

With **kindness** in our hearts,
we find **enjoyment** in our learning and
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NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Whole School Update

As we bring this exciting academic year to a close, I want to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff, children, governors and parents. Your hard work, kindness and support for one another have made Sandhurst Primary the wonderful place it is. I am, as always, incredibly proud of our school and everything that we have achieved together.



It is hard to believe that it was only a year ago that we were waiting for our Ofsted Inspection – we really needn't have worried at all! We had a wonderful report and the whole year has been full of joy, celebration and special moments.

Despite the heat, we still enjoyed a fantastic whole-school sponsored walk to St Nicholas Church, a lovely picnic and well-earned ice pop back at school afterwards. Year 6 wowed us all with their wonderful production of 'Aladdin Trouble' and our summer fair brought the whole school community together for an afternoon of fun and fundraising.

We also welcomed our new EYFS children with a delightful Teddy Bears' Picnic hosted by Miss Abel, her team and our new Year 5 buddies.

Last week, Year 6 marked the end of their time at Sandhurst with a special leavers' service at the Mission Church. We rounded off the term with a joyful Year 6 dinner and a truly lovely leavers' assembly – a chance to celebrate all that our oldest pupils have achieved and to wish them well as they

take their next steps. We also enjoyed a fantastic whole school fun day with a 'slip and slide' and giant outside games.

A huge thank you goes to all parents, carers, the PTFA and our governors for your continued support. We are especially grateful to Frances Holland who has continued to support us as our Chair of Governors.

Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly throughout the year, especially as some classes grew and became even busier – we continue to be grateful for everything they do to support the children and each other. We have even welcomed a few new members to our school family with the arrival of Baby Lucas and Baby Haynes!

To all of our wonderful school leavers – good luck on your next adventure. We are so proud of you and we will miss you lots. Please do keep in touch!

We wish everyone a happy, relaxing and sunny summer break – and we look forward to welcoming everyone else back to school on **Wednesday 3rd September**.



Kindness Enjoyment Challenge

Potter Class Update

What an amazing year we have had in Potter Class. We can't believe you have now all finished your first year at Sandhurst Primary School, and what an amazing year we have had!

This term we went to Bedgebury and had a fantastic day in the forest, learning about some of the trees and plants that grow there and making woodland perfumes. We also had a lot of fun on the play trail and we all loved the giant swing.

Our theme this term has been the beach. We have learnt about some of the sea creatures we find in rock pools, investigated different shells and created our own starfish. We have been following Big Bear's journey around the world and used maps in our role play and to find pirate treasure. We have also explored different ways to travel across the ocean and designed and built our own boats.

In Forest School, we have been learning about fire and fire safety. We have cooked yummy snacks over the fire and used peelers to take the bark off sticks.

As is traditional in Potter Class, we will end with a little poem. (I have to be honest, it's not all my own work!)

The school year's almost over

**And what a year it's been,
We've done so much together,
I'm sure you will agree.**



**We've watched you grow and learn so much,
It really has been fun,
We've seen you try your hardest,
In everything you've done.**



**Miss A, Mrs K and Mrs C have been your reception teachers,
You've made us proud each day,
But now it's time to say goodbye,
We wish that you all could stay.**



**So, go and enjoy the summer,
You've really earned a rest,
And never forget as you move to Nightingale,
That Potter adults think you're the best!**

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Nightingale Class Update

I cannot believe how quickly the year has passed and that Nightingale Class are preparing to start Year 2! We will miss them immensely but they are absolutely ready for next set of challenges ahead of them. It has been a true delight to see them grow in maturity, independence and resilience over the course of the year.



Some of our true highlights have included our class assembly. I was so impressed with the amount of information the children could remember about the London, as well as their ability to perform so confidently in front of an audience.

The progress we have seen in reading and writing is phenomenal. I have been looking back over the childrens' books and it is wonderful to see the change in their writing from early mark making to extended pieces of writing, using rich descriptive language.

Our time at Forest School was brilliant. It was lovely to see different children shine in a different environment.

We have covered a large amount of topics in maths and we have some incredible mathematicians. As a class, they have become very secure with their place value knowledge, as well as telling the time and 2D/3D shapes.

Our topics have taken us on walks around the village to learn about our local area. We enjoyed using Google Maps to get a better understanding of aerial views. The children then drew their own maps of the village, including using a key. The children loved some interactive learning opportunities 'travelling' around the United Kingdom and our wonderful virtual trip to London!

We have shared some lovely activities such as designing and making sandwiches and salads, creating 3D taxi models and going on trips to Bedgebury. I look back with fond memories of this year and I will really miss Nightingale Class. I hope you all have a wonderful Summer and good

for next

luck

year.



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Darwin Class Update



It's been a busy final term in Darwin class.

We enjoyed learning all about animals and their offspring in our science lessons. We even welcomed some furry caterpillars into our class in June. We watched their lifecycle as they grew larger and larger and eventually transformed into a chrysalis. We then waited patiently for the adult butterflies to emerge. Once their wings had time to dry, we released them into the world to lay more eggs.



We celebrated the end of our 'Magnificent Monarchs' topic by creating our own Monarch themed board games. We made our own question cards about the different Monarchs we had learned about and had lots of fun testing the game out!

We've tackled time, statistics and position and direction in maths and the children have really impressed me with their understanding of mathematical vocabulary.



Finally, Darwin have absolutely loved showing their creative side by working together to design and build 3D places of worship in our RE lessons. We sewed our own luggage tags in DT and gave free rein to our imaginations when we created our 3D paper sculptures in art. Well done, Darwin - time to enjoy a well-earned rest!



Pankhurst Class Update



Pankhurst Class have worked their socks off this term! Our theme of 'Emperors and Empires' has continued to captivate the children. We explored what life was like for Roman soldiers in battle and, after some creative role play, we wrote group poems using ambitious vocabulary – the results were fantastic!

In science, we've been investigating light and shadows. The children explored how shadows change, using torches, and were fascinated by how light behaves in different conditions.

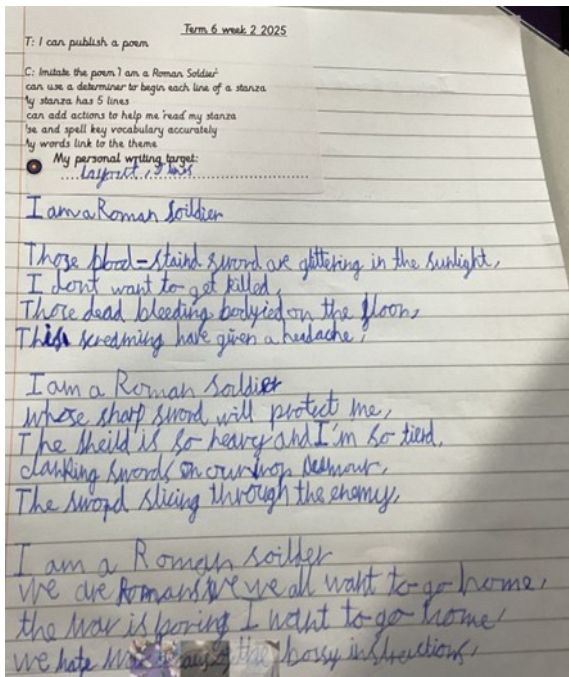
During our DT lessons, we've been learning about different types of greenhouses. We studied their structures and designs, and the children are now beginning to make their very own mini greenhouses.

Kwik cricket has been a highlight this term! The children have shown incredible team spirit and determination. Their batting and fielding skills have come on in leaps and bounds.

A big thank you to Reverend Iylva, who invited our class to 'God's Acre' at St Nicholas Church. We loved observing the animals and plants in the local area – and the homemade cake was an extra special treat!

It has been a wonderful final term in Year 3, and we are hugely proud of all the children's progress. We wish you all a very happy summer holiday!

Mrs Preddy and Mrs Reeves



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Shakespeare Class Update

WOW! What a busy final term it has been for Shakespeare Class—we have had lots going on!

In English, we have continued to base our writing on our Egyptian-themed book and we wrote instructions on how to mummify a body. We also wrote our own adventure stories about going on a school trip and sneaking in to a tomb whilst Mrs Dodson wasn't looking!

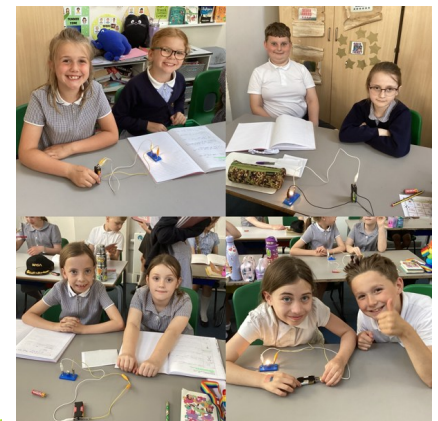
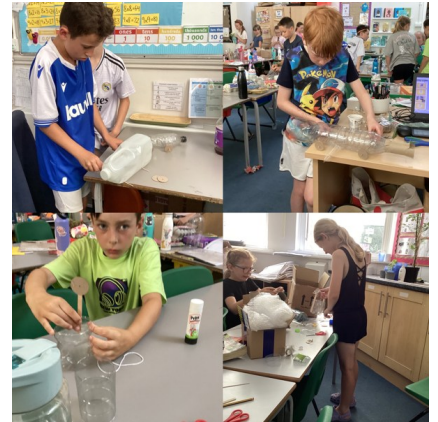
Our 'in school experience' was so much fun; we took part in an Egyptian themed day where we learnt loads about Egyptian gods and how Egyptians mummified their dead, and took part in lots of drama activities which showed off our fantastic acting skills. We even got to take part in a funeral procession around the school!

In science, we have been amazing investigators, learning about conductive and non-conductive materials, and making our own circuits.

In PE, we have had a really active half term, with lots of Kwik Cricket and rounders.

We have also completed some incredible DT projects, learning how different types of mechanisms work and creating our own in cars, wheelbarrows and wells.

We have had a really fun year but we are looking forward to our summer holiday and moving into Holmes Class in September.



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Holmes Class Update

Wow! I can't quite believe how quickly the year has passed and it is safe to say I am going to miss Holmes Class immensely. They have ended the year on a term just as busy as the rest with our class assembly, swimming, Forest School and science experiments as the highlights.



During our class assembly, we hosted 'Greek Gods Got Talent' and brought Greek mythology to life with some added extras of magic and sparkle! The whole class were absolute superstars and put on a brilliant show for their parents and the rest of the school.



Forest School is always a highlight for the children and we were lucky this year to be able to spend an afternoon down there as a whole class. The children were fabulous and, as always, showed great kindness and teamwork.



Looking ahead to Year 6, Holmes Class are eager to have buddies and spend time with the new Potter children. This was confirmed during the Teddy Bear Picnic, where the children spent time playing games, reading and laughing with the new intake of children. I have no doubt they will make fantastic buddies and I look forward to watching them flourish in this role!



Miss Brinsley and I wish everyone a fantastic Summer! Well done for a brilliant year, Holmes Class—we are so proud of you all and how hard you have worked!

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Churchill Class Update

It's that time of year when we have to say a very fond farewell to the incredible Year 6 class of 2025! And what a fabulous term we have had, celebrating their primary school years!



Year 6's production of "Aladdin Trouble" was sensational; it was full of remarkable courage, endless joy, laughter, enthusiasm and, most importantly, oozing with flourishing confidence! It made us all laugh and cry and kept us entertained every single second. They really were marvellous. A special thank you to Miss Brinsley for the fabulous scenery she created for us.

Following the show, the next morning brought a time of reflection and calm as we ventured over to the Mission Church for our Leavers' Church service. Reverend David encouraged us all to learn from, and be more like, the one and only Paddington Bear: well-mannered, kind, cheerful, courageous and friendly.

Year 6's fabulous celebrations culminated with the hugely anticipated "Year 6 dinner/prom". All the children looked amazing and thoroughly enjoyed their delicious meal and an evening of dancing. The behaviour and manners



from every single child were exemplary. As always, thank you so much to Mrs Lawrence for her exceptional hard work in organising, preparing, catering and running such a wonderful evening for Churchill Class, and all the wonderful staff and parents who gave their time to help.



Year 6 have been the most amazing buddies and thoroughly enjoyed walking with Potter Class on the Welly Walk. They are certainly going to miss each other!



Good luck and thank you, Churchill Class of 2025. Keep aiming high and being happy as you transition to secondary school!

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Attendance

Well done everyone. This year we have finished on 95.7% attendance. That is a big increase on last year when we ended on 94%.

The children have continued to enjoy their termly attendance bounces. We celebrated in our leavers' assembly today with the children who have achieved 100% attendance and 99% attendance this year. Twelve children were awarded platinum (100%) and sixteen children were awarded gold medals (99%). Congratulations to these amazing superstars!

Our persistent absentees (children with under 90% attendance) have also dropped from last year which was twenty four pupils, to nine pupils this year.



Please remember that we are happy to administer medicine in school, if you think your child is re-

Welly Walk ...stop press

Thank you to everyone who has raised money after the welly walk. We have raised over £2000 so far and there is still more money to come in. We will put the money towards new playground equipment. Congratulation to Lola and Connie who both raised an outstanding amount of money.

Lola raised £425 and Connie raised £230!



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Aladdin Trouble



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VIP Bouncers

Tamsin deserves to be acknowledged for the bravery and resilience that she demonstrated this term whilst undergoing surgery on her foot. Her recovery has been long and painful but she has impressed us all with her perseverance and ability to remain positive throughout. Well done, Tamsin!



Hayden has demonstrated great resilience this term. He has persevered with his swimming lessons, received a trophy in football and even participated in a cricket tournament where he scored a wicket. Wow!!

Evie ran in the Hawkhurst Junior Run a few weeks ago. She earned a medal for running 1km.



Both Harry and Jake celebrated another year at High Halden Hornets. Harry has now stepped up to the U10s team and Jake to the U7s.

Clay earned his first certificate in swimming!



Bonnie and her pony, Sparky, came second at Kelsall Hill Pony Prem.

Billy has also learnt how to ride his bike ... and how to swim underwater!



Hudson has taught himself how to do somersaults in the water!



VIP Bouncers



Congratulations to Phoebe on passing her Level 3 bike agility.



Congratulations to Sophie! She was a total non-swimmer in January when she first started swimming lessons. 3 weeks ago she gained another badge and is already at Stage 4.



Faith and Maisey both won certificates at their local 'in-house' gymnastics competition.



Frankie has been practising hard and can now ride his bike without any stabilisers. What a superstar!

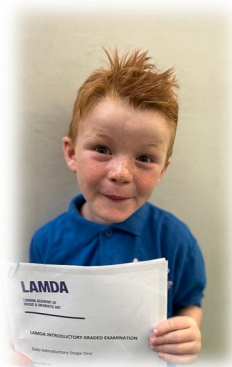
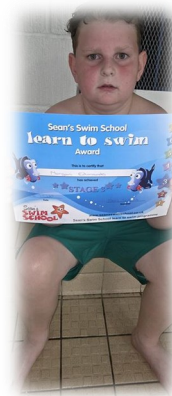


Congratulations to Gracie for moving from Level 1 to Level 3 in swimming!



Charlie won 'Players Player' at the end of season presentation for the High Halden Hornets.

Congratulations to Morgan on another swimming certificate—he moved up a group too!



Saul has recently received his certificate LAMDA Introductory Graded Examination and was awarded a merit! To earn this, he had to recite a poem to the examiner, off by heart.



Xander can now ride his bike without stabilisers, too. He managed this on his 5th birthday and on a brand new bike!

Fun Day of Fun!



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Local Events

Information

Baby Time

Sessions include sensory play, heuristic play and singing, plus a chance for parents/carers to meet and receive advice and support.

Session age: newborn to walking

Stay & Play

Families can explore different activities based around early learning goals. Including messy play, role play and arts & crafts, finishing with a story and singing.

Session age: newborn to age 8

Wednesday is 'PARK FUN DAY' for all the family

Come along and join us for loads of fun activities in the parks within our District:

- Make your own Smoothie on our 'smoothie bike'
- Climbing Wall
- Assault Course
- Pebble Hunt
- Book Stall
- Enjoy a variety of sports with 'Sport on Your Doorstep'
- Arts & Crafts
- Baby Area



Kent Adult Education Arts & Crafts Workshops

Tuesday 29th July
1.00pm-2.45pm
at Tunbridge Wells

and

Tuesday 5th August
12.45pm-2.45pm
at Sherwood



kent adult education

Session age: 5 - 8 years

SESSIONS RUN BY OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

Child Health Clinic & Infant Feeding Support Group

Weekly drop-in Session

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Infant feeding information, advice and support is also available.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

Useful Contact Numbers:
Health Visitor: 0300 7900 243
Midwife: 01892 638 458

Talking Walk-in

18th August 9.30am-11.30am

A play-based drop-in session where you can speak to a speech and language therapist if you are concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills.

Session age: pre-school children



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Complete this form to order Vitamins to your door.



Free for 2

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!

For more information and how to apply:



Courses throughout the year

We work closely with Adult Education who have a great selection of courses available, these are promoted on our social media platforms.

Your Health Visitor/Family Support Worker and other professionals are able to make referrals for you to attend other appropriate courses held within our Family Hubs and on-line, please contact us for more information.

Local Events



Tunbridge Wells Family Hubs Summer Activities

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Our Family Hubs:

Sherwood
03000 418059
Friars Way
Tunbridge Wells
TN2 3UA
TWFamilyHub
@kent.gov.uk

Tunbridge Wells
03000 418059
39A Grove Hill
Tunbridge Wells
TN1 1SD
TWFamilyHub
@kent.gov.uk

Outreach Centre (Cranbrook)
03000 418059
Carriers Road
Cranbrook
TN17 3JZ
TWFamilyHub
@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1 28/7 - 1/8	BABY TIME newborn to walking Tunbridge Wells 10.30-11.30am	ARTS & CRAFTS for ages 5-8 years Tunbridge Wells 1.00-2.45pm	PARK FUN DAYS suitable for all the family Grosvenor & Hilbert Park 11.00 - 2.00pm	BABY TIME newborn to walking Sherwood 10.30-11.30am	BABY TIME newborn to walking Outreach Centre Cranbrook 10.30-11.30am
WEEK 2 4/8 - 8/8	Tunbridge Wells 10.30-11.30am	Assault Course (next to the community centre) Paddock Wood Field 11.00 - 2.00pm	'SPORT on your Doorstep' Book Stall Calverley Park 11.00 - 2.00pm	Sherwood 10.30-11.30am	Outreach Centre Cranbrook 1.15-2.45pm
WEEK 3 11/8 - 15/8	Tunbridge Wells 10.30-11.30am	Arts & Crafts Baby Area Make your own Smoothie on our Bike	Climbing Wall Pebble Hunt	Sherwood 9.30-11.00am	Outreach Centre Cranbrook 1.15-2.45pm
WEEK 4 18/8 - 22/8	Tunbridge Wells 10.30-11.30am			Outreach Centre Cranbrook 10.30-11.30am	Outreach Centre Cranbrook 10.30-11.30am
WEEK 5 25/8 - 29/8	Tunbridge Wells 10.30-11.30am			Sherwood 10.30-11.30am	Sherwood 9.30-11.00am

PLEASE NOTE we may need to cancel our 'Park Fun Days' if the weather is bad, keep an eye on our social media pages for last minute updates.

Healthy Child Clinic and infant feeding support 9.30am - 11.30am

- Every Wednesday at Sherwood Family Hub
- Every Thursday at Outreach Centre Cranbrook

NHS

Talking Walk-In 9.30am - 11.30am

- Monday 18th August at Sherwood

NHS

Local Events

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SUMMER SEASON TICKET

23rd July to 30th August

Unlimited travel for adults
and seniors living within the
TN postcode.

Regular services only.

Proof of address required.

EARLY BIRD SUMMER EXPLORER

23rd July to 30th August

Service departs
Tenterden
Town Station
at 08:45 most
Wednesdays
and Saturdays.



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Throughout the summer
at Bodiam Station.

Bring your bear along for a picnic.



DIESEL GALA

18th to 20th July

Ride behind iconic diesel services
in packed daily programme.

Locomotive
driving
opportunities
for the adults.
Shuttle buses
from Headcorn
Station.



JUNIOR ENGINEERING

3rd August

Departure times from Tenterden
9.50am and 1.45pm

Suitable for
children aged
6 to 12 years,
accompanied
by one adult.



BUS RALLY

10th August

Tenterden Town Station

Offering free rides
to a number of
local destinations!
This includes a
service to connect
with trains from
Headcorn and
Ashford railway
stations.



TRAIN TIME UK

19th to 21st August

10.30am to 4.30pm

at Tenterden Town Station

Creative toy
train play
sessions for
under-fives.

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MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

30th August

Tenterden Town Station

Enjoy a range of fascinating
displays and take a ride on the
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Diary Dates so far 2025-26

1st Sep	INSET Day
2nd Sep	INSET Day
3rd Sep	Term 1 Begins



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Term Dates 2025-26

Sandhurst Primary School

Term Dates 2025/2026

TERM 1 (AUTUMN)	
Monday 1st September	Staff training day - School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd September	Staff training day – School Closed
Wednesday 3 rd September	Term 1 Starts
Friday 17 th October	Term 1 Finishes
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th October	Half Term Holiday
TERM 2 (AUTUMN)	
Monday 27 th October	Term 2 Starts
Thursday 18 th December	Term 2 Finishes
Friday 19 th December	Staff training day – School Closed
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holiday
TERM 3 (SPRING)	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Term 3 Starts
Friday 13 th February	Term 3 Finishes
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Half Term Holiday
TERM 4 (SPRING)	
Monday 23 rd February	Term 4 Starts
Thursday 2 nd April	Term 4 Finishes
Friday 3 rd April - Friday 17 th April	Easter holidays
TERM 5 (SUMMER)	
Monday 20 th April	Term 5 Starts
Monday 4 th May	May Day - School Closed
Friday 22 nd May	Term 5 Finishes
Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May	Half term holiday
TERM 6 (SUMMER)	
Monday 1 st June	Term 6 Starts
Friday 17 th July	Term 6 Finishes
Monday 20 th July	Staff training day - School Closed
Tuesday 21 st July	Staff training day – School Closed

School term dates and holidays are set mostly in line with Kent County Council, however, please bear in mind that the school sets staff training days independently and these may be subject to change.

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