

# The St Nicholas Post

14 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The half way mark of the year! The past half-year has been both purposeful and productive, filled with valuable learning experiences. Although it may seem that time has flown by, I can assure you that the children have worked diligently, striving to, 'be the best they can be' in all aspects of their growth, as we would naturally expect from them.

Over the break, it is essential that we maintain the progress the children have worked so hard to achieve. Rest is certainly important, but I encourage you to support your children in engaging with the [reading challenge](#) that they brought home on Thursday. This initiative not only fosters a love for reading but also helps to reinforce their skills during the holiday period. Should you require a spare copy of the challenge, please feel free to visit our website via the link provided above or click on the pictures below.

Wishing you all a lovely break

Mrs Kennedy

## Every Child a Reader

SPRING  
Reading

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class: \_\_\_\_\_

KS2

BINGO CHALLENGE

Complete as many boxes as possible in a week. If you fill five in the same row, you win the bingo challenge! If you fill more boxes, you are an amazing reader!

Read a poem	Read a short story	Read a funny book	Read outdoors	Read a fairy tale
Make a poster of your favorite character in a story	Read a book by a new-to-you author	Read a book with a title that starts with s	Read a book released in 2025	Write a new ending for a story you've just read
Read a book with magic in it	Read a book your friend loves	YOUR OWN CHOICE	Read a book with a blue cover	Read a book in one day
Read a nonfiction book	Design a new cover for a book	Read a book about an animal	Read a book you own	Listen to an audio book
Research an author you admire	Read about a historical event	Read your favorite book	Borrow a book from a library	Read a book to a younger child

Once you have completed the challenge, please hand it in to your class teacher by Thursday 27th February. Don't forget, every completed challenge is worth 5 house points and the chance to be entered into the prize draw to win a £10 book token.

SPRING  
Reading

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class: \_\_\_\_\_

KS1

CHALLENGE

Colour a chick, butterfly or bee every time you read.

Once you have completed the challenge, please hand it in to your class teacher by Thursday 27th February. Don't forget, every completed challenge is worth 5 house points and the chance to be entered into the prize draw to win a £10 book token.

Competition

The lovely people at Kent Life magazine are inviting children to send in a poem celebrating their mum – or the person who is like a mum to them. The winner will win a fabulous prize and have their poem published in the Spring issue of Kent Life magazine.

Suggested entry titles include: Why love my mum; Why you are so important to me; Why I'm thankful for you this Mother's Day.

Each entry should include your name, age and school and should be sent in as a Word document or PDF

The Prize!

Our favourite entry will win a Buyagift Family Fun Gift Experiences Voucher, worth £48.99. The voucher offers a wide range of experiences, from solving escape room clues to bouncing at trampolining parks. A selection of entries will appear in our Mother's Day edition of Kent Life magazine.

Entries should be sent to: KentLifePoet.newsquest.co.uk no later than Friday, February 21.

# Safer Internet day

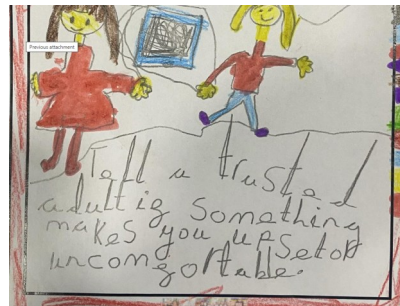


Well done to our Digital leaders for an informative and interactive assembly. The children went on to explore the theme further and enjoyed putting their newly found knowledge to good use making posters, playing games and sorting out facts.

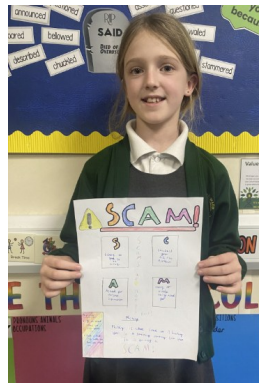
We are absolutely committed to helping the children safely navigate the online world, as we are the physical world. Technology has many benefits and we want the children to be ready for a future that will inevitably be a technological one! But we also want them to be able to understand the drawbacks and difficulties.



Year 2 deciding what information is okay to share and what is not!



Year 1 making posters with very good advice on what to do if something makes you worried or upset online



Year 5 all know the tale tell signs of a SCAM and what to do!



Thank you to you parents and children for engaging with our PTT Purposeful Tech Tuesdays. It is lovely to be getting feedback from you at the gate and through reading records of how the children are happily forgoing their gaming and social media. I hope that it helps you to say no to gaming and social media. Parenting the online space is hard and the best way to do anything is being united—if one is off line, we all are!





Our recent Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) tournament was a resounding success. It was truly amazing to witness all our students getting involved and actively cheering on their classmates. The atmosphere was buzzing with enthusiasm and camaraderie, highlighting our school spirit.

It was evident that many of the children had dedicated considerable time to practice, as the competition was remarkably close. We witnessed impressive performances from all participants, and the determination displayed was lovely. Well done to every student for their hard work. Whether you won or not, you are now certainly able to recall the facts with speed and accuracy so that is the real win!

A special mention to our winners, who have earned their well-deserved rock star badges. They have demonstrated both skill and perseverance, setting an excellent example for their peers. We are proud to recognise their achievements, and they will surely inspire others to reach greater heights.



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

# WORLD BOOK DAY



THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

Children are invited to to the St Nicholas 'Sleepover' (during the school day only). They should dress for the day in all their favourite cosy clothing, ready for some snuggly reading. Any pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies, slippers, appropriate for daytime and for the weather, is acceptable. They may also bring a favourite cuddly toy and or blanket/cushion.

**Tuesday 4th March - KS1 Reading cafe - 8.00 - 8.30am.** The children and parents of KS1 are invited to come along to our cafe in the hall to enjoy some reading activities together as well as enjoy a quick breakfast bite.

**KS2 drama workshop** - We are delighted to welcome back Looping the Loop Theatre company who will be introducing KS2 children to the joys of Shakespearean drama.

**Wednesday 5th March - KS2 Reading cafe - 8.00 - 8.30am.** The children and parents of KS2 are invited to come along to our cafe in the hall to enjoy some reading together and demonstrate their reading skills, as well as enjoy some our our delicious breakfast buffet.

**Thursday 7th March - Dressing up.** Children are invited to come to school dressed ready for a daytime 'sleepover'. They will enjoy a variety of book and reading themed activities during the day with their class.

**Book tokens** - Children will receive their complimentary World Book Day token which will be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day books. We are very fortunate that The Little Green Bookshop of Herne Bay has agreed to provide the WBD books for the children. The Little Green Bookshop can be found at their store in Herne Bay or online @ <https://www.thelittlegreenbookshop.com/>

**Friday 8th March** - We are pleased to welcome KIC theatre who will be leading KS1 in a drama workshop throughout the day.

## THE MASKED READER - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



Yes! It's back! No-one can resist the lure of the Masked Reader and staff have been persuaded to pitch in once more for some World Book Day fun. Several members of staff have disguised themselves as 'The Masked Reader' and have been recorded reading the blurb of their favourite books. Are any the same as last year? Can you recognise your teacher? Why not see if you can spot who are The Masked Readers by watching the videos? These will be available to view in the week after the half-term holiday and can be found on the school website - look for the 'Video Resource Centre' under the 'Children' section of the site. The readers will be unmasked on World Book Day.

## COMPETITION TIME - BOOK IN A JAR

Children are invited to decorate a simple jam jar, with all the elements of their favourite story-book or character. You can use paints, crayons, fabric, glue, feathers, stickers and anything else you can lay your hands on, plus of course, the children's amazing imaginations. Entries should be brought into your child's class wc 3rd March 2025, labelled with their name, as well as the name of the book. The Reading Influencers will judge all entries and award a first place prize to each year group. Winners will be announced on World Book Day.



Reading is the key to your next adventure



# Keeping busy over the holidays!

## FEBRUARY 2025 HALF TERM AT THE RESERVE



### TUESDAY 18TH

**11AM HIBERNATION HEROES** Make your own hibernation tree and put the animals to bed. Enjoy the cosy story of 'Winter Sleep' that follows a child and his grandmother through a winter landscape. Join a fun filled hunt around the reserve to find the 'special spots' where animals choose to hibernate.

### 1.30PM-3.30PM MAGIC FOR CHILDREN (A MICRO RETREAT)

An action-packed workshop for children aged 6 and over with yoga and wand making. Discover 'Magick Words' and 'What is Energy'. How did people keep well, happy and healthy long ago? How can we protect and care for ourselves today? Join a short walk on the reserve. Please wear suitable footwear.

### THURSDAY 20TH

**11AM NATURE NOTES** A chance to make a special nature notepad and a leaf bookmark. Using leaves and binding sticks from the reserve, create a treasured place for you to draw, record, and remember the natural delights you see around you.

**11.30AM-approx.1PM WILD CLASSROOM** The welcome return of this popular, open fire cooking experience. Cook tasty soup and delicious pancakes, together, outdoors, and over fire.

**1PM ROBINS RULE!** What do robins eat? Where do they nest? What do their eggs look like? A chance to find out about Britain's favourite bird, to hear to its song, to hold a robin's nest, (no longer in use) and to fill a tasty treat bag for the robins on the reserve. Craft a sweet robin decoration to take home.

**FRIDAY 21ST 11AM SPRING GARDENS** Seed sewing in one egg box planter, and a super spring garden in another. With tissue paper grass and colourful lolly stick flowers, this garden will look beautiful in an instant. The other garden will grow in time to reveal tasty vegetables and fabulous flowers.

**1PM MUDDY KITCHEN 'COOK OUT'** Rock cakes, mud pies, and leaf roll ups, 'cooked' over your own stick, rock, and tissue paper 'fire'. Get hands on, and hands in, with this session for under 5s or for anyone who loves mud!



### HOW TO BOOK

[www.monkton-reserve.org/events/](http://www.monkton-reserve.org/events/)

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

### MORE INFO:

[education@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@monkton-reserve.org)

### PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Magick for Children

Members: £8.00

Non-Members: £10.00

Wild Classroom

Members: £13.00

Non-Members: £15.00

### WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve  
Canterbury Road  
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

[WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG](http://WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG)

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST  
(CHARITY NO: 285972)

# HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 4/5/6

FEBRUARY HALF TERM MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> **10AM - 2PM**

## MULTISPORTS

CLIMBING / BASKETBALL / DODGEBALL / TENNIS / FOOTBALL



ONLY £10 PER DAY

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED!

[WWW.IQSPORTS.CO.UK](http://WWW.IQSPORTS.CO.UK)



## STREET DANCE



ONLY £15 PER DAY

QUALIFIED TEACHERS & COACHES

MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH - WEAR SPORTS CLOTHES

Hosted at  
Dane Court  
Grammar School

## Parent Power-up

LIVE WEBINAR SERIES

2025
BUILDING BONDS, BOOSTING WELLBEING

Feb <b>19</b>	CULTIVATING PARENT/CHILD CONNECTION IN EVERY DAY MOMENTS <small>With Katie Cohen</small>	7-8PM
March <b>06</b>	PARENTS, WHAT'S REALLY IN YOUR EMOTIONAL BACKPACK? (GRIEF & PARENTING WORKSHOP) <small>With Ghulam Fernandes</small>	7:30-9PM
April <b>09</b>	MENSTRUAL CYCLE MAGIC: LEARN THE SECRETS OF CYCLE-SAVVY PARENTING <small>With Lisa Higgins</small>	6:30-7:30PM
April <b>24</b>	EMBRACE IMPERFECTION: BUILDING SELF-COMPASSION AND STRONGER CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR CHILDREN <small>With Dr April Ward</small>	7:30-9PM
May <b>08</b>	FINDING STRENGTH & HOPE: COPING STRATEGIES WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SERIOUSLY ILL <small>With Kate Munday-Hoctor</small>	6:30-8PM
June <b>11</b>	INTRODUCTION TO ACCEPTANCE COMMITMENT THERAPY <small>With Dr Liz Gilbert</small>	6-7PM
July <b>15</b>	FAMILY YOGA AND BREATHWORK TO BRING CALM TO THE SUMMER BREAK <small>With Caroline Garland</small>	7-8PM

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## GIRLS MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

£15 PER DAY

### BAYPOINT SPORTS CIC

RAMSGATE ROAD SANDWICH

- FOOTBALL
- BASKETBALL
- NETBALL
- HANDBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- PLUS MUCH MORE!

AGES 8-16 YRS

- DEVELOP SKILLS
- STAY ACTIVE
- MAKE FRIENDS

JOIN US ON THE 17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY FROM 10AM TO 3PM!!

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

HELLO@BAYPOINT-CLUB.CO.UK



### Key dates—Term 4

24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 6 Safety in Action Trip at Dreamland
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Buttercups Class Trip to Westgate
4 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Reading Café (Parents invited in from 8:15am)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Reading Café (Parents invited in from 8:15am)
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5 Living Histories Egyptian Workshop
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Dental Nurse visiting Reception
20 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Mother's Day Shop
4 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4