Autumn Term

Newsletter 5

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term, where we start to mention the Magic C word. As ever, we have included all the Christmas dates on the newsletter - so you can get them on your family calendar and not miss out on anything.

Attendance continues to be a focus for us at school this term and to support this I thought I would include a few handy tips to get your child healthily through the winter months.

• Consider the nasal spray flu vaccine: Ensure your child receives their free flu vaccine at school to protect them and stop the spread of winter bugs. The consent portal will close at 4pm on Saturday www.kentimmunisations.co.uk The school's unique code is KT148308



• Master the 20-second wash: Teach children to wash their hands with warm water and soap after using the bathroom, playing outside, and before eating.

• Practise the "cough catch": Encourage kids to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow crease—not their hands—and throw used tissues away immediately.

• Layer up for outdoor play: Pack warm hats, gloves, and layers so they can safely enjoy fresh air and exercise during break times.

• Prioritise bedtime: Stick to a consistent sleep routine, as well-rested children have stronger immune systems to fight off seasonal illnesses.

• Fuel with a colourful diet: Serve plenty of fruits, vegetables, and warming meals to provide the vitamins needed to battle winter germs.

• Keep a water bottle handy: Remind children to drink water throughout the day, as staying hydrated is just as important in the winter as it is in the summer.

• Know when to stay home: Keep children off school if they have a high temperature or are too unwell to participate in lessons, allowing them time to rest and recover. However, a mild cold is not a reason to stay off school.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Jo Hygate

PTFA Request – We are starting to plan the Christmas Fayre, so any donations of teddies, toys or tombola prizes are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Year 6 to Canterbury Cathedral

On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Canterbury Cathedral, where they joined other Year 6 pupils from across Kent for a special day of learning, creativity and reflection.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of workshops. Some explored the Cathedral's fascinating library before having the opportunity to create their own books, learning how to bind pages and print words. Others discovered the beauty and significance of the Cathedral's stained-glass windows before designing and creating their own. Meanwhile, another group worked with the Cathedral's choirmaster to learn a song, which they later performed beautifully in front of everyone attending the event.

The children also had the opportunity to meet representatives from Porchlight, a charity supporting people experiencing homelessness. They learnt about the charity's important work and were encouraged to reflect on the challenges faced by those without a home, as well as considering what more could be done to help.

It was a wonderful day that combined history, art, music and compassion, giving the children plenty to think about.









Kingsdown & Ringwould PTFA

INVITES YOU TO

Christmas Wreath



WORKSHOP

TUESDAY DEC 1ST

from 3.30pm
in the School Hall

£20 PER FAMILY

price includes one large wreath, one smaller wreath, wire and plant materials.

Additional small wreaths can be purchased on the day for £5 each
All children need to be accompanied by an adult
Mince pies, soft drinks and fizz available to buy

Numbers are limited to 30 bookings
If you can no longer attend, please email kingsdownptfa@gmail.com

SCAN TO BOOK

Poppy Appeal

We are currently selling poppy products 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

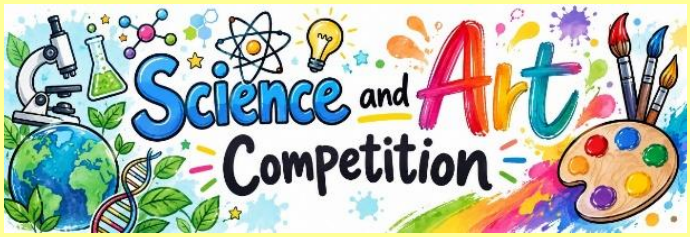
Snap band – £1.50

<u>Year 1 to Dover Transport Museum</u>

Year 1 had a wonderful time visiting Dover Transport Museum yesterday! The children enjoyed stepping aboard an open-top bus and taking control of the model railway, experiencing the excitement of transport past and present. It was a fantastic opportunity for some hands-on learning, with plenty of excitement and smiles along the way!







Competition Number 4—Autumn (Ootiboo Special)

We are keeping this one going a bit longer!

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?



film night

General Fundraising

Years R - 6 invited



Wednesday 25th November

3.15—5.15pm

(pick up outside at 5.15pm)

Includes a hot dog, snacks and drink!

Cost £5

Minions & Monsters (PG) Film Night

I agree for my child ..... to attend the film night on Wednesday 25th November.

I give permission for the adult in charge of the group to agree to the administration of an anaesthetic or any other urgent medical treatment which may prove necessary.

Any dietary requirements.....

□ (Please tick) I have paid £5 on the School Money app.

Emergency Contact Number **for this date**.....

Name of Contact .....

Signature ..... (Parent / Carer)

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



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Parent Workshop

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

18/11/2026 12:30pm –14:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

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

Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

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Parent Workshop

Understanding Neurodiversity

7/12/2026 10:30am—12:30pm

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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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We look forward to meeting you

Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway

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GAMES. MUSIC.
DELICIOUS TREATS.
RAFFLE. SPECIAL GUESTS

Kingsdown and Ringwould School

FREE ENTRY

come and have some fun!



Newly added dates have been marked with an asterisk.

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

Wednesday 25th November — Year 3 Italian Day

***Wednesday 25th November** — Film Night. See attached poster.

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. Click the following link to book a space. https://forms.gle/MycaGHCgA5zNWDVX8

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.

***Monday 14th December** — Christmas competition deadlines (see below)

Infant Competition – The children in years R-2 are invited to create a Christmas tree ornament. They can be brought in any time in December until the 14th.

Junior Competition – The children in years 3-6 are invited to create a Christmas hat. They can be brought in any time in December until the 14th.

***Thursday 17th December**—Infant Crib Service in the hall at 9:15am. Parents of Years R, 1 and 2 welcome.

***Friday 18th December**—Junior Carol Service at St John the Evangelist Church (Kingsdown) at 1pm. Parents of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 welcome.

***Friday 18th December** Last day of term. 2pm finish.

Academic Year 2026-2027

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