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Term 3: January 5th - February 13th



Antony Curry
Headteacher

Approaching the end of Term 3, the new year, when we thought about renewal and resolutions, seems a distant memory now. However, next week is the Chinese New Year. It reminds us that reflection on what has past and looking forward to the future is a constant process. It is celebrated across the world and by many people in this country. 2026 is the year of the horse.

We can learn from the qualities described for the horse in Chinese tradition. Horses are leaders who rarely accept defeat, so they can motivate themselves to put up an active fight in everything they do. This can appear as tenacity, endurance, even stubbornness.

Once the horse matures and learns to harness this energy, they'll be unstoppable since they're agile and shrewd thinkers who innately understand human nature. They're also principled, so their efforts will be put toward a good cause.

It sounds to me like they are strivers, thrivers and achievers! I hope you enjoy reading about the achievements of our wonderful pupils and dedicated staff in this newsletter.

Last term we said goodbye to two longstanding members of our community, John Buckley and Liz Hollies. This term Jackie Benson leaves us to start a well-earned retirement. We thank her for all she has contributed to St Anthony's over more than 25 years. We will miss her very much.

Strive, thrive and achieve, Antony

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL

Lewis Laud
Stone class

Aliyah Johnson
Walpole class

British Values

- **Democracy** - A culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities.
- **Liberty** - Promoting freedom of choice
- **Respect & Tolerance** - Respecting the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing on your own.
- **Rule of Law** - The need for rules to make a happy, safe and secure environment to live & work.



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 13th February - Last day of Term 3
- Monday 23rd February - First day of Term 4
- Thursday 5th March - World Book day
- Monday 16th March - **INSET DAY**
- Friday 20th March - Primary trip to Dover castle
- Wednesday 25th March - World Maths Day, KS3 Elev8 trip and WiseUp Team building
- Thursday 2nd April - Last day of Term 4

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“On Christmas Eve we were very surprised to of received a present from Biscoff and Oreo. An Egg! Both our girls are laying eggs now and we are lucky to see 1 a day. We hope as the weather warms up and our days get longer, we will start to see even more eggs.”

Ame Friend - Forest school lead

On Friday 30th January the students wore yellow to school in support of The Dogs Trust - the charity chosen by our school council to fundraise for during this academic year.



The school raised £100 for The Dogs Trust in Term 3.



Stone class have been swimming this term.



KS3 classes have enjoyed scootering this term

Making a Difference



The Clean Up Crew have been active when the weathers been on our side collecting rubbish from around the local area. Plans have been made and planting will soon be underway for our community food garden.

Random Acts of Kindness is up and running and what a start the group have made; delivering notes, creating poems and sweet treats to introduce themselves. They have really enjoyed making others smile and are looking forward to radiating kindness around St Anthony's as the school year continues.

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This term, boxing at T50 Boxing for KS4 students has been a great success, with pupils showing excellent enthusiasm and respect in every session. Throughout the weeks we have seen improvements in confidence and technical ability which, reflecting the amazing work T50 boxing are doing. Students worked on important values such as discipline, self-control, and resilience in every session and we hope they continue to express these values inside of school. Behaviour and attendance have been consistently strong, creating a positive and supportive training environment. Overall, the programme has had a very positive impact on the students physical and personal development this term. We are excited to continue working with T50 boxing gym next term as our KS3 take to the ring!



Kyle Adams - Head of PE



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IMMERSIVE MATHS WEEK

Our primary students practiced their maths and business skills on Wednesday 21st January by selling waffles and milkshakes. The students wrote a shopping list, managed their budget, took orders from staff and secondary classes, collected payments and then cooked the waffles fresh!

Students from Louisa class said “The best bit was getting to eat the waffles!” and “I liked measuring the ingredients out by myself”.



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KS4 LONDON SCIENCE TRIP

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY



At 8:30 am, we met up in Margate train station. Then I went on a train from Margate to London St Pancras. We went on the tube and then walked to the Science Museum. In the Science Museum we went to 'Power Up' which has lots of different gaming consoles. I played 'Super Mario', 'Sonic the Hedgehog' and 'X-Men 1993' games.

I looked at the galleries and I saw some very old phones and I saw a pirate ship. The galleries are so interesting.

At lunch I had a delicious ice cream with a flake. I had red grapes and a milkshake.

Next, I went to the Wonder Lab and I saw lightning. Then I went on the slides. The green grass slide was so slow but the rest of the slides are all fast. I went on the spinning thing and I felt fine, not dizzy.

I went to the gift shop and I bought a slinky and some green sticky balls. It cost £5.

Finally, we went back to the tube station and then got the train from St Pancras back to Margate. I arrived back at 5:10 pm. I would like to visit London again. I had a great day!

-Matthew Bassett

Student Star

**Thankyou Matthew for
this fantastic report
about your
trip to London**

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Art



KS2: Upcycling into art

KS2 have been upcycling junk into their own art or products. Pegwell in particular produced some stunning lanterns out of old bottles! Students across KS2 have turned cardboard, plastic, fabric, and many other items that were destined for the bin into decorative and functional items to be proud of. Upcycling is a sustainable way to reimagine 'trash' into something that can be treasured.



KS3: World of wearable art!

KS3 learned all about the 'World of Wearable Art' and in response created their own art items that could be worn. Although many chose to create imaginative masks, we have also had hats, jewellery, armour and even full outfits! Use of old cardboard boxes and plastic waste has been used for sustainability.



Year 10 have been exploring the theme of identity. They have created identity boxes, framed pictures and developed their own unique ideas through drawing, painting, collage, clay and photography. Class 2 have also spent time this term finishing off their 'Galactic Emergency' posters for the Big Reveal which is a showcase project where students have worked with professional artist Nova Marshall.



KS4: GCSE art projects

Year 11 have started work on their ESA projects which will culminate in a 10 hour exam at the end of March where they will produce their final outcomes. Group 1 visited the Scrapstore in Ramsgate last week. The Scrapstore takes in donations of art and craft materials and resources and the students were able to take a basket of these away each for just £5 which is then donated to the charity Mencap. This was a great lesson in sustainability that has provided students with the materials and ideas for their GCSE projects.



Katie Green - Art Teacher

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Fishing

This term has been full of muddy fun, the group have worked together to overcome challenges, explored the site and enjoyed playing in the water in waders. It has been hard on the fish front but perseverance and resilience has meant we have caught a few slippery friends. They've shown teamwork by cutting and pulling down a tree and supporting and cheering each other on when things became tricky. Rios won a voucher for catching the first fish of the year, Georgia has enjoyed feeding the wildlife, Logan and Blaine have spent lots of time having fun and exploring the area and Leanne has loved walking the dog and taking part in bush craft.

Katie Champion - Enrichment lead



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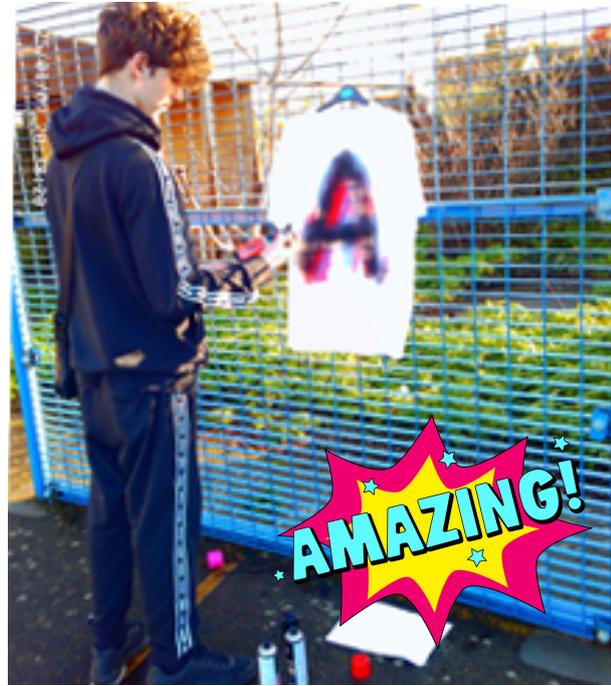
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Enrichment

This term skateboarding has been very popular with children growing from beginners to skating around with no fear. Logan taught Katie Champion how to get on a board as she was a big scaredy pants, which was a success that was. He is a teacher in the making!

Individual projects have started, including bike restoration, scooter refurb and a clothing brand is being developed, we cannot wait to share these with you.

Remote control cars have raced around the school, teaching children direction and instructions while making it fun. The girls have made some delicious treats, taken part in jewellery making, crafts and slime making. This term has been full of fun activities, bravery, and an excitement for learning.



Katie Champion - Enrichment lead

Forensic science workshop



Emma, a real forensic scientist came to visit KS2 and KS3 to teach them about Forensic Science as part of their topic this term about scientists.

After learning all about what forensic scientists do they had a crime scene to investigate. They had to be on the lookout for any evidence including fingerprints, footprints and DNA before deciding who the criminal was.



Clare Foley - Science Coordinator

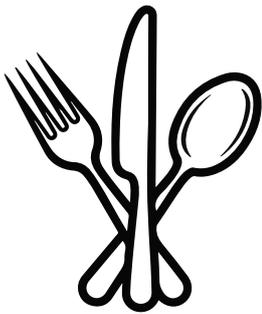


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Our kitchen team have strived to introduce new foods to our students this term. On 25th January we celebrated Burns Night with Haggis and Shortbread. Friday 30th January the students enjoyed chocolate and raspberry croissants.



Upcoming special menus in Term 4

Thursday 5th March

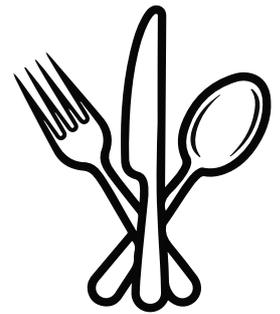
World Book Day Themed Lunch

Tuesday 17th March

Special pudding for St Patrick's Day

Wednesday 25th March

Belgium waffles for international waffle day



INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY



WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

ST PATRICKS DAY

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH



THE KITCHEN WILL
OFFER A SPECIAL
PUDDING

Number Day

Pegwell class

On Number day we practiced our Number Bonds to 10, played lots of maths games and Counted and followed the steps to make our Toasted sandwiches. We planned what we were going to make and used our instructions to create our ultimate Toastie!!

Rachel Cox - Class teacher



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On Wednesday 14th January, representatives from the Royal Navy visited the school and gave a presentation to our secondary students about maritime careers. "The pupils behaved well, were engaged and asked some excellent questions"

Kevin Martin - DT Teacher

Community Kindness

This week, Kingsgate class visited the Wheatsheaf to send off birthday cards that had been made by Kingsgate and Walpole classes for an 8 year old girl called Amelia, who is terminally ill. For her birthday this year, Amelia's dream is to receive 8,000 birthday cards and to break a UK record! We really hope that with our birthday cards, we have helped Amelia to achieve her dream!

Adela Nicholson - Class teacher



Donations

Our school is currently seeking donations of flat panel computer displays (24 inch or smaller) for classroom and student use. To ensure compatibility with our existing equipment, donated displays must support VGA connectivity. These monitors are used for learning activities such as research, coding, design, and small-group projects. If you have a working display that's no longer needed, please consider giving it a second life at our school.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office, and all equipment will be checked before use. Thank you for supporting our students and helping us make the most of available technology!



John Fermor - ICT Systems Manager

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WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM..

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
5 MARCH 2026

**STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO DRESS AS THEIR
FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER TO SCHOOL!
EACH CLASS WILL BE CHOOSING A THEME**



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ATTENDANCE

Did you know your child's attendance affects your child's success? Being in school, on time, every day is vital for student's well-being, not just their educational growth but for their development in so many other areas such as social and emotional development. We understand that our students needs are far different from the students in mainstream school, so this year we are aiming for a whole school attendance of at least 75%. To achieve this, we are continuing our promotion and praise of individual school attendance.

★ ATTENDANCE ★
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

School starts at 08:50	100% 😄
After 09:10 you are Late	99% 😊
Registers Close at 09:20	97% 😊
5 MINUTES LATE = 3 DAYS MISSED	95% 😊
10 MINUTES LATE = 6.5 DAYS MISSED	90% 😞
15 MINUTES LATE = 10 DAYS MISSED	85% 😞
20 MINUTES LATE = 13 DAYS MISSED	OR LESS
30 MINUTES LATE = 19 DAYS MISSED	

★ WEEKLY REWARDS ★

- 100% ATTENDANCE = 5 TOKENS + CERTIFICATE
- 90% ATTENDANCE = 3 TOKENS
- PLP 100% ATTENDANCE = 1 TOKEN + CERTIFICATE
- BELOW 90% ATTENDANCE = 0 TOKENS

ABSENCES



Phone the School Office by 09:15 am
EACH day that they are absent

Select Option 1
Leave a voicemail with your child's full name and the reason for their absence

OR

Speak to a member of the school office.



If we do not hear from you by 9:15 am a follow up email will be sent to the primary guardians



Please **DO NOT** use Class Dojo to report your child as absence. If you feel that a more detailed reason should be made aware to the class teacher, then we do encourage you to share them with the Class Teacher however daily absences **MUST** be reported to the School Office

ILLNESS & MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child is absent due to a medical appointment, the office must be provided with proof. Medical appointment proof can be shown to Kimmy, Helen or Vickie in the office. This can be shown as a text, email or letter which will allow us to authorise their absence.

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education. Therefore, KCC has given guidelines on how a school must manage absences: For full KCC guidelines please visit: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance/school-absences>

Congratulations to our attendance leaders for Term 3!



A handful of students got 100% attendance in Term 1 and Term 2. Names were pulled and our winners are!..

Oliver
£25 Smyths

Albie
£20 Robucks

Jacob
£15 Oculus

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM..

Make 'n' Paint

WEDNESDAY 15th FEB

10.30am-2.30pm

For just £5 per person

Our Make 'n' Paint kit is the Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc.

£1 entry for kids into the Museum!

SATURDAY 18th FEB

SUNDAY 19th FEB

HORNBY HOBBIES VISITOR CENTRE

HORNBY JUST THE TICKET CAFE

WORTH £11.99 RRP

AIRFIX SET INCLUDES: POLY CEMENT • PAINT

1:72 SUPERMARINE



February half term.

Workshops & Courses

Tiny Disco Club

Tue 17 Feb 2026, 10am-12pm
£5 - £12

An uplifting daytime rave for children and parents — dance, play, and move together without the late-night hours.

Turner contemporary

[Learn more](#)

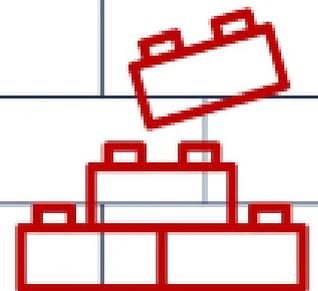
BRICKS AT

THE MUSEUM

DATES: 14TH TO 22ND FEBRUARY 2026 (HALF TERM)

LOCATED: RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM

TIMES: 10 AM – 4PM DAILY (3.30PM LAST ENTRY)



ARE YOU A LEGO ENTHUSIAST? IF SO THEN POP ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE FUN WITH LIKE-MINDED

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM..

PANCAKE & PYJAMAS PARTY!

@QUEENS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, CT10 1NU
9-10.30AM, FREE ENTRY

17TH FEBRUARY

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES IN YOUR PYJAMAS
A HALF TERM TREAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

INFORMATION: 01843 602762
WWW.THEGAPPROJECT.CO.UK

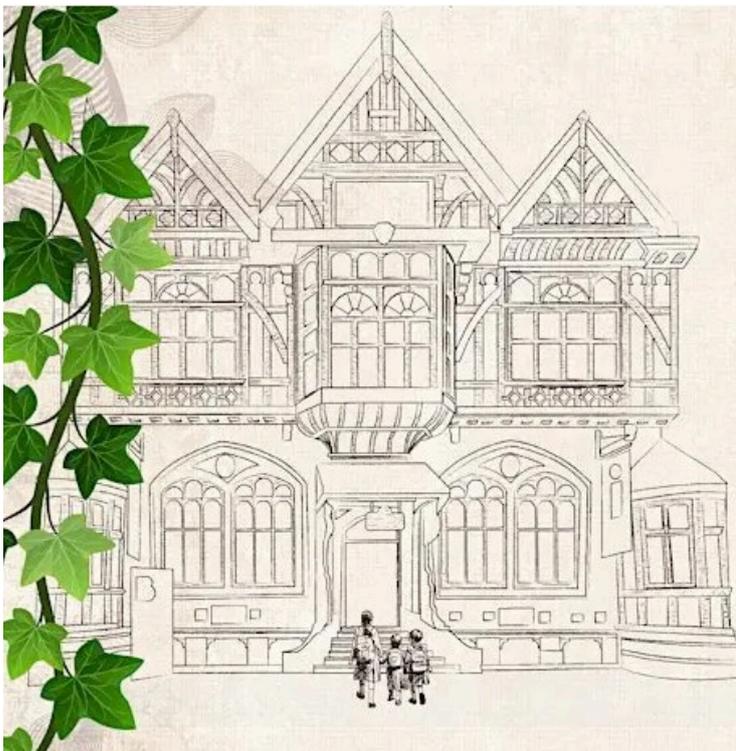
SPORTS CONNECT

THANET

FREE COMMUNITY SPORT - TURN UP + PLAY

MON	Thrive425 Northdown Family Hub, Zion Pl, Cliftonville, Margate CT9 1RP	9:30 - 12:30 <i>FOR WOMEN AGED 25+</i>
MON	Boundary Park, St Lukes Avenue, Ramsgate, CT11 7LB	16:30 - 17:30
WED	Northdown Family Hub, Zion Pl, Cliftonville, Margate CT9 1RP	17:00 - 18:30

MORE SESSIONS TO BE CONFIRMED SOON!



Mischief at the Museum

The Great Plant Plot!

AN INTERACTIVE FAMILY TRAIL

Saturday 14 February to Sunday 19 April 2026
(Closed Mondays except Monday 6 April)

The Beany, 18 High Street
Canterbury CT1 2RA

Find out more at thebeany.co.uk



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SIGN UP FOR INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND FUTURE EVENTS: WWW.FORUSTOO.ORG AND CLICK ON THE "BECOME A MEMBER" BUTTON.

Membership

All families of children or young people with a disability (as defined by the Equality Act 2010) who live or go to school in East Kent can become members of For Us Too.

Why become a member?

- Receive regular updates by email.
- Priority booking for workshops & events
- Pay reduced rates for our trips & events
- Access our lending library for special toys, books, DVDs & equipment
- Your input in how you would like For Us Too to develop and the events and services you would like.
- Elect trustees, attend formal meetings, or even become a trustee yourself

It is easy to sign up to become a member. Go to www.forustoo.org and click on the "Become a Member" button.



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Kent Resilience Hub

Visit **Kent Resilience Hub** where you can increase your understanding, find approaches and tools or navigate your way to support and services relating to resilience and emotional wellbeing.



Find out how to tackle hate online and online trolls with **internet matters** advice guide for what online hate is and how to support your child. Get tools and tips to support your child's digital wellbeing on Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.



Kooth online support and counselling for 10-25 year olds across Kent and Medway. Offering 1-2-1 counselling, helpful articles, community discussion boards and daily journals.



Call **NSPCC** on 0808 800 5000 if you're worried about the safety of a child. Or call the police on 999 if you think a child is in immediate danger.



MindEd is a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health for all adults.



Free and confidential advice from **Family Lives** on 0808 800 2222 if you're finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope.



Mind's **Action for Children** around self esteem and helping your child. Parents with Confidence help your child to emotionally regulate.



Young Minds have a parent's helpline, information and resources