



Autumn Term

Newsletter 4

Tuesday 20th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of Term 1! It has been an incredible start to the school year, and we are so proud of how hard all of our children have worked.

A Big Welcome to Our Tiny Tigers!

A special congratulations goes to our wonderful Tiny Tigers class for finishing their very first term at Kingsdown and Ringwold School. Starting school is a massive milestone, and they have settled in beautifully, bringing so much energy and joy to our school community. Well done, Tiny Tigers!

Attendance Champions (Over 97%!)

We are thrilled to celebrate our fantastic attendance figures this term. Good attendance is so important for learning, and a huge congratulations goes to the following classes who achieved over 97% attendance as a whole class:

- **Tiny Tigers** 🐅
- **Zebras** 🦓
- **Pandas** 🐼
- **Hedgehogs** 🦔
- **Turtles** 🐢

This is an amazing achievement—thank you for your support in getting the children to school every day. Keep it up in Term 2!

Tiny Tigers Class 2027/28 Admissions

We are already looking ahead to the future and have started showing prospective parents around for our Tiny Tiger Class 2027/28 intake.

- **Spread the word:** If you know any local families with children due to start school next September, please let them know tours are underway.
- **Sibling places:** If you have a younger child/sibling who will be eligible to start school with us in September 2027, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support throughout this term. We hope you have a wonderful, restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back for Term 2 on Monday 2nd November.

Warm regards,

Jo Hygate

Goodbye, Emma!

Today, we say a fond farewell to Emma, our wonderful school cook, who has been a valued member of our school community for over 13 years.

Throughout her time with us, Emma has gone above and beyond to ensure that our children enjoy happy and successful lunchtimes. Her hard work, dedication and care have made a real difference to school life, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed over the years.

Thank you, Emma, for your unwavering commitment to our school and its children. You will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike, but we wish you every happiness and success in your new role!



Ootiboo Workshops

This week, Year 4 and Year 6 enjoyed engaging money-sense workshops delivered by Ootiboo, a local company dedicated to developing children's financial awareness.

Through fun, hands-on activities, Year 4 explored the difference between needs and wants, developing their understanding of how to make sensible decisions about spending and saving money.

Meanwhile, Year 6 put their entrepreneurial skills to the test by creating their own fictional businesses, ranging from pet food companies and skincare brands to boba tea shops! Armed with an annual budget, the children had to make important financial decisions, carefully considering where to spend their money and how best to balance their business needs and wants.

The Ootiboo team were particularly impressed by the children's thoughtful discussions, financial knowledge and mature decision-making. Well done to everyone involved!

Poppy Appeal

When we return for Term 2, we will have poppy products on sale at playtimes, to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Stock is limited, but we hope to sell out to raise money for this important cause.



Donation Amounts

Paper poppy – any donation you feel is appropriate

Sticker – any donation you feel is appropriate

Reflector poppy – 50p

Ribbon wristband – £1

Snap band – £1.50

Effort Cup Winners

A huge well done to our effort cup winners this term. We are so impressed with all you have achieved!

Year R Tiny Tigers – Zachary

Year 1 Zebras – Emma

Year 2 Pandas – Will K

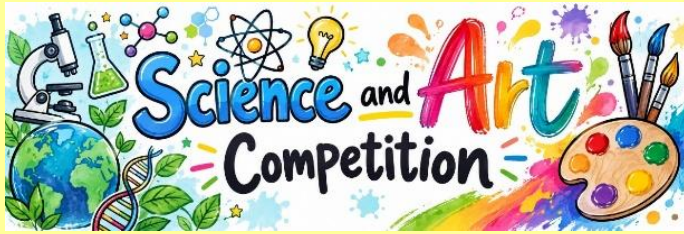
Year 3 Hedgehogs – Daisy-May

Year 4 Turtles – Phoebe W

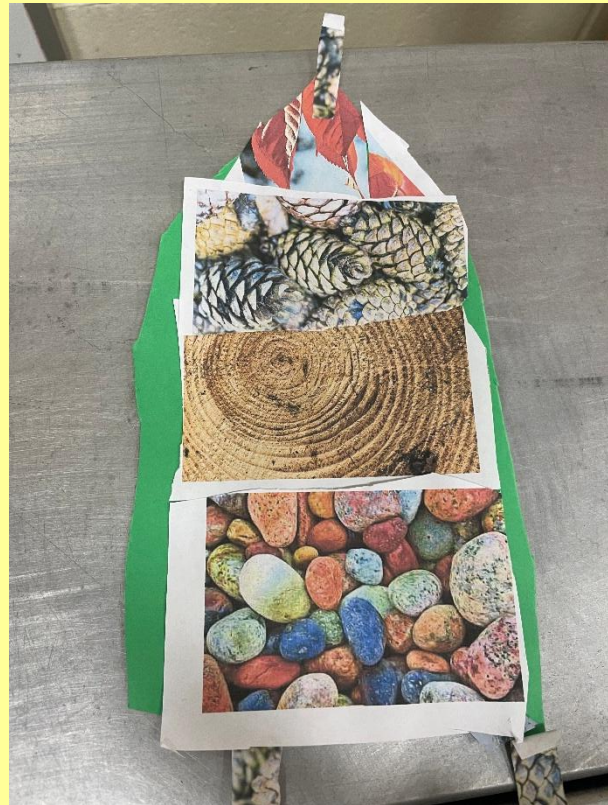
Year 5 Toucans – Reggie

Year 6 Lions - Fallon





Well done to Thomas and Danial in Year 1 for their brilliant bug hotel and bug hotel artwork.



Competition Number 4—Autumn (Ootiboo Special)

All competition entries this time will be entered into an external company's competition, with the chance to win some prizes!

<https://ootiboo.com/projects/autumncraft>

For this competition you can choose any subject matter you like, so long as it relates to autumn. Some potential ideas could be:

The colours of autumn: The change in season brings with it a whole new palette of colours; deep reds, oranges and yellows.

Falling leaves: Head outside and hunt for the best shapes and brightest colours, and transform them into a unique piece of art.

Autumn in Spring: In the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are reverted. So while it is autumn in the UK, it is spring in places like Brazil and Australia! Could your artwork depict this in some way?

Exciting News for Kingsdown!

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We're delighted to announce that a new **Squirrels Drey** is coming to **Kingsdown in January 2027!**

Squirrels is the newest branch of Scouts for boys & girls aged 4-6 years old, offering fun, friendship, adventure, and opportunities to learn new skills through exciting activities. Places are expected to fill quickly, so if you'd like to find out more or add your child to the waiting list, please contact:

James Tysoe

call/message **07890 718574**

email **jamestysoe2@gmail.com**

We can't wait to welcome our first Squirrels and start this exciting new adventure together! 🌞 🍂

Join the waiting list today and be part of something special from the very beginning.

Squirrels



Kingsdown Halloween Trail.....

**Saturday 31st October
6pm- 8pm**

**Maps; hot dogs; etc available from Kings
Close Green!**

Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE entry



Follow clues, explore real crime stories, discover fascinating police equipment, and enjoy interactive displays.

Learn how crimes were solved in the past and see unusual objects from more than 200 years of Kent Police history.

Looking for something to do this October half term?

The museum will be open from Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.



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KINGSDOWN AND RINGWOULD CEP PTFA

AGM!

**WEDNESDAY 4TH NOV
7.30PM - 8.30PM
at Kingsdown and Ringwould School**

Hello Parent / Guardian.

Our AGM is due to take place on Wednesday 4th November at Kingsdown and Ringwould School.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear about the wonderful things our current PTFA team and staff have organised, raised and purchased over the past year. This will also be a chance to listen to plans for this years fundraising events and an opportunity to join us on the PTFA team.

Come along and have a chat and a biscuit with us! Looking forward to meeting you all.

For more information email us at kingsdownptfa@gmail.com

COME AND SAY HELLO



Kent and Medway Mental Health
NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

18/11/2026 12:30pm - 14:30pm

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?**

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on **understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.**

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below** or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: kmmh.ewtandestenquiries@nhs.net

We look forward to meeting you



Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

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Parent Workshop

Understanding Neurodiversity

7/12/2026 10:30am - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding neurodiversity. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below** or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Understanding Neurodiversity \(Primary\) | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)

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Newly added dates have been marked with an asterisk.

Term 2

Monday 2nd November — First day of Term 2. Clubs restart.

Wednesday 4th November — Year 6 to Canterbury Cathedral

Thursday 5th November — Year 1 trip to the transport museum.

***Thursday 12th November** — Flu sprays for children whose parents have consented.

***Wednesday 25th November** — Year 3 Italian Day

***Friday 27th November**—Own Clothes Day. Donations of alcohol greatly appreciated, for the PFTA Christmas Fayre.

***Tuesday 1st December**— PTFA wreath making workshop in the hall.

***Wednesday 2nd December**— Drop In. Come and see your child's work in class. 3.15-4pm.

***Friday 4th December**—Last day of clubs

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December—Infant Nativity (Years R, 1 and 2) to parents 2pm (gates open at 1.45pm)

***Thursday 10th December**—Own clothes day in return for cake (Years R-3) and chocolate (Years 4, 5 and 6)

***Thursday 10th December**—Christmas Fayre, after school until 5pm.

Academic Year 2026-2027

Term 1

Finish - Tuesday 20th October

INSET - Wednesday 21st October

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Term 2

Start - Monday 2nd November

Finish - Friday 18th December 2pm

Term 3

Start - Monday 4th January

Finish - Friday 12th February



Term 4

Start - Monday 22nd February

Finish - Thursday 25th March 2pm

Term 5

Start - Monday 12th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May

Finish - Friday 28th May

Term 6

INSET - Monday 7th June

Start - Tuesday 8th June

Finish - Wednesday 21st July 2pm