

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCT 2
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TERM 1

Parent - Teacher Consultations

WHAT'S
NEW?

Parental Consultations

There are now only 30 unclaimed appointments for our Parent - Teacher consultation meetings to be held on Wednesday 21st October.

Thank you to everyone who has booked a meeting via Arbor, or is in the process of making arrangements to meet the class teacher at an alternative time if you are not available on the scheduled afternoon/evening.

If you have not yet signed up, I would strongly encourage you to do so, as these conversations are an important part of the partnership

between home and school. Your support is invaluable as you get to have that chance to spend time with the teacher finding out about how your child has settled into the new school year and about their targets coming up. If you are having difficulty making an appointment, please let us know via office@lunsford.kent.sch.uk and we will try to help where we can.

Please remember that only one appointment can be made per child - in cases where you require a different appointment to that made by the parent who has booked the slot, please contact the class teacher who will be able to make a mutually agreed time to catch up. This may not be within the week of the regular consultations, and may be at the beginning of next term.

Parents should enter the school via the Main Playground Gate for their consultation meeting

School Photos

It was so lovely walking around the school today seeing all the children looking so smart for their School Photos – thank you to Braiswick for taking them – the children were very well behaved and patient while they waited.

FOLS

A huge thank you to FOLS for the Junior playground shed for our equipment for playtimes and lunchtimes. We really appreciate all the support from parents and FOLS.

Parking

It is with regret that we must once again remind all parents and carers to park considerately on the roads surrounding the school.

We have recently been contacted by a local resident who reported that a parent driving a white 16-plate Renault has parked on their driveway without permission. Regardless of how briefly you may be stopping, parking on private driveways is unacceptable and can cause significant stress and upset to local residents.

We ask all families to be mindful of our neighbours and to ensure that they park legally and considerately when dropping off or collecting children. Where possible, please park a little further away from the school and walk the remaining distance.

We very much value our positive relationship with the local community and appreciate your support in helping us maintain this.



Attendance matters



Week Ending 2nd October

Panda Class 98.28%

Elephant Class 88.52%

Giraffe Class 92.14%

Lion Class 98.15%

Koala Class 98.97%

Tiger Class 95.65%

Zebra Class 98%

Week Ending 9th October

Panda Class 100%

Elephant Class 84.44%

Giraffe Class 97.5%

Lion Class 98.89%

Koala Class 96.55%

Tiger Class 97.83%

Zebra Class 96.67%

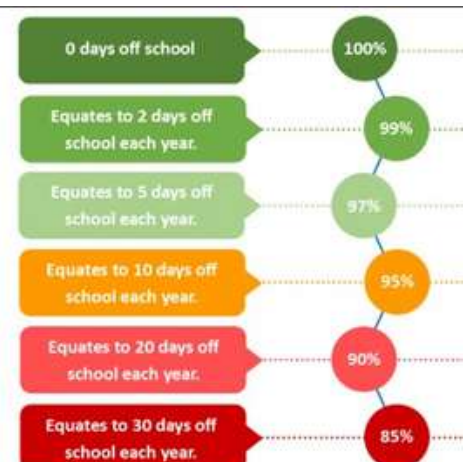
**Whole School
Attendance
Target
97%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this Week
94.15%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this year
96.58%**

Please check your child's attendance on Arbor against the below traffic light system - if you are concerned about your child's attendance contact our Family Liaison officer, Mrs Taylor in the School Office.

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...
10 minutes each day	50 minutes each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks each year
20 minutes each day	1 hour and 40 minutes each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks each year
30 minutes each day	2 ½ hours each week	4 weeks each year
1 hour each day	1 day each week	8 weeks or nearly 1 term each year



Spadework Assembly

On Monday, Ashleigh from Spadework visited the school to lead a fascinating assembly all about the pumpkins they grow. We were all amazed to discover just how many different varieties there are, with wonderful names such as Warty Pumpkin, Galaxy of Stars, Crown Prince, and the familiar Jack O' Lantern that many of us use for Halloween decorations.

It was fantastic to see so many children confidently identifying the pumpkins, having remembered their names from last year's assembly. Ashleigh was impressed by their knowledge and enthusiasm.

We were also delighted to hear that Spadework has bred a brand-new pumpkin variety called Sophia. They have invited our very own Sophia (Y6) to visit their site, where she will be presented with her very own namesake pumpkin!



Bikeability

Well done to all the children in Zebra Class who completed their Bikeability Course last week.

Bikeability is the Department for Transport's flagship national cycle training programme for schoolchildren in England, and is a key component of Gear Change. Bikeability cycle training is a practical training programme, which provides schoolchildren with a life skill and enables them to cycle confidently and competently on today's roads. More than 5 million children have received Bikeability cycle training since the programme's inception in 2007. The Trust aims to make Bikeability the leading programme for cycle training.



Classopoly

It was another great couple of weeks for attendance, and most classes got to roll the Classopoly dice,

Week Ending 9th October

- Y2 - Free playtime
- Y3 - Ipad time/ computers
- Y4 - Ipad time/ computers
- Y5 - Storytime/ DEAR
- Y6 - Art activity

Week Ending 2nd October

- Y3 Art activity
- Y4 IPAD
- Y6 Scavenger hunt



Lets hope next week all classes get to roll to celebrate!

Parental Consultations Wednesday 21st October 2026

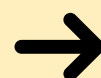
Thank you to all the parents who have already booked their parent consultation appointments. If you have not yet reserved a slot, please contact the school office, who will be happy to assist you.

If you are unable to attend on the scheduled date, please contact your child's class teacher directly to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Home School Agreement & Acceptable Use consents



We have recently added the consent forms for the agreements listed above to all Arbor accounts. It is important that these are completed as soon as possible.



Please log in to your Arbor account and navigate to the Notices section, where you will find the relevant consent requests. Click on each link and submit your response.

Thank you for your assistance with this.



Safeguarding Focus

Halloween Safety Tips for Families

With Halloween just around the corner, many children are looking forward to dressing up, trick-or-treating and enjoying parties with friends. While Halloween is a fun and exciting time, it is important to take a few simple precautions to help keep everyone safe.

Stay Visible

If your child is trick-or-treating after dark, choose bright-coloured costumes where possible and add reflective tape, glow sticks or torches. This helps children remain visible to drivers and other pedestrians.

Check Costumes Carefully

Make sure costumes fit properly and are not so long that children could trip over them. Masks can sometimes limit vision, so face paint may be a safer alternative. Ensure any accessories are suitable for your child's age and do not have sharp edges.

Supervise Younger Children

Young children should always be accompanied by a trusted adult when trick-or-treating. Older children should stay with friends, agree on a route beforehand and know what time they are expected home.

Road Safety Matters

Remind children to use pavements where possible, cross roads safely and avoid running between parked cars. Encourage them to stay alert and keep mobile phones away while crossing roads.

Stay visible

Add reflective tape or glow sticks to costumes, and have children carry torches or lights

Choose Treats Wisely

Check all sweets and treats before children eat them. Be mindful of any allergies and encourage children to wait until they get home before opening or eating treats. Avoid hard sweets or small round treats for toddlers and younger children.

Keep Homes Safe

If you are decorating your home with candles, pumpkins or lights, place them away from doorways, walkways and flammable materials. Battery-operated candles are a safer option for families.

Respect Others

Not everyone celebrates Halloween. Encourage children to only visit homes that appear to be welcoming trick-or-treaters and to be polite and respectful at all times.

Have Fun and Stay Safe!

Halloween is a wonderful opportunity for children and families to enjoy time together, be creative and make lasting memories. By following these simple safety tips, everyone can have a fun and safe Halloween.

We hope all our families have a happy, spooky and safe Halloween!



As ever, if you require any support, guidance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of DSL team: Mrs Lomax (Deputy Head); Mr Anscombe (Headteacher); Ms Beckett (SENCO); Amy Taylor (FLO)

All can be contacted via the school office.

Mr Nourish visits Lunsford Primary School

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Mr Nourish to Lunsford Primary School for a special assembly all about healthy eating.

The children learned about the importance of maintaining a balanced diet and staying active through regular exercise to help keep their bodies healthy and strong.

Following the assembly, 12 lucky children were chosen to take part in a healthy pizza-making session, where they had the opportunity to create their own nutritious and delicious pizzas while learning more about making healthy food choices.



Domestic Abuse Awareness & Support

With the colder and darker months ahead of us we all tend to spend more time indoors. This can increase the risks of domestic abuse for a number of reasons. Some examples are being in the same space with the same person for more time, or struggling with finances for heating and Christmas presents, and the increase in parties and drinking alcohol. Please look after yourselves and support those who may be at risk.

No one should live in fear

If a partner or family member is **hurting, controlling, isolating or intimidating** you...

This is domestic abuse

Get help

Emergency
999
www.999hel.co.uk.app


SCAN ME
#KnowSeeSpeakOut

Non-emergency
0808 16 89 111
www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk



What do abusive behaviours feel like?

- Isolation
- Control
- Shaming
- Criticism
- Threats
- Jealousy
- Accusations
- Name calling
- Gaslighting
- Humiliation
- Intimidation
- Harassment
- Sabotage
- Guilt trips
- Stalking
- Assault

Find out if your relationship is abusive

www.DomesticAbuseServices.org.uk

#KnowSeeSpeakOut

END DOMESTIC ABUSE

QR Code: Scan Me

Flags: 🇬🇧 🇪🇺 🇬🇧 🇬🇧 🇬🇧 🇬🇧

National Hate Crime Awareness Week

10th - 17th October

This week is an opportunity to raise awareness about hate crime, encourage kindness, respect and inclusion, and remind everyone that discrimination and prejudice are never acceptable. We want children and young people to know that if they experience or witness behaviour that makes them feel unsafe, targeted, or excluded because of who they are, there is support available.

- Third Party Reporting Centres and Information Stations, where hate incidents and hate crimes can be reported without attending a police station.
- Support services and organisations available to children, young people and families.
- That Kent Police and partner agencies are here to support anyone affected by hate crime and encourage people to speak up and report concerns.

Third Party Reporting Centres provide a safe and confidential way for people to report hate incidents or hate crimes and incidents through trusted local organisations, without needing to report directly to the police. They offer support, advice, and can assist with referrals to relevant agencies.

Reporting hubs

Choice Support

- The Choice Support Jigsaw project in Kent aims to raise awareness of disability hate crime against people with autism and learning disabilities.

Citizen's Advice: Medway

- Working to raise awareness of hate crimes and hate incidents on a local and national level, and offer support to victims with practical advice and emotional support. You can report hate crime at the centre.

On Your Side

- Nationwide service offering dedicated support for East and Southeast Asian (ESEA) victims of racism and/or other forms of hate crime.

Ahmaddiya Nazir Mosque

Medway Road, Gillingham, ME7 1NJ - Monday and Friday, 8pm to 9pm

Aztec Day Service

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm by appointment only, For more information please call 07973 623516

Chatham Memorial Synagogue

366 High Street, Rochester, ME1 1DJ - Friday 6pm to 8pm and Saturday 10am to 12 noon

Kent Muslim Welfare Association

114 Canterbury Street, Gillingham, ME7 5UH - Friday 2pm to 3pm and 7pm to 8pm

Support services –

Call Hate Out - Stop Hate UK

Young people and those who work with them or care for them can call Stop Hate UK's Young People's helpline for advice and support in dealing with online hate.

Crimestoppers

A national charity with a free helpline for reporting crime anonymously.

Tell MAMA

A national project supporting victims of anti-Muslim hate and monitoring anti-Muslim incidents.

Community Security Trust (CST)

A charity protecting British Jews from antisemitism and related threats.

Galop

A national charity providing advice and support to members of the LGBT community.

How to report hate crime | Kent Police



Open Days at Lunsford Primary School

You may have seen on your journey home today, we have taken delivery of our Open Day tours banner. If you have a child or know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2027, we would love to see you all at our open mornings. Places are filling up fast, so don't miss out book your tour (scan the QR code below). New for 2026 - we are also hold an evening session on Wednesday 25th November (6.30pm - 7.30pm), where Mr Anscombe will be hold a talk, and you will have the opportunity to tour the school. Look forward to seeing you there.



Lunsford Primary School



Open Days

For children starting in school in Sept 2027
10th, 17th, 18th & 25th November 2026



Parents and carers are warmly invited to our open days to find out more about our welcoming, supportive and caring school.

To book a place please scan the QR code

Or call the School Office on 01732 843352



Pupils feel safe, happy and proud of their school - Ofsted

Admission to Primary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at
midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between
1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023,
Transferring to Primary school
in September 2027

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027. Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (Friday 16 April 2027) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Friday 30 April 2027. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Friday 6 November 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Friday 15 January 2027	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Friday 16 April 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Friday 30 April 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Monday 17 May 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does not reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

Common misconceptions

For children born between
1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023,
Transferring to Primary
school in September
2027.



MYTH #1

Attending a nursery or pre-school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the associated school.



TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions



Nurseries and primary schools are not linked for admissions purposes.



MYTH #2

A sibling attending the school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the same school.



TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions



If eligible, your application may be considered under a school's 'sibling' oversubscription criteria.



MYTH #3

Attending an infant school will automatically guarantee a space for your child at the linked junior school.



TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions



Children do not automatically transfer to a junior school. Admissions are ranked according to the school's admission criteria, including any linked school arrangements.



www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Need help?

Kent



Consultation on admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled primary, infant and junior schools in Kent for 2028

Kent County Council is consulting on its admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled primary, infant and junior schools in Kent for September 2028 entry.

Full details are available at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria.

Why Kent County Council is consulting

Admission Authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements once every 7 years or where changes are proposed.

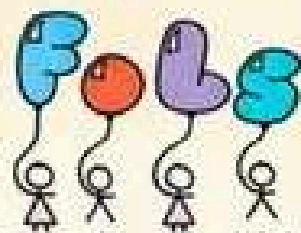
We are proposing no changes, other than to reduce the Published Admission Number for Sandwich Junior School from 60 to 45.

How can you respond to the consultation?

The consultation will run from Wednesday 14 October to Wednesday 25 November 2026. If you wish to comment on the proposal, please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to Kent County Council's Cabinet who will decide whether to proceed with the proposal. Once determined, the final admission arrangements will be published on Kent's website at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria.



Friends of Lunsford School

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!



THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
Christmas Gift Evening
7 - 9PM



THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
Wreath Making
7PM

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
Wreath Making
7PM



TICKETS
GOING ON SALE
SOON!



SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
Christmas Fayre
2 - 4PM



HALLOWEEN GLOW RIDE

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026 | 5PM - 6.30PM

STARTING AT LEYBOURNE LAKES CAFE



ESSENTIAL GEAR:

- FRONT AND BACK WORKING BRAKES
- FRONT AND BACK LIGHTS
- HELMET
- NO STABILISERS ON THIS RIDE

PRE-BOOKED SPACES ONLY
SCAN THE QR CODE NOW IF YOU DARE



MEET THE TEAM

Thursday 29 October

11am to 12.30pm

Gallagher Stadium

- Watch a first team training session
- Meet the players and get their autographs
- Take some selfies with your favourites
- Visit the club shop

ORGANISED BY MAIDSTONE UNITED'S CHARITY

STONES in the community



SESSIONS 2026

MONDAYS WITH KATE
September: 14th & 28th
October: 12th & 26th

4PM TILL 5:30PM

GIRLS UNDER 16: FREE
BIKES AND HELMETS TO BORROW

SOCIAL MEETUP TO RIDE THE TRACK,
BUILD SKILLS AND MAKE FRIENDS

@ #SnodlandPumpTrack
PADDLESWORTH ROAD ME6 5DP

SCAN FOR INFO:



QUESTIONS:
INFO@CCW.BIKE

SUPPORTED BY:



Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE
entry



MOTORCYCLE



DRESS-UP
OPPORTUNITIES



INTERACTIVE
EXHIBITS



HISTORIC
EQUIPMENT



REAL STORIES
FROM KENT'S
PAST

Follow clues, explore real crime stories,
discover fascinating police equipment, and
enjoy interactive displays.

Learn how crimes were solved in the past
and see unusual objects from more than 200
years of Kent Police history.

Looking for something to do this
October half term?

The museum will be open from Tuesday 27
October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to
4pm. For the latest opening times and visitor
information, please check the museum
website before you visit.



Bringing Our History to Life

kentpolicemuseum
@kpolicemuseum

www.kent.police.uk/kent-museum
Email: museum@kent.police.uk
Telephone 01795 433028



1st LARKFIELD GIRLS' BRIGADE

New Members Welcome



Explorers
(Reception - Year 3)
5 - 6.30pm



Juniors
(Year 4 - Year 6)
5 - 6.30pm



Seniors
(Year 7 - Year 9)
6.45 - 8.30pm



Brigaders
(Year 10 up)
6.45 - 8.30pm

Monday evenings at Larkfield and
East Malling Methodist church hall

For more information email:
larkfieldgb@gmail.com

badges ~ cooking ~ activities ~ craft ~ new friends ~ camps

IMPACT!

wrap around care

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AT LUNSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN TO CHILDREN FROM

★ YEAR R TO YEAR 6 ★

DATES:

26-30 OCTOBER

8:00am - 4:00pm

£35 per day

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EXHIBITIONS



HOLLYWOOD ROME

REEL LIFE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

Autumn at Maidstone Museum

Autumn is a great time to visit. Our Hollywood Rome exhibition is on until 31 October, so there's still time to see how the movies imagined the ancient world.

October half term at the museum

Looking for half-term plans? We have a full week:

- The Gruffalo: Free Family Workshop, Mon 26 Oct, 10.30am–12.30pm
- Half Term Make It! Crafts, Tue 27 – Thu 29 Oct, 10.15am–2.30pm
- African Drumming: Free Session, Wed 28 Oct, 10.30am–12.15pm
- SEND Family Crafts, Fri 30 Oct, 1.30–2.30pm November

On Saturday 7 November, our Dungeons & Dragons Taster Session (11am–3pm) is a chance to try roleplaying for the first time.

From Saturday 14 November, Hiroshige's Tōkaidō: A Japanese Journey opens. This exhibition follows the famous road between Edo and Kyoto through beautiful Japanese woodblock prints. It runs until 19 December, which makes it a good winter family outing.