



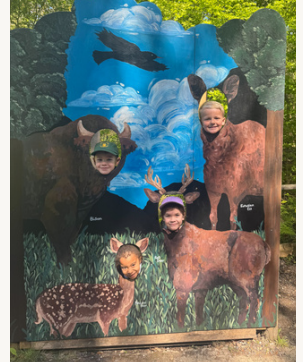
Dear All,

As we race towards the May half term, we have just a few updates from school life. We continue to work hard to make school a happy and enjoyable place for everyone, while also supporting every child to grow and thrive in all aspects of their development. We often hear national headlines about children becoming disengaged from learning, SEND needs being overlooked, or schools falling short. At St Nicks we are committed to ensuring every child feels supported, valued and inspired to succeed and flourish. This doesn't happen in a vacuum and your support, encouragement and advocacy for your children and school underpins that work – so thank you so much for being such a wonderful bunch. Mrs Kennedy

Year 1 Wildwood Trip

Year 1 had a fantastic day at Wildwood as part of their topic, 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. They took part in expert-led activities exploring how animals are classified, what they eat and how they adapt to their habitats. The children loved every minute, they were deeply engaged, curious and confident – a wonderful hands-on way to learn!

[Follow this link](#) to see what else they are learning



Year 2 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip

Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Monkton Nature Reserve to learn all about plants. Through exciting hands-on activities and exploration, the children discovered more about how plants grow and the important role they play in our environment. Each child planted their own white campion to bring home for our pollinators to enjoy! A fantastic day of outdoor learning was had by all!



Football Festivals



Well done to Oakleigh, Tommy, Wilfred, Henry, James and Noah in Year 1. They had a fantastic time at the football tournament. Their spirits were high, they smiled and laughed the whole way through and were super role models for the school what amazing teammates too! So proud of you!

Well done to Beau, Albert, Olly, Finley, Logan and George who took part in the Year 3 & 4 Football Festival. They had mixed results and worked really well together as a team and made us very proud for being the best they could be.



Well done to Hudson, Olly, Teddy, Harry, Finley, Freddie, Sebby and George who took part in the Year 4 & 5 Football Festival. They were a shining example of our school values, trying their best, didn't ever give up and showed great sportsmanship.

**It's in the moments where things don't go our way when we show who we are!
We couldn't be prouder of our pupils character and resilience!**



Thank you so much Mr Baldery for a donation of some lovely chairs for Mr Neal's office. They have made a huge difference already – not just on looking super snazzy but they are much more comfortable!



Value Champions

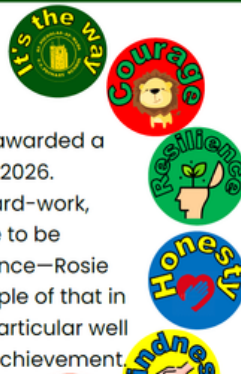
Value Champion Lillie

Well done to Lillie whose skill, attitude and spirit earned her **player of the match**. She plays for Margate under 11's and absolutely loves it! Lillie your parents are super proud and so are we. Keep being the amazing person you are! :)



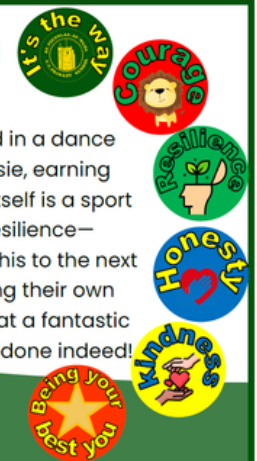
Value Champion Rosie

Huge congratulations to Rosie who was awarded a trophy for the 'Most Improved Dancer' of 2026. Improvement doesn't happen without hard-work, commitment, resilience and the courage to be honest about performance—Rosie you are a shining example of that in all that you do—but a particular well done for this fabulous achievement.



Value Champion Norah

A big well done to Norah for placing 3rd in a dance competition with her dance partner Rosie, earning them both medals! Dancing in and of itself is a sport that requires great strength, skill and resilience—Norah and Rosie took this to the next level by choreographing their own dance themselves, what a fantastic accomplishment. Well done indeed!



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone for your support- We had a very successful book fair! £1166 worth of books were purchased by parents and children which has earned us **£583 worth of free books for our school library.**



Hot Weather

Now that we are coming towards the summer months and the weather is getting warmer, please can we remind everyone to make sure your child brings in a sunhat, suncream and their water bottle into school with them everyday. Thank you.



PTFA

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Disco:

3:15 - 4:00pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Disco:

4:15 - 5:15pm

Disco tickets are available to purchase on schoolmoney under the 'payments' tab.

Date Change: The PTFA Fathers Day shop will now be taking place on Friday 19th June.

ST NICHOLAS AT WADE PTFA
SUMMER DISCO & NON UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026

NON UNIFORM DONATIONS PLEASE:
 YEARS R, 1, 2, 3 & 4: SUMMER TOY
 YEARS 5 & 6: BOTTLE OF BOOZE

DISCO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL MONEY APP
 YEARS R, 1 & 2: 3.15-4.00PM
 £4 PER CHILD INCLUDES DRINK & SNACK
 YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6: 4.15-5.15PM
 £3 PER CHILD
 DRINKS & SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - IF YOU CAN HELP AT EITHER DISCO THEN PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW - THANK YOU

Summer on the Move!

It has been wonderful seeing the increased amount of scooters and bicycles coming through the gates each morning as the sun is shining and the days are getting longer! Let's keep up the momentum!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - 18TH - 22ND MAY 2026

We will once again be taking part in Walk to School Week, children are of course also welcome to scoot and cycle too!

We will be sending home a Journey Tracker for children to complete over the week. These can be returned after half term for children to claim their house points.



If your location requires you to drive to school, please consider parking on the edge of the village and completing the rest of the journey on foot, by bike or by scooter.

Walk to School Week - Daily Journey Tracker
 18th - 22nd May 2026

If you usually drive to school, try parking further away and walk, scoot or cycle the rest of the way!

Name: _____
 Year: _____

Day	How did you travel to school?	Time taken (minutes)	Who did you travel with?	How did you feel?	Did you notice anything interesting?
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

We are looking forward to seeing lots of active journeys to school!

Life of Attendance Ted



This weeks winners!

Bluebell

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Ted helping Sir David Attenborough celebrate his 100th birthday. A man who always shows up to help us understand nature not just see it! We were super pleased that Ted brought us back a letter from Sir David, thanking us for the card we sent - every child added their own picture to the card!

Kent Art Competition

The Kent Art Competition is open to children (4 – 11). Entries inspired by farming, farm animals or the countryside will be displayed in the new Kent Art Quarter in the John Hendry Pavilion alongside work by local artists. Artwork should be created on A4 paper using any medium, including paint, paper, collage, etc. Each entrant will receive 1 free child ticket and 1 free adult ticket to attend the Kent County Show and see their work of art on display!

All entries should be mailed to:

Emma Stewart

Kent Art Competition,

Kent Showground,

Detling, Kent,

ME14 3JF



If you wish to take part, [click here](#) to complete the entry form.

Entries close on 20th June 2026

Quex Colouring Competition

Quex Park is inviting pupils to enter their 'Highland Cow Colouring Competition'. The most creative entries will be displayed in their new "Highland Gallery" at the farm.

The winning artist will receive a school trip for their entire class!

Children can use pens, paints, or crayons to colour their Highland Cow. Please include the student's name, age, and school to their entry.

The deadline for entries is 31/05/2026.

Please hand artwork into the school office.



[Click here](#) for entry form & colouring sheet.

Local Events

FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY!
WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN. A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!

RC RACE AND DISPLAY
10AM-4PM

ADULTS: £3
CHILDREN: £1.50
EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY

OPTIONAL ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

30TH & 31ST MAY 2026
ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL info@ramhamston.co.uk
SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

**MAY HALF TERM
SOCCER SCHOOLS**

RAMSGATE FC
26th to 29th May
9am to 3pm

WHITSTABLE TOWN FC
26th & 27th May
9am to 3pm

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 11 YEARS

**HALF TERM
AT THE RESERVE
MAY 2026**

HOW TO BOOK
www.monkton-reserve.org/events/
Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.
MORE INFO:
education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD
Members: £3
Non-Members: £5
(Includes entrance to the reserve per child and for accompanying adults)

WHERE
Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LN
WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG
THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST (CHARITY NO: 1211099)

TUESDAY 26TH MAM BEARY TREES AND THE LITTLE SEED
Tree bead craft* and "The Little Seed", by Magdalene Tyrkas, an interactive story telling. The little seed is blown underground and rained on. A shoot appears and the sun shines. Something is growing - what will it be? This session is for preschoolers 3+, and the young at heart, in celebration of The National Year of Reading. * Warning - activity contains small parts.

12.00PM STORY TIME - THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING
Free story time in the picnic area at midday. No need to book.

3PM SLUGS AND SNAILS
What's the difference between a slug and a snail? Shall we find out? Discover the benefits of these slimy gastropods. Learn how to label the parts of a snail and make your own paper snail with a curly shell. How many types of slugs and snails can you identify on the reserve?

THURSDAY 28TH MAM BEE BUDDIES
Join us for a hands-on candle rolling session to learn the craft of beeswax candle rolling. Discover the properties of natural beeswax. Take home your beautiful creation. Create a honeycomb hive poster and then 'bee spot'.

5PM BEARY TREES AND THE LITTLE SEED (SEE ABOVE)

FRIDAY 29TH MAM SLUGS AND SNAILS (SEE ABOVE)

5PM BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps,

**JOIN US THIS
MAY HALF TERM
SPORTS CAMPS**

**TOTAL
SPORTS
COACHING**

Ramsgate Holy Trinity School
26th to 29th May
9am to 3pm

The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner has launched a new survey, The Big Future, to hear from children and young people aged 0-18 about their hopes, concerns, ideas for the future and what they think a good childhood should look like today.

You can complete the survey here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Parents and Carers are invited to support their child in completing the survey by Friday 23rd October.

The findings will help ensure children's voices are heard at a national level.



Key Dates

Key Dates—Term 5	
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th May	KS2 SATS
Tues 12 th May	Year 3 Trip to Canterbury
Thurs 14 th May	The Big School Workout with Joe Wicks
	Year 5 PESE Meeting
Fri 15 th May	PTFA School Discos
	PTFA 100 Club Draw
Sat 16 th May	Netball Tournament
Mon 18 th May – Fri 22 nd May	Rotary Art Exhibition Week
	Walk to School Week
Thurs 21 st May	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting
Fri 22 nd May	Sports Day
	End of Term 5
Key Dates—Term 6	
Mon 1 st & Tues 2 nd June	INSET DAYS- School Closed
Weds 3 rd June	Start of Term 6
Thurs 4 th June	Rabbi Cliff visiting to see Year 1 & Year 6
8 th - 12 th June	Year 6 Residential
Weds 10 th June	Reception Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
Thurs 11 th June	Year 5 STEAM Day at Chatham & Clarendon
16 th – 19 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Weds 17 th June	New Intake Parents Evening
Thurs 18 th June	Clean Air Day
Fri 19 th June	PTFA Father's Day Shop
Tues 23 rd June	Year 6 Transition Workshop with Emotional Wellbeing Team
Weds 24 th June	New Intake Teddy Bears Picnic
	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 29 th June	Year 5 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
Thurs 2 nd July	Transition Day
Fri 3 rd July	PTFA Summer Fair
Thurs 9 th July	Spirituality Day
	Year 6 Production- 6pm
Fri 10 th July	PTFA 100 Club Draw
Mon 13 th July	School Reports Home
Tues 14 th July	Year 3 Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
	Open Classrooms
Thurs 16 th July	Music Recital
Fri 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
Fri 17 th July	End of Term 6 - 2pm Finish