

November Newsletter



THIS MONTH...

03.11.25

- HEDGEHOG BOOK SHARE (2:55PM)

04.11.25

- SCHOOL PHOTOS
- BADGERS BOOK SHARE (2:55PM)

05.11.25

- PUFFINS BOOK SHARE (2:55PM)
- HAPPY SCHOOL BAG COLLECTION (LEAVE BAGS AT DROP OFF)

06.11.25

- BEES BOOK SHARE (2:55PM)

07.11.25

- PUFFIN'S FOREST SCHOOL (PM)

10.11.25

- RECEPTION MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

19.11.25

- PARENTS EVENING

20.11.25

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WELCOME!

Welcome back after half term! I hope you had a lovely week to rest. Last term we had two very positive visits from our School Improvement Advisor and with the Trust's Maths lead. It was a pleasure to be able to share with them the fantastic learning behaviours that our Reception children have already adopted, and for them to see the provision that the children are receiving throughout the school.

This term we are looking forward to the build up to our Christmas celebrations and in sharing how your children have been doing within their first term of learning during our Parents Evenings.

CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE



We are delighted to say that we have now gone live as one of Sandwich Co-op's local charitable causes. If you hold a Co-op membership card, then you can support us too. Just select Sandwich Infant School as your local cause within the membership section of the Co-op website and 1% of all the money you spend on Co-op branded goods and services will be donated to us for a whole 12 months! Our aim is to buy more resources to support outdoor play and learning opportunities.

2026/2027 ADMISSIONS

We had a fantastic Open Day Saturday 27th September where we welcomed over 30 families to come and look around the school with a view to starting Reception in September 2026.

If you know someone that would like to visit for starting in Reception, please encourage them to get in contact as we still have some spaces left on our 1:1 and small group tours!

The Kent admissions process for Reception aged children to start school in September 2026 opens on Friday 7th November and closes Thursday 15th January. National Offer Day is on Thursday 16th April 2026.

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SEPTEMBER 2026 YEAR 3 ADMISSIONS

Applications open Friday 7th November for you to apply for a Junior School place for September 2026. Please be aware that although we are a linked school, there is no automatic transition from Sandwich Infant School to Sandwich Junior School so all parents will need to apply for a place via the Kent County Council website.

HANDWRITING

At Sandwich Infant School, we use Little Wandle Handwriting for Reception as this ensures early development of fluent, legible handwriting and provides a structured approach to teaching handwriting. The programme has been carefully designed to support the development of legible and fluent handwriting using an easy-to-follow approach with consistent routines and memorable mantras.

By teaching handwriting right from the start, it means that children do not develop incorrect habits that are hard to break. Direct teaching of handwriting will prepare the children with the skills to develop fluent, speedy writing later on. We're pleased to say that Reception have started their discrete handwriting sessions.

For further information on our policy, this can be found on the school website.



PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding Parent's Evenings on Wednesday 19th November (3:30-7:00pm) and Thursday 20th November (3:20-5:30pm). These will take place in the School Hall. You will be able to book a 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher via MCAS.



BOOK SHARE

Book shares are offered throughout the year as an opportunity for you to come in and read with your child in their class setting.

Due to parental feedback from last year, we've made the changes to how this will run. Each class will have a Book Share on a different day. Please bear in mind that if you have children in different classes, you will only be able to do the Book Share on their assigned that day.

- Monday 3rd November: Hedgehogs
- Tuesday 4th November: Badgers
- Wednesday 5th November: Puffins
- Thursday 6th November: Bees

All sessions are at 2:55pm for those who can attend. Please call in to the School Office if you require direction on where to go.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are so proud of the children for their Harvest Festival achievement! For our Reception children it is normally a first big milestone to be up on the stage in front of a crowd and likewise, the last time our Year 2's will do a Harvest Festival with us!

Thank you as well for your donations to cover the costs of hiring St Mary's Art Centre. It is really appreciated and enables us to be able to deliver these celebrations in such a wonderful building. I look forward to our next performance at the Christmas Show.

HAPPY SCHOOL BAG

Happy School Bag (HSB) has been organised by FOSIS again this year. It is a really easy way for FOSIS to raise extra money for extra curricular activities and resources. Bring any unwanted clothes and accessories and leave them the morning of the collection!

You should have received one HSB bag last week. There are plenty more in the School Office if you want them or they will accept items in bin bags. Please make sure to bag items up as we won't have the time to do this for you!

DECEMBER 2025

05.12.25

- FLU IMMUNISATIONS
- KS1 CHILDREN SING AT PFIZER CHRISTMAS LUNCH (CLOSED EVENT)

12.12.25

- YR2 SING AT COFFEE POT (CLOSED EVENT)
- FOSIS CHRISTMAS FAIR

16.12.25

- FOSIS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

17.12.25

- CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT SCHOOL

19.12.25

- CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Imago photography will be in school Tuesday 4th November to take individual and sibling photographs.

Puffins- even though this is one of your PE days, please come into school wearing your normal school uniform on this day.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Immunisation Service are visiting school on 5th December. Please note that all parents must give consent/decline via the NHS portal at www.kentimmunisations.co.uk and not come directly to the school. Parental consent/decline for the flu vaccine must take place before 4pm on 2nd December 2025.

FOREST SCHOOL

Puffins have kicked off our Forest School sessions this year with Mrs Prestleton and Mrs Poole having just as much fun as the children. Forest School is a real highlight for our pupils to develop confidence and resilience.

Sessions for Puffins this term will take place on:

Oct 31st
Nov 7th
Nov 14th
Nov 21st
Nov 28th
Dec 5th
Dec 12th



Please remember to send your child in weather appropriate clothing that can get dirty!

CHRISTMAS SHOW & RAFFLE



Can you believe it... we have already started practicing our Christmas songs in singing assembly!

With that in mind, our Christmas Show will be at St Mary's Art Centre. Date to be confirmed

It will be the same as the Harvest Festival with an arrival time of 1:50pm, ready for a 2:00pm start. More information will be given closer to the time.

In the next few weeks, FOSIS will be sending out Raffle Tickets to support their fundraising mission! Prizes currently include a family of 4 pass to the Cotton Powell Museum, a newly released book from Spellbound in Sandwich, a one night stay for 2 at The Bell Hotel and meal vouchers for the George & Dragon, The Crispin & The Lazy Elephant!

RECEPTION MATHS WORKSHOP



We would love for as many Reception parents as possible to join Mrs King and Miss Jackson for a Maths workshop on 10th November at 2:00 pm. This is an opportunity for you to hear how we deliver Maths in Reception and how you are able to help consolidate skills at home.

NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

Just a reminder that Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust will be here Wednesday 12th November to see our Reception Children as part of the NCMP programme.



CHRISTMAS DINNER + JUMPERS

Our Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 17th December. Even if your child usually has a school lunch, you will still need to pre-order for this festive meal by Wednesday 26th November. We also need to know how many packed lunches we need to plan for that day. Please keep an eye out on MCAS for the link or call into the school office.

Tying in with Christmas Dinner, Wednesday 17th will also be our Christmas Jumper Day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school in exchange for a £1 donation to help raise much needed funds for FOSIS.