

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and carers,

As we head towards the end of the school year our focus is on transition arrangements, preparing our Year 2 pupils for their move up to Junior school as well as familiarising our Year 1 and Reception pupils with their new classrooms, routines and teaching staff. Information will be sent out to all parents and carers once plans have been finalised.

Miss Bennett

FOREST SCHOOL



Bees will be starting their Forest School adventures with Mrs Prestleton on Friday afternoons from 5th June to 17th July. Just a reminder to Bee parents/carers that pupils will be outside in ALL weathers and they should come into school on Fridays wearing clothes suitable for outdoor play that they can also do PE in. Additional items of waterproof clothing and boots labelled with their name can stay in a bag on their peg in school for the whole term. Please ensure they have a sun hat and water bottle!

ATTENDANCE

We have seen a sharp increase in the number of applications for leave of absence during term time for family holidays. Please be reminded that there is strict government guidance regarding school attendance and absence during term time can only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

HATS + SUNCREAM

As the weather warms up, please send your child in with a hat and sun cream already applied. Please do not send sun cream into school with your child as we need to ensure that all children remain safe in terms of allergies and self-application.

GOOD ATTENDANCE BUILDS BRIGHT FUTURES

Every day in school counts.



WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance is the key to enabling children to gain the greatest benefit from their education and reach their full potential. Children are expected to attend every day that the school is open unless they are unwell or there is an exceptional circumstance that has been approved by the Headteacher in advance.



SCHOOL START TIME

8:40am

Morning register is taken at 8:40am.



IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

It is important that you contact us on the first day of illness, before 9:30am.

This is a safeguarding requirement so that all parties know that your child is safe and that their whereabouts are known.



PENALTY NOTICES

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised leave in a 10 week period. This includes arriving at school after registration has closed at 9:00am.



1 FIRST OFFENCE

Fines can be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days or irregular attendance.

Amount:
£160
per parent,
per child
paid within
28 days

Reduced to:
£80
per parent,
per child
if paid within
21 days



Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

2 SECOND OFFENCE WITHIN 3 YEARS

In the event that a second Penalty Notice is issued within 3 years for term time leave or irregular attendance, the fine will be:

£160
per parent, per child
to be paid within 28 days



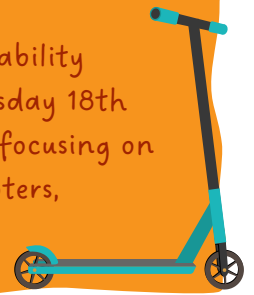
Please be aware that the school does not receive any financial benefit from issuing Penalty Notices.



Together, let's give every child the best chance to succeed. ★

YR 1 + 2 SCOOTABILITY

We are excited to say that we have successfully won a bid to receive free Scootability workshops for our Year 1 and 2 pupils. Team Rubicon will be in school on Thursday 18th June to deliver some level 1 training that includes foundational scooter skills focusing on safe stopping, balance, steering and understanding essential safety gear. Scooters, helmets and pads are all provided for use of the day.



BOOK SHARE

We hope that you will be able to join us to come into school and share a book with your child. The dates for this term are:

- Monday 8th June: Puffins 2:55pm
- Tuesday 9th June: Badgers 2:55pm
- Wednesday 10th June: Hedgehogs 2:55pm
- Thursday 11th June: Bees 2:55pm

If you are unable to attend, it is usual pick up time/arrangements.



YR1 + 2 AUTHOR VISIT

We are very excited to announce that award winning local author Nicola Lewis will be joining Years 1 and 2 on Monday 15th June for a reading of 'FLEA and the Sapphire Spell'. This will be followed by the pupils helping Nicola create a spell maker!

If you would like to pre-order a copy of the book the payment link is below. If ordering, please include the child's name and class.

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QYQ33HPU>

Please be aware that the payment link expires on Friday 12th June 12:00.

Thank you to Spellbound for organising this!

TRANSITION DAY

Please be aware that Transition Day will take place on Thursday 2nd July. This is where all pupils will spend the day in their new classroom with their new teaching staff in readiness for moving up a year group in September.

Our Year 2 pupils should go directly from home to Sandwich Junior School that day. Please note that if your Year 2 child attends Fun Club, there is no staff provision to take children to Sandwich Junior School after Breakfast Club or bring them back for After School Club on transition day. The expectation is for parents to take their Year 2 children directly to and from Sandwich Junior School that day.



SPORTS WEEK

Mrs Russell has been putting together an exciting programme for Sports Week which kicks off with the Kent Cricket Foundation delivering an assembly and taster cricket sessions with each class on Monday 22nd June.

Tuesday 23rd sees the return of our annual Big Breakfast event with free breakfast available to all pupils from 8.30-8.50. Prebooking is essential to help us with our ordering so please keep an eye out for a booking form on MCAS in the coming weeks. Our Year 2 children will also take part in a performing arts workshop later that morning.

We will be hosting African dance workshops with live drumming for all classes throughout the day on Wednesday 24th June and (weather permitting) Sports Day will be on Thursday 25th June. This will follow a Mini Olympics theme, including opening and closing ceremonies as well as a fun-packed morning of athleticism. Sports Day will run from 9:30 to 11:30 and as this is for all year groups, please no more than 2 parents per family to attend because of capacity issues. Please ensure that your child/children come into school in their PE kit on Monday to Thursday (Bees on Friday too for your usual PE session and Forest School).



SAFEGUARDING

By special arrangement, we have a few parents that have an agreement to collect their children early and the gate is open to admit them at the agreed time. If you do not have this arrangement, please do not follow through the gates, even if it is close to 3:00pm as this is a safeguarding issue. The office staff will be out to open the gates for majority of parents to enter at 3pm or shortly after.



FOOTBALL FUN FACTORY

Football Fun Factory will be starting back from 9th June with after-school sessions running every Tuesday until 14th July, 3:10-4:10pm at £6.00/session. If your child would like to take part, please use the link: <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4913>

The club is open to everyone that can independently follow the school rules.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school, which includes coconut, Nutella and peanut butter. Please be extra mindful of this when packing snacks and lunch boxes as we have several pupils who are severely allergic to nuts.

CHANGES TO BENEFIT RELATED FSM/ PP

From the start of the 2026-2027 academic year, the terms of those eligible for benefits related Free School Meals are being extended to cover all families in receipt of Universal Credit. If you fall into this category and are not already known to us, please contact the School Office as we may be able to support you with financial assistance towards the cost of branded school uniform and some subsidised clubs and trips.*

For our families that are already in receipt of Pupil Premium support, please be aware that continuing eligibility will be reviewed annually by Kent County Council.

*Restrictions apply.



SCHOOL UNIFORM - ORDER DEADLINES

The deadline for ordering school uniform from Price and Buckland to be delivered free of charge into school for the 2026-2027 academic year is Sunday 28th June. These orders will be delivered into school w/c 13th July. There will not be any further deliveries into school until w/c 14th September.

The deadline to place orders for home delivery in order to receive uniform before the start of the next academic year is Saturday 1st August. The delivery charge for home delivery is £4.50 (free £75 or over).

<https://price-buckland.co.uk/sandwich-infant-school>

We understand that uniform can be expensive and wish to remind you that we keep stock of donated pre-loved uniform which can be purchased for £1 per item. Please speak to the school office if you would like to access this.

We would also remind you that nonbranded uniform from any high street retailers or supermarkets e.g. red sweatshirts, cardigans or t-shirts without the Sandwich Infant School logo are also accepted.

FOSIS FRI-YAY!

FOSIS will be having an ice lolly sale after school on Friday 19th June and a non-uniform day (£1 donation) Friday 26th June.



VISIT TO MONKTON

KS1 had a lovely time at Monkton Nature Reserve finding out about fossils, going on minibeast hunts, and drawing insects and bugs that they came across. A big thank you to Miss Hancock for organising the trip and arranging free transport with Bayliss Coaches.



KENT ROAD SAFETY CLUB



We were delighted to welcome back Ian from the KCC Road Safety Team who delivered four fabulous workshops with our pupils before half-term. It was really encouraging to see that some of our older pupils had retained their knowledge from last year.

**SAFETY
FIRST**

YEAR 2 LEAVING EVENTS

Our Year 2s will be having a Leavers Party on Monday 20th July from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Please ensure that your Year 2 child brings in a change of party clothes that day for the afternoon. We will be sending home a request for some party nibbles a bit nearer the time.

Our Leavers Assembly will take place on Tuesday 21st July at 1:30 am. We expect it to last no longer than 30 minutes. Parents and Guardians are warmly welcomed on site but because of capacity issues, no more than 2 adults per child please.



DAIRY DATES

Friday 5th June	Bees Forest School
Monday 8th June	Puffins book share 2:55 pm
Tuesday 9th June	Badgers book share 2:55 pm
Wednesday 10th June	Hedgehogs book share 2:55 pm
Thursday 11th June	Bees book share 2:55 pm
Monday 15th June	Nicola Lewis author visit - Years 1 and 2
Thursday 18th June	Scootability Years 1 and 2
Friday 19th June	FOSIS lolly sale
Monday 22nd June	Kent County Cricket workshop - all
Tuesday 23rd June	Big Breakfast 8:30 - 8:50 am
	Yr 2 Performing Arts workshop
Wednesday 24th June	African Dance workshop - all years
Thursday 25th June	Sports Day 9:30 - 11:30
Friday 26th June	FOSIS non-school uniform £1 donation
Sunday 28th June	School uniform order deadline for in-school delivery
Thursday 2nd July	Transition Day
Monday 20th July	Year 2 Leaver's Party 2:30-4:00 pm
Tuesday 21st July	Year 2 Leaver's Assembly 1:30 pm

