



13th March 2026

Dear All,

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We are already at the midway point of the term! This packed newsletter shows just how busy we have all been. It has been wonderful to see the children showing such great enthusiasm for school and engaging so positively in their learning and activities.

It was also lovely opening the school up to parents during our Reading Cafés. It was great to see so many families joining us and sharing the enjoyment of reading with the children.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the exciting things that have been happening across the school.

Mrs Kennedy

Year 5 Egyptian Day

Year 5 had a lovely day learning all about the lives of the Ancient Egyptians during a fabulous workshop. The children took part in a range of hands-on activities, including playing traditional games, weaving, grinding flour, making amulets, carving statues, and using ink to write in hieroglyphics. It was a fun and engaging experience that helped bring their history learning to life.



World Book Day

This week, St Nicholas has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Book Week, with a magical Harry Potter theme running throughout the school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in a range of creative, imaginative, and book-inspired activities.

We began the week with two wonderful Reading Breakfasts—one for each Key Stage. Families joined us to share stories while enjoying tasty breakfast treats. Children took part in a variety of themed activities, including wand-making, listening to stories on the Yoto players, sharing books with family and friends, making Marauder's Map-style maps, writing letters, guessing characters, completing jigsaws, and enjoying some mindful colouring.

This led perfectly into our celebrations for World Book Day. The children arrived dressed in a fantastic range of costumes, bringing the magic of stories to life. We kick-started the day with a special performance by Looping the Loop Theatre Company (<https://www.loopingtheloop.org>), who created a bespoke Harry Potter-themed show just for St Nicholas. The production had everything from screaming mandrakes to spells and plenty of laughter—the children were completely enthralled!

Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a range of themed activities, including wand-making, crafting howlers, mixing potions, planting mandrakes, and much more. They also wrote their own instructions, inspired by their magical creations. To round off the celebrations, the children enjoyed a thrilling game of Quidditch on our brand-new school Quidditch pitch—an unforgettable end to a truly enchanting week!

We were also delighted that every child received a free book, generously donated by The Works (Westwood Cross), Asda (Broadstairs) and Tesco (Westwood Cross). We would like to say a huge thank you to these companies for their kindness and support in helping to inspire a love of reading across our school.



Year 2 Creepy Crawlies Visit

Year 2 had an exciting visit from the Bug Man as part of their Wiggle and Crawl topic. They took part in a hands-on (and feet-on!) experience where they learned about a variety of fascinating animals, including different insects and mini-beasts.

During the session, the Bug Man shared interesting facts about the animals, where they live, what they eat, and how they survive in their habitats. The children were amazed to discover how some creatures move, protect themselves, and adapt to their environments.

It was lovely to see the children to see the animals up close and, for the brave ones, even hold or touch some of them. There were lots of excited reactions, curious questions, and plenty of smiles as the children explored and learned.



EYFS Police Visit

As part of their topic People Who Help Us, Buttercups enjoyed a visit from the police. The officers spoke to the children about their role and how they help to keep people safe in the community.

The children listened carefully, asked lots of thoughtful questions, and enjoyed seeing some of the police equipment up close. It was a lovely opportunity for them to learn more about the important work the police do to help others.



Netball Festival

A huge well done to Rosie, Alice, Ella, Austin, Rowan, Esmae and Lillian who played amazingly at the Netball Festival and won 2 out of 3 games!



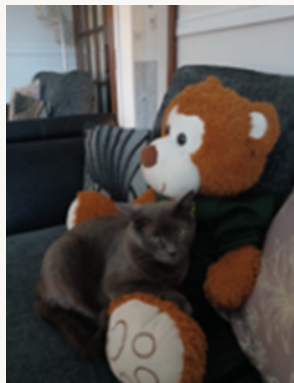
Wilder Kent Awards Ceremony

We were so proud to attend the Wilder Kent Awards and collect our Silver Award for the amazing work our pupils are doing in school and beyond.

Huge pride in our incredible ECO Ambassadors for their passion and commitment to protecting nature. Also, a massive thank you to Ms Hall for her relentless drive to connect children with nature, champion sustainability, and inspire a love for the natural world every single day.



Life of an Attendance Ted!



Thank you everyone, we really are doing well. 96.2% Let's see if we can make 97%



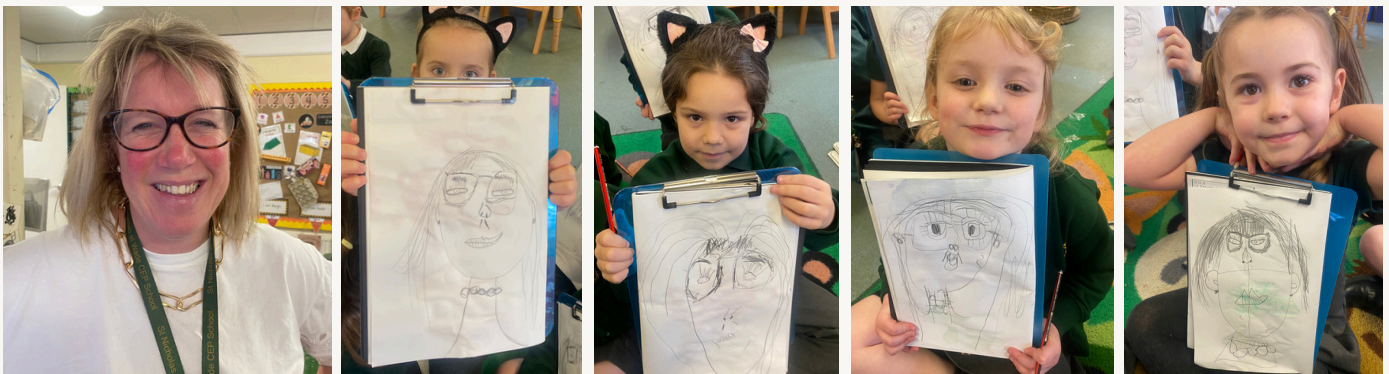
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

The PTFA Easter Egg Hunt is taking place on Thursday 2nd April at 2pm.

The Easter Egg Hunt tickets are now available to purchase on schoolmoney.



Can you spot the difference?



I'm not sure how you feel, but Buttercup's remarkable artistic talents make it almost impossible to recognise the true Mrs. Buckley in the artwork!

Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March

A poster for Red Nose Day. It features a yellow laughing emoji, a green circular logo for St. Nicholas-at-Wade C.E. Primary School, a photo of two children in costumes, and a red circle with 'COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY' and 'FRIDAY 20 MARCH'. The text says 'Dress daft for Red Nose Day! This year we are asking children to dress daft! This could be anything from odd socks to crazy hair to a complete costume. The sillier the better! We just ask that anything the children wear is practical for a full school day!'. At the bottom, it says 'There will also be a return of the Great St Nick's Joke Off! Children can be funny for money - bring in their favourite joke and each class winner will go through to the grand final!'. There are also red circles and a 'HAHA' speech bubble.

Our school will be supporting Red Nose Day this year to help raise money for Comic Relief.

If you would like to make a donation, [click here for our JustGiving page](#). Thank you for your continued support.

Safe Technology for Children

The first week of May is Screen-Free Week, an annual event that encourages people to explore and rediscover joy beyond screens.

It can sometimes be helpful to have a few screen-free alternatives available for children, especially during times when they need a break from devices. Activities like reading, drawing, building with blocks, playing board games, helping with simple cooking, or spending time outdoors can support creativity, movement, and social interaction. Every family finds their own balance with technology, but having a range of different activities available can give children opportunities to explore, learn, and relax in different ways. Below we have found some safe technology alternatives to smartphones and tablets.



The Government are currently consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families. If you would like to take the survey please [click here](#).

We are holding a Play Based Childhood Parent Workshop on Wednesday 18th March at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Feel free to come along 😊

Big Walk and Wheel

We are excited to share that our school will be taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel campaign starting on Monday 16th March until Friday 27th March. This national initiative encourages pupils to travel to school in active ways such as walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting. By taking part, we hope to promote healthier lifestyles, reduce traffic around the school, and help protect the environment. Throughout the campaign we will be celebrating classes with the highest participation and encouraging everyone to give active travel a try where possible.

Schools with over 15% of pupils participating will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards including active travel equipment and accessories.

We will also be awarding a house point for each active travel journey, children will be asked in class each morning how they travelled to school.

We look forward to seeing lots of our pupils getting involved and making a positive difference together!





A big thank you to Mrs. Ling for bringing in the chicks for the children to hold. Both the kids and adults thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



Upcoming Events

THANET SCOUTS AND GUIDES PRESENT

THANET GANG SHOW 2026

Tickets from only **£8.50**
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...we're riding along on the crest of a wave and the sun is in the sky...

Thursday 2nd April 7:30pm
Friday 3rd April 7:30pm
Saturday 4th April 2:30pm
Saturday 4th April 7:30pm

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The Young Environmentalists Competition

The Isle of Thanet Sunrise Rotary Club, Monkton Nature Reserve, Thanet Earth and 'Get Wild' present...

THE YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS COMPETITION 2026:


'Happiness in Nature'

The aim of this competition is to create a project that allows wildlife and people to survive and thrive together.

Your project **could** be about the impact of new housing estates; interaction with agricultural land; caring for our waterways and coasts, or pollution, waste and litter. Suggestions include: nature art creations; poetry inspired by nature; a bug hotel/butterfly station/frog shelter; design and build eco-friendly toys/games, an article of clothing made using natural materials; arrange a litter pick.

We encourage creativity and original ideas!

AGE GROUPS:	Junior: Up to and including 10 years old Intermediate: 11 to 13 years old Senior: 14 to 17 years old <small>Based on age as of 31st August 2025</small>
CATEGORIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual entry Group entries (maximum of four participants) <small>Can be from any group/community organisation including schools, colleges, home educated, RotaKids, Scouts, Guides etc.</small>
DEADLINE:	Thursday 26th March <small>Our winners (one from each age group) will be submitted to the National Final!</small>

 **TO APPLY:** Scan the QR code to find more information and the Entry Form. Please send all completed Entry Forms to lotsrotaryclub@gmail.com with your project and an explanation of how your project links to the theme 'Happiness in Nature'. Groups must have one entry form per person. Entrants must include their age on the entry form.



Monkton Nature Reserve are holding a competition to create a project that allows wildlife and people to survive and thrive together.

The deadline for all entries is 26th March.

The prizes for the winners are:

- Certificate
- Medal
- Family Membership to Monkton Nature Reserve
- Nature Gift from 'Get Wild'

Key Dates

Key Dates—Term 4

Mon 16 th March	Yr 6 Lancaster Model Questionnaire
Weds 18 th March	Play Based Childhood Parent Workshop – 2.30pm & 5.30pm
Thurs 19 th March	Year 1–3 Scootability Training
Thurs 19 th March	Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
Fri 20 th March	Red Nose Day
	Year 3 & 4 Church Visit
Tues 24 th March	Year 1 Church Visit
Weds 25 th March	Behaviour Workshop – 2.30pm & 5.30pm
Fri 27 th March	PTFA 100 Club Draw
	EYFS Church Visit with Rev. Russell
	Beth Cookson – Author visit Year 2
Sat 28 th March	Yr 3 & 4 Super Saturday
Mon 30 th March	Drama Sessions with Kic Theatre
Tues 31 st March	Year 5 Church Visit
Weds 1 st April	Parent Consultations (1.20–7pm)
Thurs 2 nd April	Easter Service at 9am
	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt at 2pm
	End of Term 4– 2pm Finish
Fri 3 rd April	Bank Holiday– SCHOOL CLOSED

Key Dates—Term 5

Mon 20 th April	Start of Term 5
Thurs 23 rd April	Class Photos
Mon 27 th April	Year 1 Wildwood Trip
Mon 27 th – Thurs 30 th April	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 5 th May	Year 2 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th May	KS2 SATS
Thurs 14 th May	Year 5 PESE Meeting
Fri 15 th May	PTFA School Discos
	PTFA 100 Club Draw
Mon 18 th May – Fri 22 nd May	Rotary Art Exhibition Week
	Walk to School Week
Weds 20 th May	Year 5 & 6 Swimming at Joy Lane
Thurs 21 st May	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting
Fri 22 nd May	Sports Day
	End of Term 5

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