubble time project will include indoor and outdoor support for children that are anxious or need a quiet space. It will provide a space where pupils can be supported with their mental health and well-being as well as learn.

Please vote for us, ask family and friends to vote for All Souls Primary.

Pick up a blue token in any of the following stores and vote for us:

Cheriton

Hawkinge

Bouverie Rd Folkestone

Foord Rd

Dover Rd

Voting will commence in store from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to the end of July 2026

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## SAVE THE DATE

- Wednesday 3rd June - Year 1/2 Dover Castle Trip
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 3.30pm Year 5 Parents can attend an information session with Mrs Ransley on Secondary school applications/tests
- Friday 5th June - Year R Vision Screening
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Supported Teaching and Learning Qualifications Talk 2.30pm
- Wednesday 24th - 26th June - Year 6 Residential
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Canada Day
- Thursday 2nd July - PTFA Summer Fayre 3.30-5.30pm
- Friday 3rd July - Sports Day
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Book Week at All Souls'
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Rockschool Concert
- Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers Party 5-6.30pm
- Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers Service 1.30pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term 1.15pm finish



## ATTENDANCE

2025-2026 Term 5			
Week Ending	Whole School Attendance %	Punctuality average %	Persistent Absence %
24.04.26	93.4%	96.8%	17.9%
01.05.26	93.5%	94.8%	17.8%
08.05.26	93.5%	95.6%	18.2%

Whole School Attendance %	Current whole school attendance percentage for this year
Percentage Average %	Weekly average percentage for children arriving on time to school
Persistent Absence %	Percentage of children whose overall attendance this year is less than 90%
Colour Code	
100%-95%	94.9%-90%
	<90%

Term 5	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Yr1	93.4%	96.3%	93.4%		
Yr2	95.1%	96.4%	91.3%		
Yr3	93.1%	94.7%	89.2%		
Yr4	95.8%	94.9%	96.5%		
Yr5	93.7%	92.0%	90.7%		
Yr6	92.0%	93.2%	90.9%		
YrR	98.3%	98.9%	97.4%		

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR R CHILDREN FOR HAVING THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**



## CLUBS/SWIMMING

### Term 5 - Clubs

Dance Club - Years R/1/2 - Mondays 3-4pm - FREE - **FULL**

Performing Arts - Years 3/4/5/6 - Wednesdays 3-4.30pm - FREE

Netball Club - Year 5/6 - Thursdays 3-4pm - FREE - **8 SPACES LEFT**

Football Club - Year 3/4 - Fridays 3-4pm - FREE - **3 SPACES LEFT**

Please note all clubs this term will be free. ❤️

Year 5 will be going swimming for the last 3 weeks of this term - 8 May, 15 May + 22 May.

We have a lot of outstanding payments for swimming and kindly ask that you check your MCAS account for outstanding balances and make payment. We do understand that it is a voluntary contribution but we do rely on contributions as a school. Thank you



## TRIPS

Years 1/2 - Dover Castle - 3 June

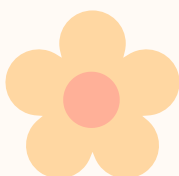
Year 6 Residential - 24/26 June

Please log on to your MCAS App and make payment if you havent already done so.

**PAY NOW**

## ATTACHMENTS

Any information leaflets will be attached to this newsletter.



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## Year 5 Parents

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS/INFORMATION OF EVENTS

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 3.30pm

**Year 5 Parents can attend an information session with Mrs Ransley on Secondary school applications/tests**



## Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2027

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest)

Registration opens on 1 June 2026 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2026

### Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2027 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

### How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest) and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

### What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2026.

### What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

### How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

### If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

### Key dates

<b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>	Registration opens at <a href="http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
<b>Wednesday 1 July 2026</b>	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 10 September 2026</b>	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
<b>Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026</b>	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 15 October 2026</b>	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

### Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk). If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk).

For help registering please email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk). Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



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BROCKHILL PARK  
PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

## OPEN EVENING

for parents and pupils of our prospective year 7's.

**TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026**

Principal's Speech  
Meet our staff...  
Watch performances... Take part in activities...  
See our School Farm...

**5 - 8pm**

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

[www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk](http://www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk) 01303 265521

## Dover Grammar School for Boys

Admissions - September 2027 Intake

To apply to Dover Grammar School for Boys,  
you need to register to take the  
Kent Test by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 and/  
the Dover Boys Test by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

There will be an information event for the Dover Test at DGSB on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 5pm. Further details will be available on our website in due course.

We will be holding our Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026.  
For further information, including when and how to register for our Year 6 Open  
Evening, please visit our website: [www.dgsb.co.uk](http://www.dgsb.co.uk) closer to the time.

*Please contact the secondary schools direct or visit  
their websites for more information*

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The PTFA  
need your  
help!



## WANTED: Prize donations for PTFA Summer Raffle and Children's Tombola

- Do you have friends/ family who work in local businesses who could kindly donate prizes for our Summer Raffle?
- Do you have unwanted gifts / new / unopened items?
- Are you having a clear out over the half term?



The PTFA are looking for donations of new / unopened (or excellent quality pre-loved items) that would be good as raffle prizes, or for the Children's tombola at the Summer Fayre on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Please bring any items to the school for collection by one of our PTFA members.

If you would like to help with our events, please let the office know your name/number so that we can contact you - or email [ptfa@allsouls.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@allsouls.kent.sch.uk).

## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

Kent School Health will be hosting an online Getting ready for school transition webinar for parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September 2026.

The session will cover:

- What school readiness looks like
- How to access help and support from the health visiting team
- What you can expect from the Kent school health service once your child has started school

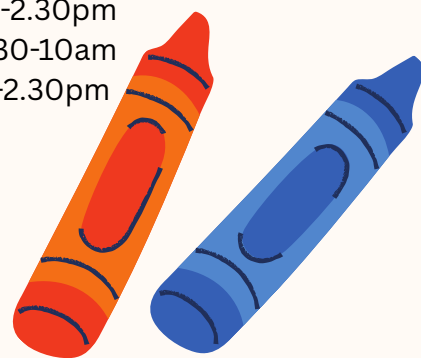
To book a place please click on the session you wish to attend and register.

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10-10.30am

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2-2.30pm

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-10am

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2-2.30pm



# May Half Term Fun

TERM TIME CLASSES HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Cygnets Art School

May Half Term Holiday Workshops

FOR AGES 5-12

*Colours of the Rainbow*

SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Coolidge Lane, Folkestone, CT20 3QU

£27/Class  
£50/Day  
£95/Week

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

07391 678905 | FOLKESTONE@CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM  
WWW.CYGNETSARTSCHOOL.COM | SANDGATE/ANCH/FOLKESTONE

Cygnets teaches traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, experienced teachers & professional quality materials.

We run two holiday workshops per day, so students can attend individual classes, or bring a packed lunch and stay for both!

*lots of different projects to choose from:*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30 - 12PM Red 'The Elephant' with Fineliner & Watercolour  
12.30 - 2PM Orange 'Still Life With Oranges' with Oil Pastels

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30 - 12PM Green 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' with Colouring Pencils and Soft Pastels  
12.30 - 2PM Purple 'Saint Tropez in the Pine Woods' with Acrylic

Booking is now OPEN for Cygnets Art School Folkestone's May holiday workshops, running on Tuesday 26th May and Wednesday 27th May 2026.

Our workshops offer longer, in-depth projects for children in a welcoming, nurturing environment, offering a brilliant opportunity for children to develop their fine art knowledge, skills, confidence and creativity with professional guidance.

We run two holiday workshop per day, so you can choose to attend one, several or all sessions.

Here's what you need to know:

- 📍 Venue: Sandgate Primary School
- 🕒 Time: Morning workshop 10:30am-12pm and afternoon workshop 12:30-2pm
- 👤 Ages: Suitable for children aged 5-12
- 🎒 What's included: All materials are provided! If children are attending the full day, they will need to bring a packed lunch.



Follow this link to reserve your child's space today:

Your paragraph text

Warm wishes,  
Laura Bennett  
Cygnets Art School Folkestone



## KENT'S NO.1 FOR KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Venture Camps deliver the very best in children's activity camps during the school holidays. Each day is different with themed activities that include Nerf battles, Make a Fort, Wacky Racers, Archery Tag, Assault Courses, Arts & Crafts and Inflatables; there's something for every child.

"Children are very excited to come into the camp. The staff are welcoming and ensure children settle and engage in activities as soon as they arrive. Children feel happy and safe as they interact with new and existing friends. They are keen to join in with the exciting range of activities on offer."

Check out our recent Ofsted inspection report on our website.

Extended day option available in Canterbury. Pick up at 17:30.

DATES & LOCATIONS		May Half Term	Summer Holidays
Folkestone	Sandgate Primary School	26th - 29th May	6 weeks starting 21st July
Ashford	The Wyvern School	26th - 29th May	6 weeks starting 22nd July
Canterbury	Simon Langton Boys	26th - 29th May	6 weeks starting 22nd July
Bearsted	Bearsted Primary Academy	26th - 29th May	4 weeks starting 27th July
Sandwich/Deal	Sir Roger Manwood's School	26th - 29th May	4 weeks starting 27th July
Tenterden	Tenterden Infant & Juniors	26th - 29th May	4 weeks starting 27th July

Camps days run from 9am - 4pm. Drop off from 8:30am at no extra charge. **Childcare vouchers accepted.** Book online, spaces fill fast, so book early to avoid disappointment. For children ages 4-11 (School years R - 6). Book for either a 3 day, 2 day or a full week camp.

\*Single day option available at certain locations. Please check our website for details.

### FOOTBALL CAMPS

Football camps that focus on the development of each individual child and the enjoyment of football. For ages 6-12 years, in Canterbury & Folkestone during both May Half Term and throughout the summer holidays. Check the website for dates.

**SAVE 15%** when you book for the summer holiday camps before the 31st May.

[venturecamps.co.uk](http://venturecamps.co.uk)

07548 294 804 | [info@venturecamps.co.uk](mailto:info@venturecamps.co.uk)

## Elham Valley Cricket Club

Calling all aspiring players, no matter your age or ability!

EVCC are looking to recruit players for the forecoming 2026 season.

*What we can offer you:*

- Preseason nets starting April
- A mixture of friendly and league games on Saturdays and Sundays
- Stunning home ground
- Family friendly atmosphere
- Junior Coaching (5 years +)
- Bar and social space
- Open age cricket- 13 to 80+!

Please contact us on [evccjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:evccjuniors@gmail.com) or Sam Goss on 07961 666492

