

October Newsletter



WELCOME!

We are hurtling towards the end of Term 1 already! It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines. We are looking forward to an action packed Term 2 with the run up towards the Christmas break which is always a busy time. Planning is already well underway for our Christmas show, lunch and parties. Please note that Monday 27th October is a Staff Development Day so we look forward to welcoming the children back in school from Tuesday 28th October.

Miss Bennett

THIS MONTH...

06.09.25

- CHILDREN'S SUSTAINABILITY ASSEMBLY

14.09.25

- HARVEST FESTIVAL 2:00PM

15.09.25

- CAT'S PROTECTION WORKSHOPS

17.09.25

- NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR CAT'S PROTECTION
- LAST DAY OF TERM

W/C: 20TH OCTOBER
HALF TERM

27.10.25

- INSET DAY (STAFF ONLY)

28.10.25

- TERM 2 STARTS

31.10.25

- FOSIS HALLOWEEN DISCOS



CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE

We have been successfully nominated as the Co-op's local cause! This means we can soon be chosen as your nominated cause. This will provide us with additional funds to make improvements to the school resourcing and activities.

If you voted for us, thank you!



GOVERNOR CORNER

We are pleased to welcome Phil Richards who has been elected as a Parent Governor to our Local Governing Board. As a qualified accountant with a strong background of governance experience in the charity sector, Phil brings strong financial oversight and strategic thinking, adding strength to our existing governing body.

OPEN DAY/2026 ADMISSIONS

We had a fantastic Open Morning on 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. We are also offering small group show arounds so please encourage anyone that you know with a child that is due to start school in September 2025 to contact the School Office to arrange a visit: 01304 612228.

FOREST SCHOOL

We look forward to having lots more outdoor adventures with Forest School again this year, which will take place on Friday afternoons with Mrs Prestleton. Each class will get 7 dedicated sessions, starting with Puffins who will begin on Friday 31st October. Further class information to be sent out via MCAS.



FOSIS

Disco

FOSIS mentioned in their own Newsletter that they would be aiming to host a Halloween Disco on 31st October. Due to recommendations of adult:child ratios and the need for DBS checks, they will no longer be able to host an after-school event. However! FOSIS are now planning to do a version of a Halloween Disco during the school day. If you are able to provide any time to help out (morning OR afternoon), they would love to hear from you: Fosis@sandwich-infant.kent.sch.uk. More information to follow.

Happy School Bag collection

FOSIS have organised a Happy School Bag collection Wednesday 5th November to raise funds through donations of any unwanted clean clothes, shoes and accessories. The company pay per kilo of everything collected, so it all adds up - and it is a great opportunity to clear out the closet ready for a new winter wardrobe! They can accept:

- Adult and children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags, Belts
- Hats, Scarves
- Jewellery, Unused perfumes

Your child will be sent home with a Happy School Bag during the week before the collection and we would ask that you fill the bag with your unwanted, clean items and return them to school on the morning of Wednesday 5th November.

We ask that bags are left on the day of collection at drop off under the shelter by the main reception – if you can fill more than one bag, please do so! Happy School Bag will also accept donations in black refuse sacks. We regret that we cannot accept donations later than 9am on 5th November.

All money raised goes directly to FOSIS to be used for the benefit of all the children.

PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding Parent's Evenings on Wednesday 19th November (3:30-7:00pm) and Thursday 20th November (3:30-5:30pm). These will take place in the School Hall. You will be able to book a 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher. Please book your place via MCAS from 6pm 31st October.



BEHAVIOUR

As we continue to emphasise the importance of appropriate behaviour within school, recently I have been giving out 'Star of the Week' certificates during Celebration Assembly. These are for children whose behaviour is recognised without needing to be prompted. Some examples of past certificates including 'making efforts to make new friends in your new class' or 'for walking sensibly through the corridors when taking the register to the office'.

BIRTHDAYS

Just a reminder that the Department for Education issued new guidance earlier this year called "Early Years Foundation Stage Nutrition Guidance." In response, we are now unable to let children share packets of sweets or cakes on their birthdays during the school day.



NOVEMBER 2025

05.11.25

- FOSIS HAPPY SCHOOL BAG COLLECTION

10.11.25

- EYFS MATHS WORKSHOP

19.11.25

- PARENTS EVENING
3:30PM - 7:00PM

20.11.25

- PARENTS EVENING
3:30PM - 5:30PM

DECEMBER 2025

02.12.25

- CHRISTMAS SHOW 2:00PM

05.12.25

- FLU IMMUNISATIONS
- YR2 SING FOR PFIZER
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12.12.25

- FOSIS CHRISTMAS FAIR

16.12.25

- FOSIS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

17.12.25

- CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT
SCHOOL

19.12.25

- CLASS CHRISTMAS
PARTIES

HARVEST FESTIVAL



You are invited to attend our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Arts Centre Tuesday 14th October 2025. We ask that you arrive to be seated at 1:50pm as the children will be starting promptly at 2:00pm. Due to capacity restrictions, we ask that a maximum of 2 family members attend please.

Once the festival has finished, we will walk the children back to school. You are then able to collect your child which will be slightly earlier than our usual finishing time. (For those who usually attend Football Fun Factory, this club will still be running).

We will be accepting Harvest donations in school the morning of 14th on behalf of Deal Food Bank (please drop at school).

Suggested food donations:

- Tinned Meat or Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned/Packet Soup
- Tinned Custard or Rice Pudding
- Puddings
- Long Life Fruit juice
- Shampoo or Deodorant or Shaving Stuff
- Baked beans/Spaghetti Hoops
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Tea or Coffee & biscuits
- Cereal
- Sanitary products & toilet rolls
- Cat/dog food
- Long Life Milk
- Squash
- Jams or Spreads
- Cleaning Cloths and Cleaning Products
- Rice and Noodles



Please be aware that we will also be accepting cash donations at St Mary's to cover the cost of venue hire.

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.

For those wanting to attend an Open Morning at Sandwich Junior School, there will be one coming up on Wednesday 29th October at 9:30am. Historically this Open Morning was for parents only, however, you are welcome to take your child if you feel this is appropriate. It is however, really important that your child still attends the morning registration at Sandwich Infant School, so please make sure to come here first.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Imago photography will be in school Tuesday 4th November to take individual and sibling photographs. Further details to be sent out via MCAS

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



HOUSEKEEPING - GATES

The school gates are opened at approximately 3:00pm for school pick up, ready for a 3:10pm finish. We no longer have a caretaker to open up in the afternoon so opening times vary slightly each day.

Please do not push the gate - it will open automatically.

It is important that you avoid following others into the school grounds if the gate is open as someone else is leaving the site or coming in through the gate when it is outside of pick up/drop off times. [This is for safeguarding purposes as we need to know who is coming in and going off site.](#)

BOOK SHARE



All classes will be having Book Share at 2:55pm on the following days, where you are welcome into school to read a book with your child before the end of the school day:

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

FRENCH FUN CLUB

We have been approached by Daniel Clayton, a local language teacher. Daniel is passionate about making language available to as many young people as possible. Daniel would deliver French through fun activities such as games and songs, as an after-school club. Price to be confirmed.

Before we can send any additional information, please fill in the expression of interest form that will be sent home in your child's book bag.



CATS PROTECTION



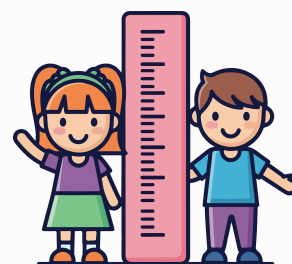
We will be welcoming speakers from Cats Protection on Wednesday 15th October who will be delivering sessions to all pupils.

As Miss Hancock will be running the London marathon for Cats Protection in April, we would like to show our support by having a non-school uniform day on the last day of term (Friday 17th October).

If you would like to make a small donation, we are happy to take cash on the day.

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.



Book recommendation

A GREAT WAY TO LEARN NUMBERS!
THIS IS ONE OF OUR RECEPTION TEXTS WITHIN TERM 4.

WE WILL OFTEN HAVE COPIES OF THESE TEXTS SO PLEASE ASK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BORROW THEM.

