

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and carers,

It looks like March is bringing some sunshine for us all. Just until we know that the sun is going to be sticking around, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a jumper and has a rain coat as well.

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for this month including World Book Day, our sponsored read, Victorian Day for Years 1 and 2, and of course our Community Week!

Miss Bennett

SKIPPING NINJA



It was great to start the term with a visit from the Skipping Ninja. After a whole school assembly, each class took part in a fun workshop, where we all learnt some great new moves and about the benefits of exercise on our physical and mental health. It is great to see that this has been inspiring lots of active play at breaktimes over the last week with our new skipping ropes.

PARENT WORKSHOP: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH WORRIES AND FEARS

Following on from the success of last term's coffee morning, Emma and Antonia from the NELFT Emotional Wellbeing Team will be hosting a Supporting Your Child with Worries and Fears workshop for parents on Wednesday 4th March at 9am.

We do hope that all those that were able to attend the previous coffee morning will be able to join us and if any other parents/carers were unable to attend last time, they are also warmly welcomed.

To register your interest, please contact the school office.

PARENTS EVENING

Booking slots for Parents Evenings went live on MCAS from Friday 13th February.

If you haven't yet booked a slot and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please do so.

There are still dates available for Thursday 5th March 3:30-7:00pm.



SPONSORED READ (FROM 02/03/26)



Our sponsored read begins today!

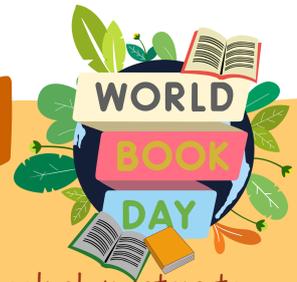
Each pupil will have received a letter and sponsorship form in their book bag before half-term but please contact the school office if you would like a new/extra copy. The sponsored read coincides with World Book Day to celebrate and embed a life-long love of reading and to raise some much-needed funds for reading resources in school. Our target is to raise £1,500 to spend on Little Wandle reading books that will further support our phonics teaching.

For the sponsored read, we are asking you to encourage your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, others or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

All children that participate will be given a raffle ticket which will give them the opportunity to be chosen for a prize. One child from each class will be chosen. Please could all sponsorship money be returned to school by Monday 23rd March.

Thank you for your continued support.

WORLD BOOK DAY



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters to celebrate the day.

Parents and carers are warmly welcome to come into school from 9:15am to 10:00am to take part in a special book activity alongside your child. This will be a fun opportunity to engage in a creative activity inspired by a story and celebrate a love of reading together and we do hope that you are able to join us.

We will also be hosting a book swap. On the day, we are inviting children to bring in a second-hand book to donate. Each child who donates a book will receive a ticket to take part in our afternoon book swap, where they can redeem their ticket and choose a different book to take home and enjoy.

SCIENCE WEEK W/C 9TH MARCH



Mrs Russell has got another amazing Science week planned and we are delighted to welcome back some students from Sandwich Technology School to help support our budding young professors with their experiments.

Highlights of the week include whole school science project, Paper Plane Pandemonium and a Sparks and Pops Workshop with Rainbow Milk, Lava Lamp in a Glass, Dancing Popcorn, Fizz Balloons and Grow A Rainbow experiments!



FOREST SCHOOL

Hedgehogs celebrated their last Forest School session with the traditional round of toasted marshmallows, enjoyed by one and all!

Badgers will now begin Forest School weekly from Friday 6th March with Mrs Prestleton.



Just a reminder to Badger parents/carers that pupils will be outside in ALL weathers and they should come into school on Fridays wearing clothes suitable for outdoor play. 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.

FOSIS - HAPPY SCHOOL BAG - 18TH MARCH

FOSIS have arranged for a clothing collection through Happy School Bag. This is a company that pays for unwanted, usable clothing and accessories. The company have supplied bags to fill with clothing which will be handed out this week.

Please fill the bag with unwanted clothes, paired shoes, unwanted accessories etc. and return to school on the morning of Wednesday 18th March. The company pay per kilo of clothing so it all counts and the more we collect the more we can raise!

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, do not have storage space for bags of clothes in school before 18th March so please bring bags in on the morning of the collection and before 9am. Happy School Bag will also accept bin bags instead of their branded bags.

KS1 WINGHAM TRIP

Please note that today (2nd March) is the last date to make payment for the visit to Wingham Wildlife Park. If you have yet to do so, please pay for your child's place via the 'products' tab on MCAS by 5pm today. Prices will vary, depending on if your child has a pass into Wingham Wildlife Park already.

The children have the opportunity to take part in an African animal talk which links to our current geography learning, and science topic on animals and their habitats. This will provide them with the opportunity to learn more about animals native to the African continent and deepen their understanding through real-life observation.

Your support in allowing this trip to go ahead is much appreciated.



RECEPTION - CREEPY CLAWS

Just a reminder to our Reception parents that payment for Creepy Claws is now open via the 'store' tab on MCAS. To allow this event to go ahead, we are asking for a contribution of £5.24 per pupil.

The fabulous Creepy Claws visited us for the first time last year bringing a delightful collection of weird, wonderful and cute animals into the classroom that children usually wouldn't ever get the chance to meet!

They will be visiting us again on Wednesday 3rd June to link in with our topic 'the natural world'. Thank you for your continued support.



KS1 VICTORIAN DRESS UP DAY - 18 MARCH

To support our History curriculum this term, the children in Years 1 and 2 will be experiencing a Victorian school day on Wednesday 18th March. There will be plenty of role play and fun scenarios which always makes this a popular and memorable day.

If you are able to provide a Victorian-style costume for your child to wear for the day, it would greatly be appreciated. Suggested clothing: Shorts, waistcoat, white shirt, flat cap, long skirt, mob cap, shawl/scarf, apron and an optional sprinkling of dirt!

Please note that Hedgehogs will not need their PE kits that day.





WORLD DOWNS SYNDROME DAY & LOTS OF SOCKS

We are delighted to welcome back Dan Smith to deliver a whole school assembly to promote awareness and understanding of Down's Syndrome.

We are, encouraging our pupils (and their families!) to join in with the #lotsofsockscampaign for World Down's Syndrome Awareness Day, which we will be supporting a day early. Pupils are invited to wear funky, bright and mismatched socks as a conversation starter to raise awareness of Down's Syndrome.

You do not have to donate to join in, but please use the following link if you would like to contribute [url]<https://donorbox.org/dsi-donate-today>[/url].



LIBRARY VISIT - 23RD MARCH

All classes will be visiting Sandwich Library on Monday 23rd March 2026.

The children will have the opportunity to take a book out on the day, provided that they have a library card.

If your child does not already have a library card, please we can arrange this prior to our visit. Please contact the school office for a form and return it before Monday 9th March 2026.

If your child already has a library card, please leave it with school on the Friday before (20th March 2026). Please be aware that book returns are the responsibility of parents.

COMMUNITY WEEK - 30TH MARCH

We have got a very exciting Community Week planned again this year!

The whole school will be going out and about to take part in different activities across the town, from visits to local businesses to litter picking.

PE DAYS THIS TERM

Monday - Hedgehogs and Badgers

Tuesday - Puffins

Wednesday - Hedgehogs

Thursday - Puffins

Friday - Bees

PE days are also listed on the website

DAIRY DATES

Monday 2nd March	Sponsored read
Monday 2nd March	Parents Eve (3:20 – 5:00pm)
Wednesday 4th March	Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears Parent Workshop NELFT
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5th March	Parents Eve (3:30 – 7:00pm)
Monday 9th March	Science Week
Wednesday 18th March	FOSIS Happy School Bag collection
Wednesday 18th March	KS1 Victorian Day
Friday 20th March	Downs Syndrome Awareness Day
Monday 23rd March	Library Visits
Thursday 26th March	KS1 Wingham Trip
Monday 30th March	Community Week
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term
Monday 20th April	First Day of Term