



13th February 2026

Dear All,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, it's a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on all that has been achieved. From exciting classroom projects to sporting successes and everyday acts of kindness to a successful SIAMs inspection, this term has been filled with moments that make us proud of the children, staff and governors as well as you of course! **(warning - this is a bumper, packed newsletter!)** All of this in the face of the wettest start to the year on record! We are hoping for a sunny start to the new term so we can enjoy all of the lovely outdoor space we are so lucky to have. Have a lovely week. Mrs Kennedy

## Drama Workshops

During Storytelling Week, Years Reception through to year 3 took part in a wonderful drama workshop inspired by *The Proudest Blue*. Through role play, movement and discussion, the children explored the story's themes of confidence, kindness and celebrating who we are. It was a joy to see them bring the characters to life, express their ideas so thoughtfully and grow in confidence as they performed for one another.



## Road Safety Educational Talks

We also had some really valuable road safety talks this term. The children were brilliant – listening carefully, joining in with discussions and sharing their own experiences about staying safe near roads. It was lovely to see how seriously they took the sessions, and we're so proud of the sensible attitudes they showed. Learning how to keep themselves safe is such an important life skill, and they did us proud!



## The Secret Reader



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us as “Secret Readers” during Storytelling Week. The buzz of excitement when the mystery reader was revealed was just wonderful to see, and the children absolutely loved sharing those special story moments with you. Your time, energy and willingness to get involved mean so much to us and really help nurture a love of reading. We're so grateful for your continued support!





Thank you to Poppy Pastry, one of our wonderful Governors, who had the very difficult job of judging the cakes for the St Nicks Bake off.



## Valentine's Half Term Challenges

The children have brought home their Valentine's Maths and Reading Challenges to enjoy over the half term break! These little activities are a fun way to keep learning ticking along while still enjoying a well-earned rest. We hope you have fun dipping into them together and celebrating all the fantastic progress the children have made this term.

**KS1 February Maths Challenge**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Can you work out these arithmetic questions?

Can you complete these times tables questions?

|                 |                 |                |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| $1 \times 2 =$  | $8 \times 10 =$ | $4 \times 5 =$ |
| $3 \times 10 =$ | $9 \times 5 =$  | $6 \times 2 =$ |

**UKS2 February Maths Challenge**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use the symbols +, x and = to fill in the hearts.

How many different addition, subtraction, multiplication or division number sentences can you create that have the answer of 14?

Record your ideas in the boxes below.

Can you read and share a joke with a loved one? Colour in your favourite joke!

**Half Term Reading Challenge- KS1**

Read the acrostic Valentine poem, then write one of your own. We look forward to seeing what you come up with.

**Half Term Reading Challenge-Key Stage Two**

[Click here to download the Reading & Maths Challenges](#)

## Life of an Attendance Ted!



**Attendance Matters!**

|           | Days lost this week: | Overall attendance: |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Buttercup | 3                    | 97.7%               |
| Bluebell  | 1 ½                  | 98%                 |
| Primrose  | 1 ½                  | 98%                 |
| Willow    | 3 ½                  | 97.4%               |
| Beech     | 4 ½                  | 96.7%               |
| Acer      | 10                   | 92.7%               |
| Oak       | 3                    | 97.7%               |

**Well done Bluebell & Primrose Class**  
**You get Attendance Ted for a week!**

## PTFA 100 Club Winners

A big congratulations to this term's 100 Club raffle winners! What a fun way to celebrate a little bit of luck and excitement – and even better, the raffle helps raise funds for our school. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this brilliant cause!

St Nicholas At Wade PTFA  
100 club

Term 3 Draw  
6 February

Congratulations to :

♥ DANIEL SEEMANN - £100 ♥

♥ DONNA BLACKMAN - £75 ♥

♥ NICOLA LEADBEATER - £50 ♥

## THE WINNERS

Next draw date: Friday 27 March 2026

## PTFA St Nicks Bake Off

Well done to everyone who took part in the Great St Nicks Bake Off! What a fabulous collection of cakes we had – the creativity, effort and delicious designs on display were truly impressive. It was so lovely to see so many children getting involved and sharing their baking talents. A big thank you as well to families for your support (and for resisting the temptation to taste-test before judging!).



## PTFA Upcoming Events

**Mother's Day Shop**  
FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY  
GIFTS UP TO £10  
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO BUY GIFTS FOR LOVED ONES FOR MOTHERS DAY  
MONEY IN A NAMED ENVELOPE PLEASE.  
TAKING PLACE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.  
SIBLINGS CAN SHOP TOGETHER

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**Winning Ticket Chocolate Bars**  
**Will you find a winning ticket?**  
Preorder your chocolate bar(s) for £2.50 each through school money app (Galaxy 100g bars) by Monday 2 March  
On World book day, 5 March, chocolate bars will be handed out to those who have purchased - open the wrapper at home to see if you've won!  
Prizes can be claimed from the office on Friday 6 March and include book vouchers, books & chocolate!

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# FEBRUARY 2026 AT THE RESERVE



## TUESDAY 17TH

**11AM MUSEUM OF MYSTERIES** Please DO touch. Object handling from our museum's collection. Discover the stories behind the objects. A chance to handle some of the museum's stranger objects, guess what they are, and then learn about them. Visit the museum, and take a fossil home.

**1PM GROW YOUR GREENS** Recycle your salad! Grow tomato plants from tomato slices, salad leaves from carrot tops, spring onions from roots & chamomile from tea bags. Fun, food experiments in the polytunnel, with tasting opportunities, and free veg to take home, thanks to Thanet Earth.

## THURSDAY 19TH

**11AM SUPER WORMS** We're going on a worm hunt. Discover them, collect them, observe them. Story time in the Dome with 'Superworm'. Make your own paper worm that wriggles and play the wriggly worm game.

**1PM APPLE BIRD FEEDERS AND WINTER BIRD CRAFT** Apples are great for our feathered friends and make natural, biodegradable, bird feeders. This is a chance to make apple bird feeders and to craft a chilly, winter bird, resting on a swing.

**ALLERGY WARNING: FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS KNOWN NOT TO BE ALLERGIC TO NUTS, SEEDS, AND PEANUT BUTTER**

## FRIDAY 20TH

**11AM ANIMAL TRACKERS** Calling all nature detectives! Join us on an expedition with explorer backpacks, as we hunt for animal signs and tracks on the reserve. Inside the Dome we will make our own animal footprint stamp.

**1PM BLOOMING FLOWERS** Flower craft and spotters hunt. Cut out flowers, bend in the petals, mist with water, and watch magic happen as your flowers wake up! Search for signs of spring.



## 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)

## WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve  
Canterbury Road  
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

**WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG**

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST  
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

# MUDDY GOOD FUN

## Goldilocks and the Bears

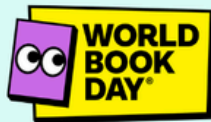
A Sensory Play & Explore Adventure



Farm Park Fun plus Bear Hunt Trail, Storytelling,  
Sensory Play, Crafts & Puppet Show



February Half-Term  
Included with all standard Farm Park tickets



# World Book Day

## Thursday 5th March 2026



To celebrate World Book Day this year, the children have decided on a theme of 'Harry Potter'. We have an exciting range of Harry Potter activities for them to enjoy on the day and throughout the week. The children are of course, invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character from any book, not just Harry Potter characters.

**Monday 2nd March - Author visit** - Kicking off the week, is a visit from local author Chris MacDonald, who will be reading from his latest book and working with Years 3-6 in writing activities.

**Tuesday 3rd March - KS1 Reading cafe - 8.00 - 8.30am.** The children and parents of KS1 are invited to visit the cafe in the hall to enjoy some reading activities together as well as enjoy a quick breakfast bite.

**Wednesday 4th 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 of our delicious breakfast buffet.

**Thursday 5th March - Dressing up.** Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. **This is not limited to Harry Potter characters - they can come as any character they love.** Children will enjoy a variety of book and reading themed activities during the day with their class.

**Looping the Loop Theatre Company** will be leading the children in Harry Potter themed drama workshops throughout the day.

**Book tokens** - Children will receive their complimentary World Book Day token which can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day books available from most good book stores.

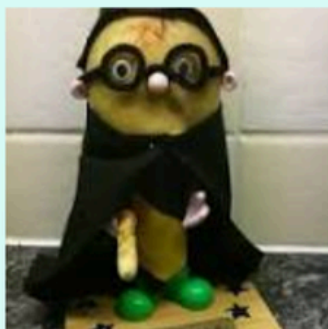
## THE MASKED READER



Due to overwhelming demand, The Masked Reader is back again in 2026! Unable to resist the lure of the Masked Reader, the staff have signed up 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 is behind the mask 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 - HARRY POTT-ATO HEADS

Children are invited to decorate a humble potato, with all the elements of their favourite Harry Potter character. You can use paints, crayons, fabric, glue, 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 2nd March 2026, labelled with their name, as well as the name of the character. 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



## Can you help?

**Kent Fostering and Supported Homes** are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community and help care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

As part of our team, carers and hosts receive excellent support, high-quality training, and the opportunity to make a lasting, positive difference in a child's life.

To learn more, visit our website  
<https://www.kentfostering.co.uk/>

It's never too late to give a child a second chance to shine and become the person they're meant to be.

To speak to one of our advisors please call us on 03000 420 002 or fill in our online enquiry form.



### Thanet Lifeguard Club – Rookie Lifeguard Programme

Thanet Lifeguard Club is offering spaces on its popular Rookie Lifeguard Programme, designed for young people who want to build confidence in the water while learning essential lifesaving and water-safety skills. The programme is fun, engaging, and suitable for all abilities.

#### Children will learn:

- Water safety awareness
- Basic rescue techniques
- Personal survival skills
- Teamwork and confidence in the pool

If you would like more information or to register your child, please contact Thanet Lifeguard Club at [mail@thanetlifeguardclub.com](mailto:mail@thanetlifeguardclub.com)

## Rock On Music Academy

Term 4 End of Term Meet-Up at Rock On Music Academy!

This special event is open to all past and present students and is a great opportunity to celebrate the term, connect with other musicians, and be part of the Rock On community.

We'll also be officially celebrating the opening of our new performance room, which we're very proud to share with you. Please see the attached photos for a preview of the space.

#### Event Details:

- 📅 Saturday 14th February
- 🕒 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- 📍 Rock On Music Academy  
Quex Park, Birchington, CT7 0PY

#### What to Expect:

- ✓ Explore our brand-new performance space
- ✓ Meet tutors and fellow students
- ✓ Enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere
- ✓ Celebrate your musical progress
- ✓ Be part of the Rock On community

#### Contact Us:

Phone: 01843 865428  
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Website: [www.rockonmusicacademy.com](http://www.rockonmusicacademy.com)

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible and hope you can join us to help celebrate this exciting new chapter for Rock On Music Academy.





# Welcome to St Nicholas at Wade Church Spring 2026

Our beautiful ancient church is open for everyone to use during the hours of daylight.

Come in and enjoy the kitchen café on Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-3pm or just enjoy its beauty and peace.

**St. Nicholas Church Services: All are Welcome 27/01/26**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday- Morning Praise 10.30am**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Holy Communion 10.30am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Café Church 10.30am**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Holy Communion 10.30am**

**Every Wednesday and Thursday the Kitchen Café is open 10am - 3pm**

**Church Coffee Morning 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in each month 10am**

**Prayers 9.30am every Wednesday**

**Men's Thursday Club 11am weekly**

**Weekly Crafters group, Thursdays 1 -3pm**

**18/2 Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion 6.45pm**

**26/2 Lent Course on Thursdays at 1.30pm - 5/3, 12/3, 19/3 and 26/3**

**15/3 Mothering Sunday 10.30am**

**28/3 Thanet Concert Band - 7.30pm**

**29/3 Palm Sunday with procession and donkey! 10.25am**

**3/4 Good Friday at Minster only**

**5/4 Easter Day 10.30am**

**25/4 Invicta Concert Band - 7.30pm**

**26/4 Annual Church Meeting at 1pm**

# Key Dates

## Key Dates—Term 4

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb    | Start of Term 4                          |
| Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Yr 6 Safety in Action at Dreamland       |
| Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Reception Westgate Trip                  |
| Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Year 5 Parent Residential Meeting at 5pm |
| Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | Sleep Workshop                           |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | PTFA Mother's Day Shop                   |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | Rugby Festival                           |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | PTFA Quiz Night                          |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | Yr 6 National Offer Day                  |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | Chris Macdonald – Author Visit Years 3-6 |
| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March  | KS1 Reading Café                         |
| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March  | Yr 5 Egyptian Workshop                   |
| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March  | Netball Festival                         |
| Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | KS2 Reading Café                         |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March | World Book Day                           |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March | Looping the Loop Theatre Group Visit     |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March | PTFA Winning Ticket Chocolate Bars       |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March   | Dental Nurse visit to Reception class    |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March | Yr 6 Easter Cracked at Church            |
| Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March | EYFS Maths Workshop- 2:30pm & 5:30pm     |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March  | Reception Hearing & Vision Screening     |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March  | Six Nations Rugby Tournament             |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March  | Yr 6 Lancaster Model Questionnaire       |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March  | Red Nose Day                             |
| Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Behaviour Workshop – 2.30pm & 5.30pm     |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | PTFA 100 Club Draw                       |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | EYFS Church Visit with Rev. Russell      |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | Beth Cookson – Author visit Year 2       |
| Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March  | Drama Sessions with Kic Theatre          |
| Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | Parent Consultations (1.20-7pm)          |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | Easter Service                           |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | PTFA Easter Egg Hunt                     |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | End of Term 4- 2pm Finish                |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April   | Bank Holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED              |

**Courage, Resilience, Honesty, Kindness, Be the Best you Can Be**