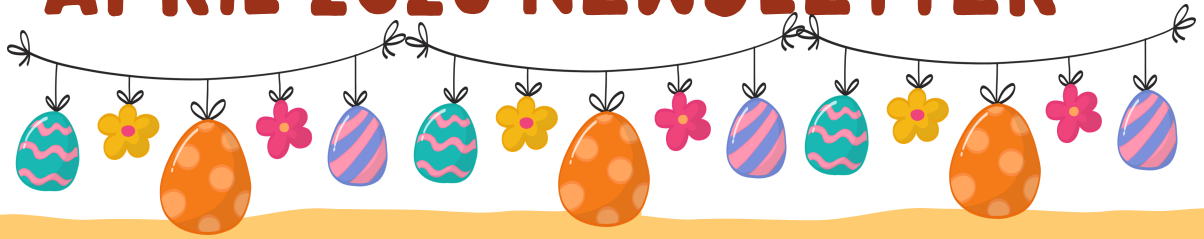


APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and carers,

April is such a short month for us in terms of school days that this newsletter covers all of our up and coming events both for April and May as well as celebrating all the fun activities that we have been happening this term. We appreciate that it has been a busy term and wish you all a restful Easter break when we get there!

Miss Bennett



COMMUNITY WEEK

We are having an amazing week with all pupils getting out and about in our local community. We are visiting local businesses, Sandwich Market, the Gazeon Salts volunteers and helping keep our community clean and tidy with a spot of litter picking.

Yesterday, we visited the 'Sandwich Shop', chose drinks from the menu and politely asked for our own drinks. Another group of children went to The Drill Hall and watched a demonstration of pizza making! In the afternoon, some children went out litter picking at the Butts to help keep our community spaces clean and tidy!



LIBRARY VISITS

We enjoyed our class visits to the Library last week which was a great opportunity for the children to learn how the library works, enjoy a story and see how it helps the community. If your child loaned a book on their visit, please remember to return it directly to the library by the due date.

SPONSORED READ

Huge thanks to the pupils and their families that supported our Sponsored Read. We raised approximately £600 to spend on Little Wandle reading books that will further support our phonics teaching.

Reading is such an important skill that builds language, communication, imagination and supports future success.



EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAM

Just a reminder to parents that if you feel that you would benefit from support from the NELFT Emotional Wellbeing Team regarding any aspect of your child's mental health or wellbeing, please do get in touch via the School Office so that we can make a referral on your behalf.

BOTTLE TOP DONATIONS!

If you have any old bottle tops that you are able to donate, we collect them for Deal Rotary Club. DRC collect them to work with their contact clubs to bring an end to polio throughout the world.

We have small grey bin near the School Office where you can donate them.

Thank you!



BEES - VISION SCREENING

Just a reminder that the Kent School Health Team will be in school on Monday 27th April to do vision screening for Reception children.

If your child does not pass the screening, they will be automatically referred to a specialist vision service who contact you directly to arrange a follow-up appointment.



ATTENDANCE

We thank you for your continued efforts in supporting school attendance, which is on an upward improvement.

Each lesson builds on prior knowledge, so frequent absences can create gaps in understanding that are difficult to close. Missing school not only affects academic progress, but can also impact confidence, friendships, and participation in school life. Consistent attendance helps children develop important habits such as responsibility, time management, and resilience. By being present every day, children give themselves the best opportunity to learn, achieve their potential, and feel connected to their school community.

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YOU**
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ART WEEK W/C 9TH MARCH



Miss Jackson has some fantastic plans for Art Week commencing 18th May. Pupils across the school will be using a mixture of different media throughout the week, culminating in a collaborative piece.

Once again, we are really fortunate to be working with the Sandwich Arts Society who have been so supportive in terms of funding some of the resources.



PE DAYS

PE days remain unchanged for Term 5.

Monday - Hedgehogs and Badgers

Tuesday - Puffins

Wednesday - Hedgehogs

Thursday - Puffins

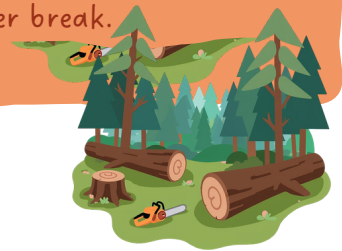
Friday - Bees

FOREST SCHOOL

Badgers have been enjoying their Forest School adventures and will continue again on Friday afternoons after the Easter holidays!

Their last session will be Friday 8th May and Bees will then start from Friday 15th May.

An information letter for Bees will be sent out via MCAS after the Easter break.



EASTER EGGS

Aquila Multi-Academy Trust (who oversee our school) have dropped off Easter Eggs for the children this holiday break. These will come home on Thursday.



BOOK SHARE DATES

Book Share is an opportunity to read a book, talk about the pictures and for you to spend time in school with your child. Please come in via the School Office.

Book share will take place on:

Puffins: Monday 27th April 2:55pm

Badgers: Tuesday 28th April 2:55pm

Hedgehogs: Wednesday 29th April 2:55pm

Bees: Thursday 30th April 2:55pm



If you are not able to attend, it is usual pick up time/arrangements.

FOSIS - HAPPY SCHOOL BAG

Many thanks to everyone that supported us with the FOSIS Happy Bag collection which raised £58.



KS1 TRIP TO MONKTON



We are delighted to be having a return trip to Monkton Nature Reserve again this year. Miss Hancock has once again managed to arrange free transport with Bayliss Coaches to offer our Year 1 and 2 pupils another enriching educational trip. Entry for the nature reserve is £4.05 per child payable by Wednesday 6th May via MCAS.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch on the day and come to school in full uniform, wearing sensible footwear. Please also ensure they have a water bottle and a suitable coat appropriate for the weather.



END OF TERM: MEDICINES

We ask that parents collect any medicines (calpol, epi-pens etc) are collected on the last day of term.

Please ensure that the medicines are reviewed and return them on the first day of school.

If you have filled out administering paperwork for the medicine, you do not need to complete one when they come back in.

If there are any changes, it is imperative to let School know/fill out new paperwork

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR!



Many thanks to Luke Hedges for his support as a Parent Governor for the last 4 years and who has stepped down at the end of his term of office. This means that we now have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and would like to invite parents to register their interest for this role by emailing office@sandwich-infant.kent.sch.uk by 3:10pm on Friday 24th April.

Together with the Headteacher, the Local Governing Body has responsibility for the Leadership of the school. Governors are involved in:

1. Considering where the school can improve and develop.
2. Challenging the school to deliver its planned outcomes.
3. Making sure money is effectively spent to get the best education for the pupils.

You will need to be able to attend certain meetings during the school day, plus 6 Governing Board meetings a year which take place from 3:45-5:45pm.

♥ SUPPORT ♥

CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE CHARITY

As you may know, Sandwich Infant School has been chosen by the Co-op to be one of their chosen local charities this year!

We currently have 552 people who have nominated our school as their chosen charity and since the beginning of the year we have received £1,167 from the Co-op!

If you or anyone in your family is a Co-op member and has yet to sign-up and select Sandwich Infant School as your nominated local cause, please do so. For people who are not yet a member of the Co-op you can join with this [link](#).

Many, many thanks for your support.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We are having an Open Afternoon on Friday 22nd May from 2:00pm. This is an opportunity to look at your child's work and talk to the staff.

You can also use this as an opportunity to start exploring the other classrooms in the school.

We hope you can join us, otherwise it will be usual pick up arrangements and time.



FOSIS QUIZ

Make a date in your diaries to join us for a quiz on Friday 24th April from 7pm. Bring your own food, drinks and a prize for the tombola! Entry is £5 per head.

To reserve a table (maximum of 8 per team), please contact the school office:
office@sandwich-infant.kent.sch.uk

This looks set to be a great evening to help raise some much needed funds for the school and we do hope that you can join us.



DAIRY DATES

Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term
Monday 20th April	First Day of Term
Thursday 7th May	KS1 Trip to Monkton Nature Reserve
Monday 11th/Tuesday 12th May	Kent Road Safety
Monday 18th May	Art Week
Friday 22nd May	Open Afternoon & Last Day of Term
25th - 29th May	Half term
1st June	Staff Development Day
3rd June	Reception Creepy Claws experience
5th June	Reception start Forest School

