

# NEWSLETTER



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As we approach the season of Easter it is interesting to reflect on some of the messages that this Christian festival contains. Christians believe that Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and rose from the dead three days later. They believe this represents a new agreement with God after the rejection of His plan by mankind, which is represented in the Bible by the story of Adam and Eve. They believe that Jesus brings new hope that everyone can repent of sins and be given a new start or resurrection. The Easter egg is used to symbolise this new life. Messages of new hope and new beginnings are common to all the world religions. They suit this time of year when we see the new growth that comes with spring.

At St Anthony's we believe in fresh starts and new beginnings. Often there will be failure, when our young people struggle to manage the feelings that can overwhelm them. We always allow opportunity for reflection and resolution. Then it is time for learning from what has gone wrong and moving forward positively, striving, thriving and achieving.

I wish your all an enjoyable holiday. Let's hope we get some spring sunshine!

*Stive, thrive and achieve*  
Antony

## WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL

**Stephanie**  
Louisa class

**Owen**  
Stone class

**Ebony**  
Pegwell 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

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last day of Term 4
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Term 5
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday (School closed)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Maths Enterprise week
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - KS4 immunisations
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Last day of Term 5
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - First day of Term 6

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March the students and staff of St Anthony's dressed up as their favourite book characters.

Louisa class were Mr Men characters, with Antony as Mr Bump! Kingsgate dressed as the different animals from "The Gruffalo" book. St Mildred's class wore colours from "The day the crayons.." series. Joss class rocked their best pajamas from Ziggy Marley's book "Pajammin'!".

Our fabulous kitchen team were a band of "Mum Pirates"! A group of secondary teachers were the cast of The Wizard of Oz, including Steve our site manager as the cowardly lion!

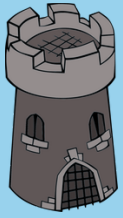
Key stage 2 children visited Waterstones to choose a book and spend their tokens.



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KS2 enjoyed a fantastic day exploring Dover Castle as part of our castles topic. The children loved walking around the grounds, taking in the incredible views, and discovering the rich history hidden within the castle walls. A highlight of the day was investigating the castle features and secret tunnels, where pupils were fascinated by the stories of how the castle has been used throughout history.

There was plenty of fun, lots of learning, and a lot of walking—but the children showed great enthusiasm from start to finish. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our classroom learning to life and deepen our understanding of how castles were built, defended and used across the centuries.

The children behaved beautifully!

A brilliant day all round!

**Rachel Cox, KS2 phase lead**



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This term, our wonderful kitchen team have celebrated World Book Day, St Patrick's Day and International waffle day with delicious deserts and themed menus!

**World Book Day Menu**

Garfield Life & Lasagne with Dalek Garlic Bread

Narth Vader Taters

Packet Potatoes

Cheese or A Fish Named

The Great Baked Bean Adventure

Served with...

Grows Sweetcorn &

Monsters Dont Eat Broccoli

The Hungry Caterpillar Salad Bar

The Jam Doughnut that ruined my life

WORLD BOOK DAY  
5 MARCH 2026



Botany and Kingsgate classes have been boxing this term!



This term the Cleanup Crew have spent time tending to our St Anthony's planter at Holy Trinity Church. They also spread kindness around the school with inspirational posters and delivering breaks to the staff, with biscuits and teabags. Thankyou!



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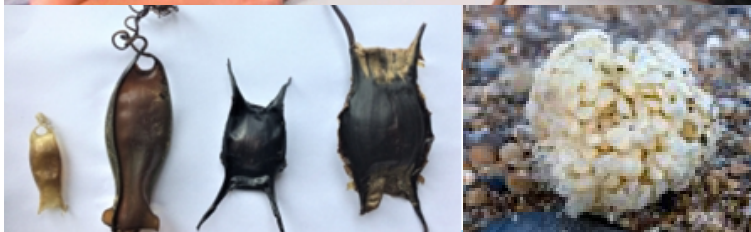
Pegwell class have been learning about the process of planting potatoes this term. Look out for updates on their progress. We hope to enjoy eating them by the summer.

Well done to Jayden for helping keeping Biscoff and Oreo well fed during his forest school sessions. They really did enjoy the "all you can eat" meal worm buffet Jayden supplied.

**Ame Friend, Forest/Beach school lead**



Louisa class attended the beach this term during their forest school sessions. We brought home some of our findings back to school so we could explore them further. We have now learnt what a whelk egg case looks like and how they develop into adults. We also learnt about the other types of egg cases such as Rays and Cat fish.



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Key stage 3

This term Mr Doodle the artist sent a video to KS3 to inspire them to start their own doodle art. Since then students have been doodling all over fabric panels, on the art room walls and on products such as boxes, t-shirts and pencil cases. The project has been so popular that even KS2, KS4 and staff across the school have contributed their doodles to the group art pieces! We hope to celebrate this work in our end of year art exhibitions and will be sending pictures to Mr Doodle himself!



GCSE Art



In March the year 10 GCSE art students from vocational class 2 took a trip to the Westgate Hall in Canterbury to spend the day seeing performances for the Intergalactic Emergency Show. These students created the giant banners that were a very important part of the stage set. They did these through a series of workshops led by local artist Nova Marshall. There were numerous schools there, each taking on an element of the show from music/singing through to costumes and acting.

**Katie Green** - Art teacher



the **BIG REVEAL**

MUSIC THEATRE DANCE ART



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The school council choose to focus their fundraising efforts on raising money for The Dog's Trust this term. They organised two non-school uniform days and a fantastic cake sale on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.



The meeting room was turned into a makeshift cake shop, full of wonderful baked goods from staff and students. The school council were responsibility for selling and handling the cakes, showing great money management, food hygiene and customer services skills! By donating and buying cakes, the school raised an impressive **£225.90!**



Keep an eye out on class DoJo for further information about future fundraising plans!



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## London Science Museum

On Wednesday 18th March some of KS3 headed up to London to the Natural History Museum, we attended a Lego workshop all about how to help our environment cope with climate change. Our focus was the ocean and the habitats surrounding them. After our workshop we managed to sneak a peak around the Natural History museum. It was a brilliant day and lots of pupils enjoyed the experience of being in the big city!

**Kate Wathey** - Walpole class teacher



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Our pupils recently took part in the Wise Up Team Building Day, and it was a fantastic success. Throughout the day, students engaged in a variety of fun and challenging activities designed to build communication, resilience, and teamwork skills. It was great to see everyone encouraging one another, working together to solve problems, and stepping out of their comfort zones.

**Jodie Whittle** - Stone class teacher



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Our food tech department had a visit from Animal Aid. They gave a talk about veganism & Vegetarianism to the Year 10 Hospitality group. They also did a cooking demonstration for the students making a Vegan chilli. Delicious!

**Matt Pegg** - Food Tech teacher



## DODGEBALL!

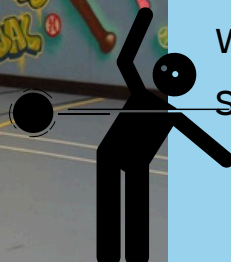
This week the P.E department held their annual dodgeball competitions!

Primary winners: **Vikings**

Secondary winners: **Normans**

“All the children played really well and showed great sportsmanship!”

**Kyle Adams** - P.E teacher



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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 4!**

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Kent  
Police

## E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



### Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit [www.kent.police.uk/road-safety](http://www.kent.police.uk/road-safety)

## Safer Knife Replacement Scheme (SKRS)

The VRU is offering a **free scheme** to replace pointed kitchen knives with safer alternatives in homes across Kent and Medway. The aim is to reduce the risk of serious injury where kitchen knives are a factor.

### Officers can offer the scheme when:

- A young person is linked to weapon-related offending
- There are concerns around gangs, drug activity, or high-risk domestic abuse

### How it works:

Agree disposal with the family → scan the QR code → place old knives in the secure tube → provide the replacement safety knives. No training required.



This voluntary scheme **supports existing safeguarding measures** and helps make homes safer.

Several schools have taken in their home economic classes have made the change to the safer knives.

For packs or more information:

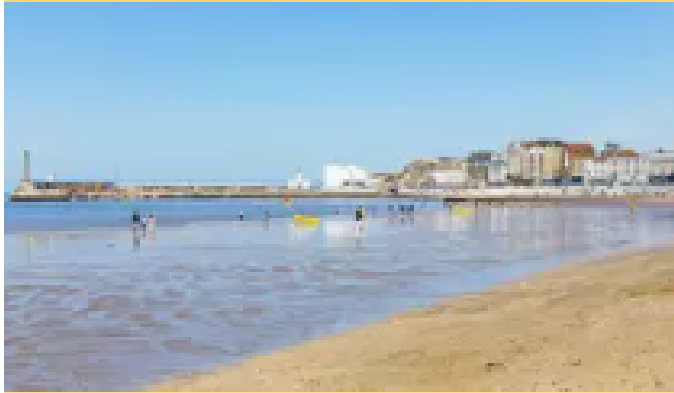
[vru.programme.delivery@kent.police.uk](mailto:vru.programme.delivery@kent.police.uk)

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## WHAT'S ON THIS APRIL HALF TERM..



**Margate Great Eggcase and Scavenger Hunt with BeachArt (7 April)**

 7TH APRIL 2026

Ramsgate Sands.  
Thanet coast project.  
11am. Free.



**Broadstairs Great Eggcase and Scavenger Hunt with BeachArt (8 April)**

 8TH APRIL 2026

Broadstairs Sands.  
Thanet coast project.  
11am. Free.



Easter Treasure Trail  
Start: Birchington Pet shop  
7th-17<sup>th</sup> April . FREE



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## OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2026

11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 10AM TO 4PM  
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF



Fire Engine Rides



CHARITY NUMBER: 1170962



Tank Rides



Climb in the Cockpits



Museum Entry

[info@rafmanston.co.uk](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)

[www.rafmanston.co.uk](http://www.rafmanston.co.uk)

RAF Manston History Museum  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April,  
£20 family ticket

## Family Cafe

Easter

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March  
3:30-5:30pm

Join us for crafts, fun activities & a bible story

FREE tea time meal provided



Queens Road Baptist Church  
Broadstairs, CT10 1NU  
01843 602762



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
GAP Project, Broadstairs  
3:30-5:30pm

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY THIS EASTER

**BRILLIANT BIRDS & BRICKS: OYSTERCATCHERS**  
Join us for an avian adventure! Explore the birds of the Bay on a guided nature walk to learn about their lives and how we can protect them. Then, get creative and build your very own LEGO® Oystercatcher to take home. It's a hoot for the whole family.  
10am-1pm Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April & 1pm-4pm Tue 14<sup>th</sup> April £12 per child

**EGG-CELLENT EXPLORERS: SEARCH, SOLVE & SHELL-EBRATE**  
This high-energy scavenger quest invites young naturalists to dive into the unique ecosystem of the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory. Equipped with their explorer spirits, participants will solve nature-themed riddles along the trail and observe our vibrant wildlife, before crossing the finish line for a well-earned chocolately "shell-ibration"  
10am-1pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April £6 per child

**WETLAND WILDLIFE DETECTIVES**  
Dive into a world of underwater wonder with our hands-on wetland safari! Our ponds are bursting with hidden life, from "scuba-diving" beetles to snorkelling insects and slime-eating snails. In this session, children become real wildlife detectives, using identification keys to uncover the secrets of our aquatic amigos and exploring the fascinating world of herpetology. With spring in full bloom, it's the perfect time to spot breeding amphibians and reptiles emerging from their winter slumber.  
10am-1pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April £6 per child

**FOR MORE INFO & BOOKING EITHER VISIT [SBBOT.ORG.UK](http://SBBOT.ORG.UK), SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE OR EMAIL [EDUCATIONOFFICER@SBBOT.ORG](mailto:EDUCATIONOFFICER@SBBOT.ORG)**

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory  
Charity Number 1187943

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory, Guilford Rd, Sandwich Bay, Sandwich CT13 9PF

Easter half term  
Sandwich Observatory  
Family wildlife events

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**TSC FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

**JOIN US THIS EASTER HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS**

**Ramsgate FC**  
13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April  
9am to 3pm

**Whitstable Town FC**  
13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April  
9am to 3pm

**20% OFF**  
USE CODE  
**EASTER26**

**JOIN US THIS EASTER HALF TERM SPORTS CAMPS**

**TOTAL SPORTS COACHING**

**Ramsgate Holy Trinity School**  
13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
9am to 3pm

**St George's Primary School**  
13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
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## Thanet

### Easter Timetable

8th - 15th April 2026



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

#### Easter Crafts

Join us in this practical workshop and make cherished memories and beautiful Easter crafts together.

9:30 - 11:30am

Cliftonville Family Hub, 26 St Pauls Road, CT9 2DB

Requires Booking

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

#### Bug Hunt

Join us in a fun and interactive outdoor workshop, where you will go on a bug hunt, identify and learn about nature's tiny wonders in your area.

1:30 - 3:30pm

Birchington Family Hub, Park Lane, CT7 0AS

Requires Booking

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

#### Easter Crafts

Join us in this practical workshop and make cherished memories and beautiful Easter crafts together.

1 - 3pm

Newington Family Hub, Princess Margaret Avenue, CT12 6HX

Requires Booking

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

#### Spring Family Fun

Join us for a fun-filled **drop-in** event, perfect for all families with children and young people of all ages!

Come play, create and explore together with a mix of activities including crafts, active play, baby play and sports.

12:30 - 3pm

Northdown Road Family Hub, Zion Place, CT9 1RP

#### Contact Us:

thanetfhevents@kent.gov.uk

03000 411041

To book your space on any of these sessions, please visit our website:

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub/activities-and-groups-near-you/activities-in-family-hubs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub/activities-and-groups-near-you/activities-in-family-hubs)



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SIGN UP FOR INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND FUTURE EVENTS: [WWW.FORUSTOO.ORG](http://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](http://www.forustoo.org) and click on the "Become a Member" button.



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01843 210005 / 01227 469970

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.

**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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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