Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2026

Headteacher News

It has been another really positive week at Loose, with lots to celebrate across our school. I continue to be impressed by the care, expertise and ambition of our staff and, most importantly, by the children themselves.

There is a real sense of pride in being part of Loose, and that has been particularly evident this week.

Pride in Who We Are

This week, we have been reflecting on one of our school values: pride. We have been thinking carefully about what it means to be proud of who we are and why every child at Loose should feel able to be proud of their own identity and their own story.

Every one of us is unique. Our identities are shaped by many different things — our heritage, culture, ethnicity, religion, family, experiences, interests and passions. These differences are part of what makes each of us who we are, and they are also what makes our school community so rich.

We have spoken with the children about the wonderful story that every child has and how each individual story adds something to the bigger story of Loose. Every child deserves to feel that they belong here, that who they are matters and that their identity is valued and respected.

We explored these ideas with children in Years 1–3 during an assembly this week, and we will be continuing this work with Years 4–6. It is important that our children understand how strongly we feel about this as a school.

We have also been very clear that discriminatory behaviour has no place at Loose. No child should ever be subjected to discrimination or abuse because of any of the protected characteristics. We will always take concerns of this nature seriously and respond appropriately.

We want every child at Loose to know: your story matters, you belong here and you should be proud of who you are.

Exceptional Behaviour and Culture

We continue to talk with our children about our ambition for Exceptional Behaviour and Culture across Loose.

I have seen some real improvements in the way our children move around the school, particularly during transitions. These are beginning to feel calmer, more purposeful and more focused, which makes a real difference to the atmosphere across the school.

We are also focusing on the importance of excellent listening. When children listen carefully, they are better able to understand teaching, follow instructions and make the most of the opportunities in front of them. Excellent listening is therefore an important part of helping every child unlock their potential.

We know that children are still learning and developing, and mistakes are a natural part of that process. Our role is to teach children what exceptional behaviour looks like and support them to make increasingly positive choices.

Developing Our Approach to Writing

Following our work on handwriting, we had a really interesting professional development session this week focused on spelling. This means that, after half term, we will be ready to fully launch our new whole-school approaches to handwriting and spelling.

Our ambition is for every child to have high-quality spelling and/or handwriting practice every single day. Developing fluency in these fundamental aspects of writing will make a significant difference to our children as writers, allowing them to focus more of their attention on vocabulary, sentence construction, composition and communicating their ideas effectively.

What makes this particularly exciting is that these approaches have been developed specifically for the children of Loose. They are not simply schemes we have purchased. Our staff have drawn on their own expertise and understanding of our children to create approaches that are right for our school.

This says a great deal about the expertise within our staff team and our determination to develop approaches that allow us to meet every child where they are in their learning.

Our School Improvement Priorities

I thought it would be helpful to remind families of the three key areas at the heart of our School Improvement Plan this year:

Exceptional Behaviour and Culture — creating an exceptional culture where children feel safe, understand high expectations and treat others with respect.

Responsive Assessment and Feedback — knowing our children well, checking whether learning has landed and using that information to decide what happens next.

Writing Excellence — developing confident, skilled and articulate writers.

These priorities are closely connected to the Trust's ACT model: ARRIVE → CHOOSE → TEACH

We want children to arrive ready to learn, make positive choices and experience teaching that is carefully planned and responsive. Crucially, we then check: What do children know? What can they do? What have they understood? And what do we need to do next?

This thinking sits behind so much of our work at Loose. Our aim is always to understand our children and provide what they need to unlock their potential.

Celebrating Our Learning

It was great to welcome Fusional to Loose this week to capture photographs of children's learning and life around our school.

They captured some wonderful moments, and we are looking forward to using these images to enhance the visual culture of our school and celebrate the learning, relationships and experiences that happen here every day.

I was particularly touched by how excited our children were about the possibility of seeing themselves and their learning displayed around the school. It was another lovely example of the pride many of our children have in being part of Loose.

Looking Forward to Our KS2 Disco

I am very excited to be attending my first Loose KS2 disco tonight! I am sure it will be a fantastic evening, and I am really looking forward to seeing our children enjoying themselves with their friends.

Before the disco begins, I want to say a huge thank you to every volunteer who gives their time to make events like this possible. Without our volunteers, evenings such as tonight simply could not take place.

These are important primary school experiences. Our children may not remember every lesson they have, but they will remember the moments when they laughed with friends, danced together and felt part of something special.

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA and to every parent, carer and member of our wider community who helps create these opportunities for our children.

Thank you for helping to make Loose such a wonderful community to belong to.

Potential is Limitless.



Diary Dates

Term 1

02/10 PTA KS2 Disco

06/10 Year 4 to Kent Life

06/10 Year 6 Residential Meeting with parent 5.30-6.00pm

07/10 Fizz Photography in to do class & individual photos for Years R, 1 & 2

07/10 Fizz Photography doing a parent drop in sessions Brook Hall 7.15am to 8.30am for sibling/family photos

08/10 Fizz Photography in to do class & individual photos for the Nursery & Years 3, 5 & 6 (Y6 done in June)

08/10 Year R Biscuit Bake Off

13/10 - Open Classrooms - more info nearer the time

14/10 Harvest Church Services at All Saints Church Loose

15/10 Kent Test Results to parents from 4pm

15/10 Last day of term

16/10 Staff Training Day no children in school - children due back 02/11/26

Term 2

03/11 Year 6 Magistrate Talks

04 & 05/11 September 2027 Year R Reception tours - see website for link to book a tour!

04/11 PTA Meeting 7.15pm Swan Pub

09-13/11 Year 6 Bikeability all week

11/11 Armistice Day

13/11 Children in Need - more info to follow

16-20/11 Year 6 Bikeability all week

17/11 Emerald Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

18/11 Year 5 to Science Museum

20/11 Anti-Bullying Exhibition in Orchard Hall after school

20/11 PTA Christmas Wreath Making

24/11 Onyx Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

27/11 PTA Christmas Fayre & Light Show

01/12 Ruby Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

03 & 04/11 PTA Christmas Gift Shop - more info to follow

10/12 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

10/12 Christmas Lunch Day

17/12 Christmas Staff Pantomime to children

18/12 Christmas Church Services - All Saints Church Loose

18/12 Last day of term - children due back



Year 3 Spaces Available



Photos

On Wednesday 7th October and Thursday 8th October, Fizz photography are due to visit Loose Primary School for both class and individual photographs for the nursery and Years R through to 5 only. Year 6 will be due their photographs later on in the year prior to leaving Loose in the summer.

Due to having over 300 sibling groups within our school, we are not able to take sibling photographs within normal school hours. ***Fizz photography have kindly agreed to provide an early drop in sessions instead on Wednesday 7th October for parents to bring their children in for sibling photos themselves. This session will run from 7.15am until 8.30am in Brook Hall and will be on a first come, first serve basis. If the demand is too high we may need to turn parents away as the sessions can't overrun as children need to get to school on time and the photographers need to set up to start taking class & individual photos at 9am.***

For safeguarding reasons, once your children's pictures have been taken you must leave the school site via the main gates and return at the usual time for the start of the school day. This is because there will be breakfast club children on site. If your child is going to breakfast club after their photo has been taken then please drop them off as normal afterwards.



Year 6 Parent Meetings 6th October

A reminder we would like to invite Year 6 parents to an information sharing session on **Tuesday 6th October in Orchard Hall**.

The session will be split into two parts:

5.00–5.30pm – Secondary Transfer

We will share information about the secondary school transfer process and answer any questions you may have.

5.30–6.00pm – Residential Trip

We will share our plans for the Year 6 residential trip, including key information and arrangements.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Year 6 Team

Year R Biscuit Bake Off

YR Biscuit Bear Bake-Off – Thursday 8th October 2026

Your children have really been enjoying our 'Bear Hugs' topic so far this term and, as part of this, one of our study texts is 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey. In previous years, we have run successful 'Biscuit Bear Bake-Offs' and we would like to continue this tradition!

We are asking you to bake something linked to the theme of bears with your children (I have attached some ideas for you – but feel free to get as creative as you want!)

Please send your baked goods into school with your children on Thursday 8th October. The baking will be judged by Mr Childs and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each class will be announced during the day. We will then be running a stall to sell the cakes to the whole school community from 3:20pm that day to raise funds for Early Years – your children will be deciding what to spend their money on!

Thank you in advance for your support – the children will be so excited about this!



Ocean Artist Art Project

We wanted to share with you all, the success of the children and staff of the One Hour Club / After School Club, who participated in an Ocean Artist Art project. Many of our drawings were selected for publishing and now feature in the Ocean Artist publication.

All our published children were given a copy and we have included a small sample below.

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Lily's Ocean Creation

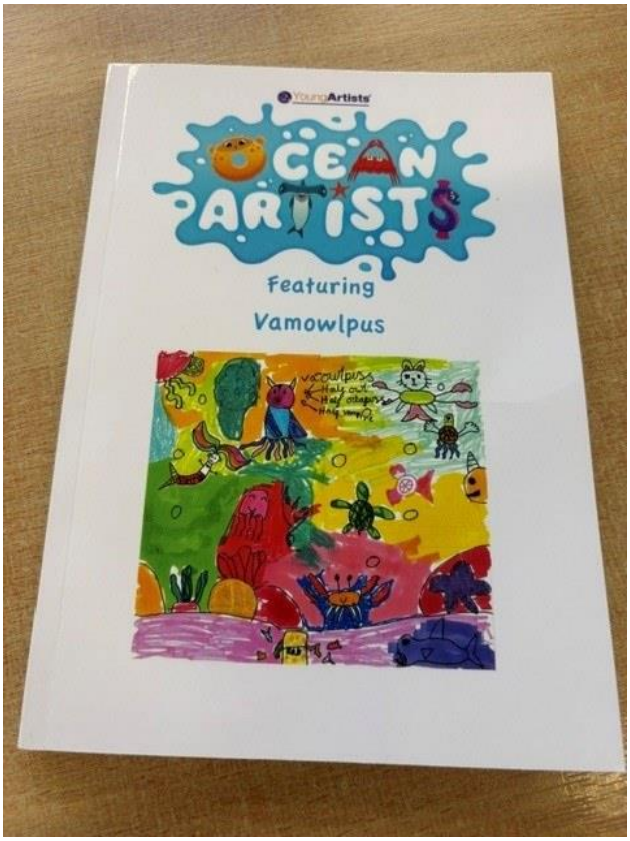


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Ocean Life




Vamowlpus
Under The Sea


YoungArtists
OCEAN
ARTISTS
Featuring
Vamowlpus

Gates

A reminder the gates close at 8.55am in the morning and if parents are still onsite at this time, they need to leave via the main Loose Road entrance. Class registration is taken at 8.55, so any child not in class at this time needs to enter school via the main gate and come into reception so they can be signed in on the screen and then taken to class.

Harvest Donations - Vine Church Food Bank

This year we will be collecting our Harvest donations for the Vine Church. Tables will be out on the KS1 playground and in the quiet area on the KS2 playground on **Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October** for both drop off and collection.

All your generous donations will be distributed by the Vine to local families in need. The church runs a food bank from their building on Northumberland Road, Shepway. They have been supporting local families when times are tough for over 20 years. We particularly need the following items,

Pasta, rice, pasta Sauce, instant noodles (ie Supernoodles/ pot noodle), sugar, cereal, baked beans, soup, tinned spaghetti, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, spreads ie jam, honey, peanut butter, long life milk, Tea / coffee, biscuits, toiletries (Shampoo, shower gel, tooth paste, toilet roll)

Please ensure any consumables are well within date. Thank you very much for anything you are able to give.



Harvest Church Services All Saints Church Loose

The children will be going to All Saints Church in Loose on Wednesday 14th October for the Harvest Services. Families are welcome to join us. Please see timetable for details of when your child's class will be there.

CHURCH TIMETABLE ALL SAINTS CHURCH LOOSE

Group	1	2	3
Classes	Crystal	Pearl	Opal
	Diamond	Sapphire	Moonstone
	Tanzanite	Aquamarine	Turquoise
	Amber	Coral	Jade
	Emerald	Onyx	Ruby
	Amethyst	Topaz	Sunstone
	Quartz	Zultanite	Peridot
Time children leaving school	9.00am	9.50am	10.45am
Time for parents/carers to be seated for service to start	9.15am	10.05am	11.00am

Ethic of Excellence

Well done to the children that received a certificate of excellence this week. Your teachers are very proud of you.

Moonstone Class - Johann F

Sapphire Class - Elliot J & Lilia A

Aquamarine Class - Charlotte B

Turquoise Class - Saeeb I

Tanzanite Class - Rowan B/C

Amber Class - Jude H

Coral Class - Joshua C

Jade Class - Azuki W

Emerald Class - Jax B

Ruby Class - Sienna L

Amethyst Class - Alice E

Topaz Class - Daisy P

Sunstone Class - Elliot S

Peridot Class - George Y

Quartz Class - Alexis-Rose M

Zultanite Class - Akshana R



PTA Newsletter



Secondary Admissions

For children starting year 7 in September 2027 applications opened on Monday 1 September and close on Monday 2 November 2026.

You can apply for up to 4 schools:

- Put the schools in your order of preference.
- It's in your best interest to list 4 schools.
- Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give priority for a place over another child.
- You are not able to name the same school more than once.

To apply for a school outside of Kent, name the school in your application with your other preferences. Your application details will be passed on to the relevant local authority for processing.

To help you choose the schools to add to your application:

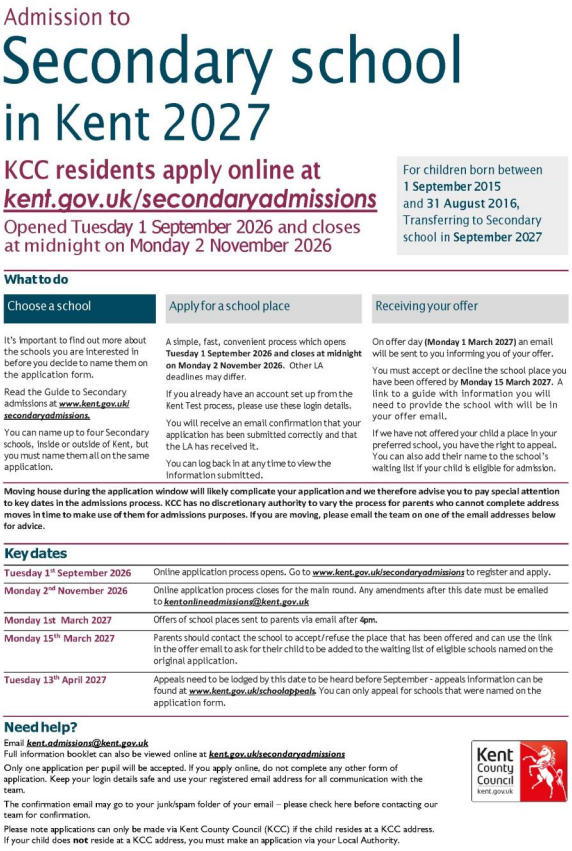
- read our advice about choosing a school
- find information about open days from the school's website or contact the school
- read our guide to secondary admissions for 2027 (PDF, 1.4 MB)

Apply

To apply for a year 7 place, complete our online application form.

https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx

If you provide an email address on your application, we will email you on Monday 1 March 2027 to tell you which school you have been offered or view your offer online.



Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2027

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

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between **1 September 2015** and **31 August 2016**, Transferring to Secondary 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 Secondary admissions at **www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.**

You can name up to four Secondary 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 **Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026.** Other LA deadlines may differ.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

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

Receiving your offer

On offer day **(Monday 1 March 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 **Monday 15 March 2027.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If we have not offered 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 if your child is eligible for admission.

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

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to **www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions** to register and apply.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to **kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk**
Monday 1st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after **4pm.**
Monday 15th March 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 eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13th April 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 **kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk**
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at **kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions**

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.

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

Kent Life Magazine Christmas Cover Competition

We have been sent details of an exciting Christmas art competition, please see the flyer below for all information on how to take part and enter your child's artwork.

To enter, youngsters must live in Kent and be in full-time education. A selection of entries will be published in the Christmas issue – along with the child's first name, age and school.

The winner's drawing will feature on the cover.

To enter a drawing, painting or illustration simply scan and email to kentchristmascover@newsquest.co.uk with the creator's name, age and school, no later than Tuesday, October 27, 2026.



No Dogs Allowed on School Site

A reminder dogs are not allowed on the school site under any circumstance, even if being carried. Only service dogs are allowed (i.e. Guide Dogs). Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Bikes & Scooters

It is lovely to see so many children walking, cycling and scooting to school each day. However, as our school site can be very busy at drop-off and collection times, **all children must get off their bikes and scooters when they arrive on the school grounds and walk them to the bike/scooter storage area**. This is important for everyone's safety and helps us to keep the site safe and manageable for all.

SEN Information

SEND roadshows give families and professionals the opportunity to come together, hear updates, and ask questions about local SEND services and support. They are a great chance to access face-to-face support, connect with local services, share feedback, and learn more about what is available for children and young people with SEND in Kent.

Details of the SEND Roadshow in Maidstone are:

📅 **Monday 5th October** 🕐 **10:00am – 2:00pm** 📍 **Maidstone Community Support Centre, 39-48 Marsham Street, Maidstone, ME14 1HH**

👧👦 Children are welcome, and a separate quiet room with activities will be available.

🚗 There is no parking on site, but several town centre car parks are nearby.

Previous roadshows have helped many families connect with a wide range of services, offering valuable one-to-one advice and guidance on areas including education, health, emotional wellbeing and local support.

More SEND roadshows will be taking place across the county, so please keep an eye on the SEND Information Hub or **KCC Facebook page** for upcoming dates.



Maidstone Family Hubs

Timetable

14th September 2026 - 23rd October 2026

All of our groups and services are free. For groups requiring booking at all Hubs, see our web site https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub

Our Family Hubs:

South Borough
03000 417770
Stagshaw Close, Maidstone, ME15 6TL
Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm
Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Infozone
03000 419470
3 Palace Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 6NF
Mon 10am - 5pm
Tue-Thur 9am - 5pm
Fri 9am - 4.30pm
infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

Monday	**South Borough** Young Parents (Booking required) 11.30-1.30	**South Borough** Stepping Up (Booking required) 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	**Infozone** Understanding Your Child Parents of Adolescents (Referral only) 4.30-6.00			
Tuesday	**South Borough** Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	**South Borough** Baby Massage (Booking required) 1.30-2.30 2-6 months	**South Borough** Introducing Solids (Booking required) 1.30-2.30 2nd Tuesday of the month	**Infozone** Time to Shine Seniors (Booking required) 4.30-6.30 11-19 years	**Infozone** Strengthening Family Relationships (Referral only) 10.00-12.00	
Wednesday	**Virtual** Online Safety for Parents 10.00-11.00	**Infozone** Baby Group 10.00-11.00 Pre walking 0-12 months	**Infozone** NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 1.00-3.00	**South Borough** Time To Shine Juniors (Booking required) 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	**Infozone** Compass (11-19) (Referral only) 4.30-5.30 11 + years	
Thursday	**South Borough** Talking Walk Ins 9.30-11.30 2nd Thur of the month	**South Borough** Health Visitor Clinic 1.30-3.30	**South Borough** Time To Shine Juniors (Booking required) 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	**Infozone** Youth Peer Mentoring (Booking required) 4.30-6.00 14-19 years		
Friday	**South Borough** NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 9.30-11.30	**Infozone** Baby Massage (Booking required) 10.00-11.00 2-6 months				

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts. www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Information

Time to Shine Seniors (Booking required)
Small, supportive groups for children 12+ with neurodiverse needs to build confidence and social skills through fun activities.

Compass (11-19) (Referral only)
A 10 session course helping children 11+ manage emotions and develop skills to cope with life's challenges.
Referral only
infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

Youth Peer Mentoring (Booking required)
Confidence Building, face-to-face training, learn new skills for life.
14-19 years
Please contact maidstoneyf@kent.gov.uk for booking information
Volunteer with Family Hub - Kent County Council

@MaidstoneFamilyHubs
@Maidstonefamilyhubs
@Maidstonefamilyhubs115519

Young Parents (Booking required)
For parents and parents-to-be up to the age of 25 and is a great way to meet other families and build friendships in a fun, educational and stimulating environment to explore and play.

Introducing Solids (Booking required)
A workshop run by the Health Visiting team to guide you through the weaning journey.
Book when baby is 4-6 months.
Please note we hold 2 workshops a month:
Parkwood & South Borough.
Booking Required
Family.kent.cht.nhs.uk/introducingsolids

Stepping Up (Booking required)
A 6-week programme for 7-11 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends.
To express an interest please email Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Understanding Your Child - Parents of Adolescents (Referral only)
For parent/carers that would like to know more about sensitive and effective parenting. For parents with children aged 11+. Exploring positive relationships, adolescent brain development, emotional containment, behaviour as, communication and more.

Baby Group
A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0 -12 months pre-walking.
Please note we hold 2 Baby Groups a week: Greenfields & Infozone.

Time To Shine Juniors (Booking required)
Small, supportive groups for children aged 8-11 years with SEND to build confidence and social skills through fun activities.
Booking required
southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Virtual Online Safety (Booking required)
6 sessions for parents on supporting children to stay safe online and using technology responsibly
Booking required.
southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Strengthening Family Relationships (Referral only)
A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships.
Tue 22 and 29 September.
Referral only.
infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

Healthy Start Vitamins
Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?
If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door.

Free Early Education
Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!
For more information and how to apply:

Useful Contact Numbers:
Health Visiting Team:
0300 013 2204

Please Note:
For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.

For more information about opening times give your local Hub a call

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub
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Our Family Hubs:

Parkwood
03000 412700
Furfield Close, Maidstone , ME15 9JR
Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm
Parkwoodfh@kent.gov.uk

Greenfields
03000 412987
Rutland Way, Maidstone , ME15 8DR
Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm
Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk

West Borough
03000 419361
Greenway, Maidstone , ME16 8TL
Mon & Tue 8.30am - 4.30pm
Wed 8.30am-12.30pm
Closed Fridays
Westboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Monday	**Parkwood** Health Visitor & NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 9.30-11.30	**Greenfields** Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	**West Borough** Little Bookworms 10.00-11.30 1-4 years	**Parkwood** Introducing Solids (Booking required) 1.30-2.30 1st Monday of the month
Tuesday	**West Borough** Health Visitor Clinic 9.30-11.30	**Greenfields** Baby Group 10.30-11.30 0-12 months, pre-walking	**Parkwood** Little Talkers (Booking required) 10.00-11.00	**West Borough** NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 1.00-3.00
Wednesday	**Parkwood** Baby Massage (Booking required) 10.00-11.00 2-6 months	**West Borough** Baby, Family & You (Booking required) 10.00-12.00	**West Borough** Closed From 12pm	
Thursday	**West Borough** Stay & Play 10.00-11.30	**Greenfields** Understanding Your Child (Booking required) 10.00-12.00	**Parkwood** Stay & Play 1.00-2.30	
Friday	**Greenfields** Twins Group 9.30-11.30 0-4 years 2nd & 4th Fri of the month	**Greenfields** Talking Walk Ins 9.30-12.00 2-4 years 1st & 3rd Fri of the month	**West Borough** Closed All Day	

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts. www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Maidstone Food Resources

Family Hubs:
(For families with children under 18 only or young people in supported accomodation)

Infozone, Palace Avenue, ME15 6NF
Tel: 03000 419470
Email: Infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

South Borough, Stagshaw Close, ME15 6TL
Tel: 03000 417770
Email: Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

West Borough, Greenway, ME16 8TL
Tel: 03000 419361
Email: Westboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Parkwood, Furfield Close, ME15 9JR
Tel: 03000 412700
Email: Parkwoodfh@kent.gov.uk

Greenfields, Rutland Way, ME15 8DR
Tel: 03000 412987
Email: Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk

Please contact the hub beforehand if possible.

Other Providers:

MADM
48 Church Street, Maidstone, ME14 1DS
Tel: 01622 687414
Email: madmstone@gmail.com

Salvation Army (Food Bank)
74-80 Union St, Maidstone, ME14 1ED
Wednesdays 11am - 3pm
Tel: 07724 473796

The Vine (Food Bank)
Northumberland Road, Maidstone, ME15 7LP
Tel: 07724 473796

Staff can be reached on the food bank number above. If not available someone can leave a message and a team member will get back to them to arrange a time for the food to be collected.

Fusion: Community Table - A Menu For Change
Fusion Healthy Living Centre, 2-3 Cobb Way, Maidstone ME15 9XF
Friday
Tel (To Apply): 01622 691177

30 people can get a hot meal in a local restaurant (or takeaway for those who lack mobility) for free.

How to Join:
- Apply to the Community Table waiting list.
- List is reviewed every 3 months.

Maidstone Day Centre
(Support Homeless People)
Knightrider Street, Maidstone, ME16 6LP
Tel: 01622 674064

The Bread and Butter Thing

£35 worth of food for £8.50, including fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.

Shepway
Shepway Youth and Community Cewntre, Cumberland Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 7JN
Thursday 1pm

Sign Up and Book a Slot:
Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:

Park Wood
Fusion Healthy Living Centre, 2-3 Cobb Way, Maidstone ME15 9XF
Wednesday 2pm

Sign Up and Book a Slot:
Text 0750 723 7311 with you full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from:
'PARK WOOD'

Trinity
Trinity House, 20 Church Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LY
Tuesday 1pm

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'TRINITY'

The Blackthorn Trust
Andrew's Road, Maidstone, ME16 9AN
Monday 12:30pm

Sign Up and Book a Slot:
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'BLACKTHORN'

SEND INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ROADSHOW

CALLING ALL MAIDSTONE FAMILIES!

Those whose child/young person has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and would like to learn more about the local services. We will have a wide range of services in attendance that can provide support through ages 0-25.

Maidstone Community Support Centre
39-48 Marsham St
Maidstone, ME14 1HH

Drop-in session, no need to book!
Any questions? Email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk

10:00AM-3:00PM, 5TH OCTOBER 2026

Kent Family Hub

Kent County Council

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SPACE 2 LEARN
AT SPACE 2 BE ME

East Malling Centre

SUPPORTING AUTISM & ADHD

A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

An interactive session exploring:

- **What is autism? An overview of diganostic criteria and the autistic spectrum**
- **What is ADHD? Traits and types of ADHD**
- **Dual diagnosis and other co-occuring conditions**
- **Common difficulties including communication, sensory processing, and executive functioning skills**
- **Different stress responses**
- **Support suggestions embedded throughout**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EAST MALLING CENTRE

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

£12.50 per ticket

THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER

10:00 - 13:00

THE EAST MALLING CENTRE, CHAPMAN WAY, ME19 6SD

LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE EAST MALLING CENTRE

A LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR EAST MALLING RESIDENTS VIA THE EAST MALLING CENTRE

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Supporting children with additional needs and their families in West Kent

FAMILY SUPPORT

SUPPORT GROUP FOR NEURODIVERGENT PARENTS

PADDOCK WOOD

Welcome to our supportive group for parents who are neurodivergent or believe they might be! No formal diagnosis is needed to join us. We're here to offer a calm space where you can discuss recognizing and managing your needs, share the challenges of parenting, and connect with others.

Monday 28th September

Monday 30th November

10:00 - 11:30

PADDOCK WOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIDSTONE RD, PADDOCK WOOD, TN12 6EB

https://space2beme.org.uk/services/space2talk/#NDPW

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FAMILY SUPPORT

Space 2 Talk Snodland

Space 2 Talk offers support and advice for parents and carers of children with additional needs in a friendly atmosphere. Whether you're seeking help for your child, looking for guidance after a diagnosis, or simply wanting to connect with others, you can attend regularly or drop in as needed.

Tuesday 13th October, 10:00 - 11:30
Tuesday 10th November, 10:00 - 11:30
Tuesday 8th December, 10:00 - 11:30

Pavilion Cafe, Cricket Pavilion, Rocfort Road, Snodland, ME6 5NQ

For full details including all dates & venues please see our website
https://space2beme.org.uk/services/space2talk/

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FAMILY SUPPORT

Drop-In Support Session

for families of children with additional needs

The Family Support team has extensive experience aiding families of children with additional needs. They offer guidance in education, wellbeing, diagnosis, disability benefits, and signposting to local services.

St Stephen's Church Cafe,
37 Waterloo Rd, Tonbridge TN9 2SW

Thursday 1st October
Thursday 5th November
Thursday 3rd December
10:30 - 12:30

No appointment necessary!

The session is run alongside a pre school stay and play organised by the church.

Parent Wellbeing
AT SPACE 2 BE ME

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SPACE 2 BE ME

Walk & Talk

Take time for yourself, recharge and connect

Open to all parents & carers of children with additional needs

Join us for a relaxed stroll around the lake. Those that would like to stay for lunch or a drink after, can purchase food from the cafe or bring something with them. You do not need to stay for the whole session and are welcome to join us just for a walk or the cafe.

Thursday 24th September

11:00 - 13:00



Mote Park, Mote Avenue,
Maidstone, ME15 7SU

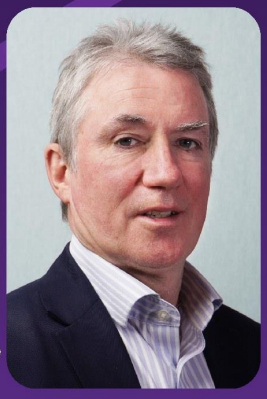
Spaces are free, but please book
https://space2beme.org.uk/services/#parents

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No two children are *the same.*

Practical strategies to support your neurodivergent child at home and at school.

Guest Speaker
Fintan O'Regan



FREE SESSION

MORNING
SENCo training
AFTERNOON
Parent / Carer Support

WHEN
Tue 6 Oct 2026
Morning Session 9:00 – 12:25
Afternoon Session 13:15 – 15:30

WHERE
Hempstead House, Sittingbourne

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE TODAY

Industry-leading author and behaviour specialist.

OR CLICK HERE

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Community News

Hockey Camp - Wednesday 28th October and Thursday 29th October 10am - 3pm

Children in school **Years 3-11 (in September 2026)** are welcome to join and groups will be structured so children of similar age/ability are coached together.

The camp is open to Maidstone HC members and non-members.

Activities will focus on a variety of hockey skills and games.

Cost **£25/day (£45 for 2 children) or £45 for both days (£85 for 2 children)**

If you would like to book a place please complete this registration form.

[MHC Junior October Hockey Camp Sign Up Form]




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Department for Work & Pensions
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Free
Schools Out!
Autumn Holiday Club
HAF registered children, book your place now!
26 - 29 October 2026
Greenfields Community Primary School
Shepway, Maidstone
Archbishop Courtenay Primary School
Tovil, Maidstone
Leigh Academy Tree Tops
Furfield Close, Parkwood, Maidstone
Providing childcare and peace of mind.
Schools Out Club provides the opportunity for children aged between 4 - 13 to participate in a range of sports and arts & craft activities.
Sessions run for 4 hours between 10:00 - 14:00.
Places are available for children who are registered on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) and receive Free School Meals. Simply log into the HAF website holidayactivities.com to book a space at one of our locations.
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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.**

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

loosenursery@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use for ALL nursery queries.

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