



Newsletter Friday 19th December 2025

Headteacher News

Dear all,

It was a truly lovely Carol Service this week, filled with hope, peace, joy, and love—and just a little Christmas magic too.

Our children were exceptionally well behaved and sang their hearts out, representing our school with enormous pride and filling the church with warmth and festive cheer.

Thank you to everyone in our community who joined us at the church. Your presence and support helped create a special moment of togetherness, reminding us of what Christmas is really about.

I would also like to thank families and staff for the huge effort, kindness, and encouragement you have shown throughout the year so far. Your support brings joy to our school each day and helps create a place where children can thrive.

On a personal note, thank you for thoughtful cards, emails, and passing comments—they have been genuinely appreciated. As we reach the end of term, our roles pause for a few weeks as we reconnect with our own families, rest, and recharge—perhaps with one eye on the chimney, just in case Santa is on his way.

Wishing you all a Christmas full of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Signing off,

Mr North



Lancet Lane Yellow Zig-Zag Lines

It was noticed by staff last night the large number of parents parking on the yellow zig-zag lines on Lancet Lane. **By parking there you are putting our children and families crossing at risk.**

It is illegal and dangerous to park or even stop on yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, as they are for the **safety of children crossing the road**, and you can receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) from the council or police for doing so. These markings create a "clearway" where you cannot stop to drop off or pick up passengers, load, or park, to ensure visibility for drivers and children. Key points about yellow zig-zags:

- **Purpose: To keep the area clear for children crossing and for safe visibility.**

- **Restrictions: No parking, waiting, or stopping at any time, even briefly.**

SO PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THESE AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.



Diary Dates

Term 3

05/01 Staff Training Day

06/01 Children back to school

12/01 Family Trust Assembly KS1

14/01 KS2 Church Assembly

15/01 Closing date for applications for Year R Intake in September 2026

16/01 Year 2 Architect Visit

20/01 Sunstone Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited

22/01 Year 1 Phonics Workshop

27/01 Topaz Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited

28/01 KS2 Church Assembly

03/02 Amethyst Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited

05/02 Diamond Class Assembly Brook Hall 9am - families invited

06/02 KS2 PTA Disco

09/02 Children's Mental Health Week

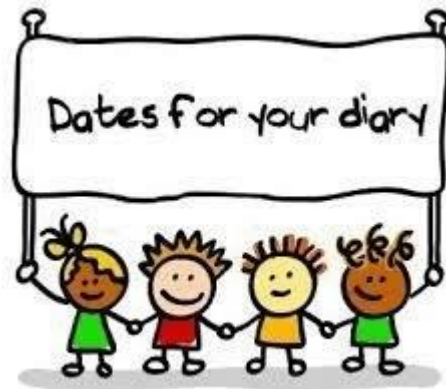
10/02 Safer Internet Day

11/02 Maidstone Museum Exhibition starts - more info will follow

11/02 KS2 Church Assembly

12/02 Sapphire Class Assembly Brook Hall 9am - families invited

13/02 Last day of term - children return to school 23rd February



[Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 11th December](#)

Thank you for all your donation for Save the Children last week - we raised **£455.00**.



[Hot Chocolate Friday](#)

A huge well done to the children that were nominated last week. Your teachers are very proud of you!



Lost Property

LAST CHANCE TO CHECK LOST PROPERTY AFTER SCHOOL TODAY - IT'S OVERFLOWING WITH COATS, JUMPERS, CARDIGANS ETC. PLEASE DO HAVE A LOOK IF YOUR CHILD HAS LOST ANYTHING THIS TERM.



Ethic of Excellence Awards

Week ending 12th December 2025

Diamond Class - Rory B

Sapphire Class - Callie A

Moonstone Class - Wilfred B

Tanzanite Class - Frank D

Aquamarine Class - Bruno K

Turquoise Class - Reuben B

Coral Class - Sienna L

Amber Class - George T

Jade Class - Ava G

Onyx Class - Tristan A

Ruby Class - Ellie B

Topaz Class - Jack F

Sunstone Class - Olive H

Amethyst Class - Remy B

Peridot Class - Georgia W

Zultanite Class - Seth N



Year 5 Forest School

Year 5 finished off their forest school this week in wet and windy conditions. The children have been amazing this term with mixed weather, but their skill level has been great. Making fires, whittling, using palm drills and creating dens. This week the children used the fire pit in the hobbit hut to make bread. A very simple recipe of self-raising flour and water. The children enjoyed this small snack, and were amazed how the squidgy dough transformed into scrummy bread!





Sunstone visit Loose Valley Care Home

On Wednesday 17th December Sunstone visited Loose Valley Care Home to sing some Christmas carols to the residents. The children decided on 6 different songs to perform and had

been rehearsing well in class. Christmas jumpers on, they walked down with excitement. They sang so well and the residents all sang along. It was a great and proud moment had by all!

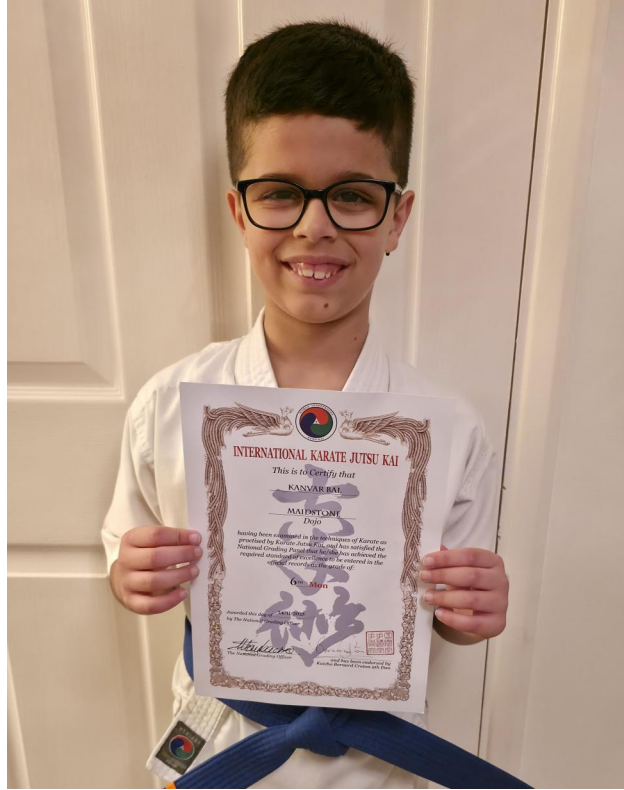


Pages Schoolwear Opening Hours



Shout Out

Well done to Kanvar B in Amber who passed his grading at Karate. He did so well he jumped 2 bands instead of the usual one which meant he went from a red belt to a blue belt. We are super proud of him!



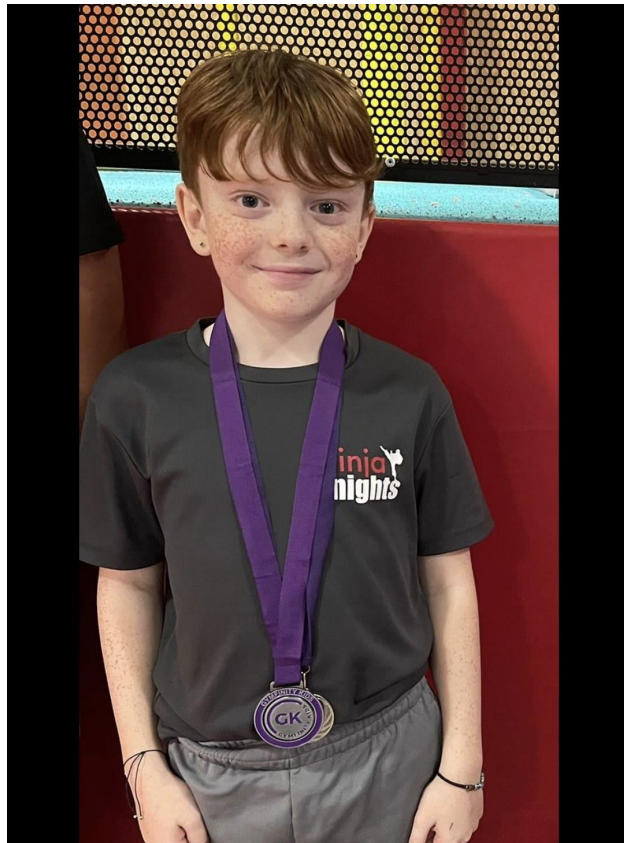
Shout Out

Billy D, in Emerald, received Parents Player for his PSA team who play in the Junior Premier League for his brilliant saves in goal on Saturday evening! He was on fire and did absolutely amazing! Well done Billy!



Shout Out

Well done to Zach Q in Amethyst who travelled to Milton Keynes for a competition with his Ninja squad and came away with a silver medal. A huge well done Zach!



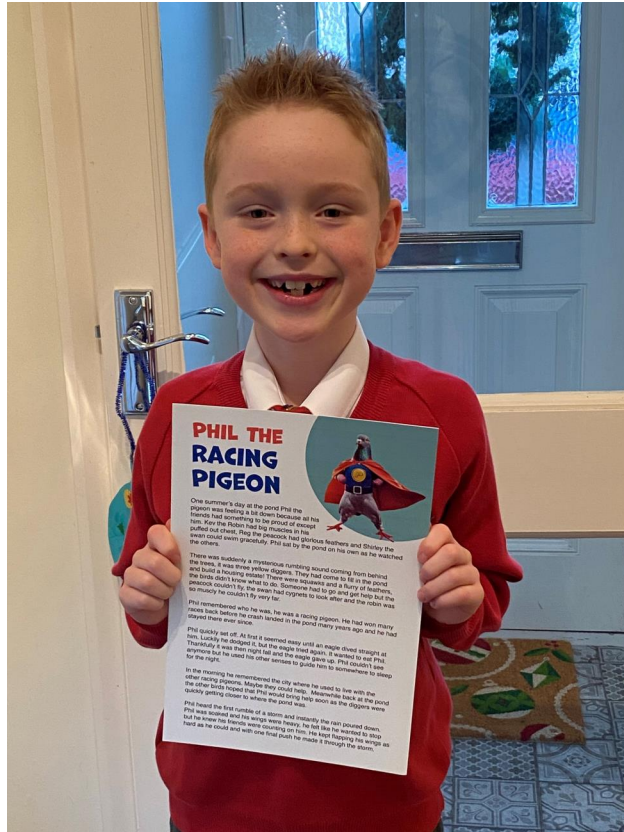
Shout Out

Well done to Phoebe S in Quartz who took joint player of the tournament for Maidstone Hockey Club at last weekends U12's girls tournament hosted by Sevenoaks. Phoebe was also voted player of the match from one of the other teams as their player of the match too. A huge well done Phoebe!



Shout Out

Congratulations to Jackson S In Coral Class who is through the first round for the story he entered into the BBC 500 Words Competition - Phil the Racing Pigeon! This is amazing and your teachers are so proud of you! Good luck in the next round Jackson.



Loose Primary School PTA Newsletter

Loose PTA Newsletter

We are delighted to share that Loose PTA has raised an amazing £6,326.77 so far!

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our events – every contribution truly makes a difference.

Fundraising Highlights

- Gift Shop: £1,330
- Hamper & Lego Raffle: £1,276
- KS1 Disco: £750
- KS2 Disco: £1,290
- Laser Light Show: £898
- Wreath Making: £317

- Quiz Night: £464.77

Your support and enthusiasm continue to help enrich school life for all our children.

Christmas & New Year Message

As we come to the end of the year, the PTA would like to wish all our families, staff and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your incredible generosity and community spirit throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming you back for more exciting events in 2026!

Next PTA Meeting

15th January 2026

All are welcome – we'd love to see new faces!



Music Lessons at Loose

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument? There are so many benefits for children, some being:

- Increases memory skills
- Builds creativity
- Boosts confidence
- Promotes physical co-ordination
- Improves social skills
- Drums especially can be a powerful therapeutic tool for children with ADHD, helping to improve focus, reduce hyperactivity and enhance overall wellbeing.

Limited spaces available for individual **Drum** or **Singing** lessons for next year, terms 3 & 4.

These are £12 per 20 minute lesson or £18 per 30 minute lesson, payable upfront in 10 or 11 week blocks.

Limited spaces available for group **Guitar** lessons.

These are £10 per 30 minute lesson, payable upfront in 10 week blocks.

(There is also a one off cost for teaching materials for each of these, of either £10 or £15).

For more information and sign up please click on the following link as soon as possible to secure your place:

forms.gle/JpQ6xuVWpxLxrudY7

*Nb. If you are in receipt of **Pupil Premium** then Kent music school offer a limited number of 75% subsidies for children learning with Andy Davis Music. They are currently full but you can put your child's name on the waiting list by clicking on this link and scrolling down to APPLY NOW.*

www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/

ANDY DAVIS MUSIC



Messy Christmas - All Saints' Loose



Extended Services Competition

After School Club and One Hour Club ran a Christmas Jumper design competition. There were three winners, one from KS1, one from KS2 and an overall winner. Mr North chose the winners. They were Lydia M in Tanzanite, Eden M in Ruby and the overall winner was Olivia M from Amethyst - they all won a goodie bag. Well done everyone!











Correct Contact Details

extended.services@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services bookings/queries/requests etc. Please **do not email the office with these**.




absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email for all absence related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday notifications.

office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - use this for all other emails and urgent matters

Phone Number 01622 743549



SEN Information



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears


02/02/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on **understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.**

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:**




[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWTanESTenquiries@neft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.





Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.



If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or scan the QR code:

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)

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Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to term

Do you have questions about neurodiversity? Maybe you would like to build on your understanding of children's different ways of experiencing the world. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding neurodiversity. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click** the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

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EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in school

Understanding Sleep and Autism

Monday 9th March 12:30—13:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child's sleeping patterns? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding sleeping patterns and autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.

If you would like to join, please [ctrl + click the link below](#) or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Autism and Sleep 1 Meeting-Join 1 Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

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 January 2026 Timetable <small>All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long</small> £24 each or FREE with School Membership <small>Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk</small> <small>Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)</small>	
Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

Lego Camp

Check out what Bricks 4 Kidz can offer your LEGO® loving kids!

Christmas Festive Fun Lego Camps - Let us look after your kids so you can prepare for the big day!

22nd and 23rd December. Please see flyer attached, bookings can be made via our website here

<https://uk.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=7847&ts=1764081904>

David Lloyd Clubs, Kings Hill - open to members & non-members.

2pm-4pm drop & go session so you can relax and enjoy the club's facilities.

Book the kids in for a chilled Sunday afternoon Lego building session where they will enjoy 2 hours of building awesome themed Lego® models all at a discounted rate for members and non members! **Email or call the club directly to book** - DLKids.KingsHill@davidlloyd.co.uk or 01732 222350.

Sunday 30th November - Super Mario

Sunday 14th December - Christmas Fun

Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO® Camps are full of creative fun, games and STEM led activities from LEGO® technic motorised models, 2-D and 3-D sculptures, mosaic art, arts & crafts and lots and lots of LEGO® for free play building. For girls and boys aged 5-12yrs. Screened, trained Bricks 4 Kidz staff provide friendly, qualified supervision for your children, so you can rest assured they are safe and happy.

All details and booking information can be found on our website here <https://uk.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=7847&ts=1759830704>

We hope to see your little builders very soon!

Some spaces are still available for our classes in Spring term but are being filled daily. Make sure you secure your child's spot today here -

[→ https://uk.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=7847&ts=1765791961](https://uk.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=7847&ts=1765791961)



bricks 4 kidz **LEGO CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS**

22nd December - Bidborough Village Hall
23rd December - Kings Hill Community Centre
9.30am - 12pm *includes NEW LEGO® set or mini figure to take home

Bring a drink & snack (NUT-FREE) **£25***

www.bricks4kidz.uk/kent

Book online via website 5-12 yrs / Drop & Go

The poster features a central illustration of a LEGO Santa Claus figure with a white beard and red suit, set against a dark blue background with white snowflakes and green pine branches. A small circular inset shows a child smiling. At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a Christmas tree and a gift box.

Dadspace Maidstone

🎄 DADSPACE MAIDSTONE 🎄 Our final meet-up of 2025 Take a breather after the Christmas rush and join us for a relaxed walk and proper chat with other dads who get it.



WWW.DADSPACE.CO.UK

FREE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP FOR DADS

CALLING ALL DADS!
JOIN OUR **WALK & TALK**

10AM MEET AT THE WALNUT TREE FOR A CATCH UP IN THEIR PRIVATE MARQUEE AND GREETED WITH COMPLEMENTARY HOT DRINKS PROVIDED BY THE WALNUT TREE. FOLLOWED BY A RELAXED WALK THROUGH LOOSE VALLEY (CONSIDER FOOTWEAR AS IT MAY BE MUDDY IN PLACES).

📍 THE WALNUT TREE,
657 LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE ME15 9UX

Saturday 27th December 10am

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA
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BETWEEN FATHERS



📍 The Walnut Tree, Maidstone 📅 Saturday 27th December 🕒 10:00am

We'll start with a free hot or cold drink inside the pub, then head out for a gentle walk through the beautiful Loose Valley (weather permitting). New dad, seasoned dad, or somewhere in between — you're very welcome. Real chats. Fresh air. Good company.

✎ Free tickets: <https://www.dadspace.co.uk/event-details/dadspace-maidstone-12>

Thank you to Antrix Costumes and Themes for lending the school a cow outfit for the staff pantomime this week which by the sounds of it, the children thoroughly enjoyed!

Antrix deal in costume hire for adults, as the junior outfit market is often well catered for by shops and online. Being home-based with minimal browsing space, we try to work on an appointment-only basis to offer undivided attention and personal service. Almost all our outfits feature on our extensive website and we mainly have costumes not easily found elsewhere. Given enough time and enthusiasm, we can even create a unique concept.

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Tel: 01622 744711 to book an appointment
email: antrix@btconnect.com

www.antrixcostumesmaidstone.co.uk

Schools Out!

Christmas Holiday Club

Providing free childcare and peace of mind.

Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 13 to participate in a range of **sports & fitness** and **arts & craft** activities. Sessions run for **4 hours** between **10:00 - 14:00**.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) places are now available. Simply log into the HAF website holidayactivities.com to book a space at one of our locations - or scan the QR code below.

Dates and locations:

Greenfields Community Primary School
Shepway, Maidstone
Archbishop Courtenay Primary School
Tovil, Maidstone
Tree Tops Primary Academy
Brishing Lane, Maidstone

Mon 22
December

Tue 23
December

Mon 29
December

Tue 30
December

HolidayActivities



Places for all other children available from **10 December 2025**.
Visit stonesinthecommunity.org/programme/schools-out-holiday-club
on the day to book a space at one of our locations or follow our social.



stonesinthecommunity.org



MANAGING SLEEP

Explore healthy sleep habits and strategies together.

Join us in a supportive space to discuss bedtime routines, practical sleep strategies and more, to improve your family's wellbeing.

Where:

**Greenfields Family Hub,
Rutland Way, Maidstone,
ME15 8DR**

Date:

Tuesday 20th January

Time:

9:30-11:30

To book a place please contact:
Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk



For more information
scan the QR code

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk
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