St Francis Primary school

Newsletter



A community growing in love for learning and life. Joy, trust, respect and faith rooted in God's love

Term 6

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of St Francis,

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new families joining the St Francis community, and to our new children in Early Years, who are settling in so beautifully. To all our returning families, it is fantastic to see you again and to feel the vibrant energy across the school once more.

This year has started a new chapter for St Francis as we have joined Kent Catholic Schools Partnership. We're excited to be joining our Catholic brothers and sisters across Kent, becoming part of a growing community.

I must start the year by giving a special mention to our Year 6 pupils, who have now started their final year at St Francis. Also big thank you to them for reverently leading our whole school community at St Francis in celebrating our very special St Francis Mass! Together, we reflected on the Parable of the Tenants (Matthew 21:33–43), reminding us to nurture the gifts God gives us and produce good fruit in our lives. Inspired by the readings and the example of Saint Francis, we were called to live in humility, walk as "children of the light," care for creation, and act as instruments of peace. It was a wonderful celebration for our entire school family to come together, pray, and give thanks as we look forward to the new academic year ahead. Well done, Year 6!

I would also like to express a huge, heartfelt thank you to our wonderful site manager, who spent much of the summer working tirelessly to build an amazing new outdoor space for our youngest children. The area is absolutely fantastic and is already bringing so much joy, curiosity, and learning to our early years pupils.

Thank you, too, to all our parents and carers for your patience and support as we transitioned to our new ordering system for school dinners. Your help in adapting so smoothly to this change is greatly appreciated.

As a Catholic community, we ground our work in care, kindness, and service to others.

Over the past few weeks, our classes have been engaging in wonderful projects linked to Catholic Social Teaching, focusing particularly on the Option for the Poor. The children have shown great empathy and thoughtful reflection throughout. In this same spirit, a sincere thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards our Harvest Festival—your kindness will make a real difference to local families in need.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Parents' Evening. Thank you for taking the time to meet with teachers and discuss your children's learning; strong partnerships between home and school are at the heart of everything we do.

Looking ahead, we have a year packed full of learning, growth, and exciting adventures. Thank you as always for your ongoing support, dedication, and partnership.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed term ahead.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Ebdon

Dear Lord,
Thank you for bringing us safely together to begin a new school year at St Francis.
We ask You to bless our whole school family—our new children and families joining us, our staff, and all who help our school flourish.
Help us to follow the example of Saint Francis: to live in humility, walk as children of the light, care for Your creation, and be instruments of peace in all that we do.
Guide our hearts to care for one another, especially those most in need, and give us the grace to produce good fruit in our learning, our friendships, and our daily lives.
Amen.

Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership

'Academies in Christ'
Part of the Archdiocese of Southwark

The Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership was created in 2012, at the request of the Archdiocese of Southwark, to support and further develop Catholic education in Kent. We currently have 33 schools in the partnership, 28 primaries and 5 secondaries. Our school are situated across Kent and Medway, and they each aim to offer excellent education with a distinctive Catholic ethos: with Christ at our heart, we strive together to ensure that our schools offer an ambitious education and curriculum for all, with a firm focus on the provision of excellent teaching and learning, to ensure that the potential of each and every one of our young people in our schools is fulfilled, whatever their need.

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01622 232662

Knowledge-rich, skills-led learning for all
Christ at our heart
Serving everyone in our community
Partnership of love, ambition, joy and peace

Primary Schools

English Martyrs, Strood

More Park, West Malling

Our Lady of Hartley, Hartley

St Augustine's, Hythe

St Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells

St Bartholomew's, Swanley

St Benedict's, Lordswood

St Edward's, Sheerness

St Francis, Maidstone

St Gregory's, Margate

St John's, Gravesend

St Joseph's, Aylesham

St Joseph's, Broadstairs

St Joseph's, Northfleet

St Margaret Clitherow, Tonbridge

St Mary's, Deal

St Mary's, Whitstable

St Michael, Chatham

St Peter's, Sittingbourne

St Richard's, Dover

St Simon of England, Ashford

St Teresa's, Ashford

St Thomas', Sevenoaks

St Thomas of Canterbury, Rainham

St Thomas More, Chatham

St William of Perth, Rochester

Stella Maris, Folkestone

The Holy Family, Maidstone

Secondary Schools

St Anselm's, Canterbury

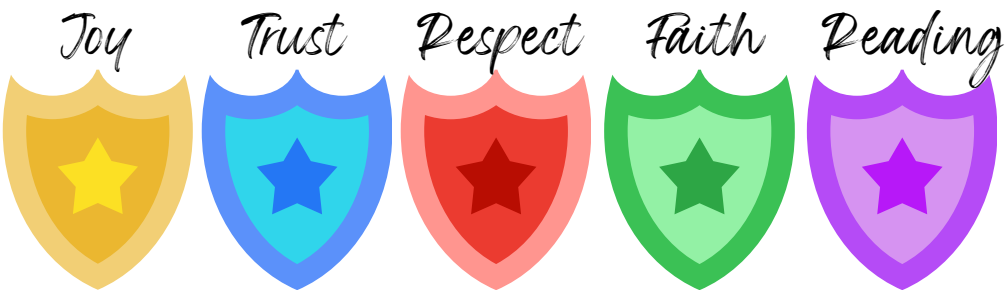
St Edmund's, Dover

St Gregory's, Tunbridge Wells

St Simon Stock, Maidstone

Ursuline College, Westgate on Sea

Mission Tie Winners





18th Sep 2026

	Joy	Trust	Respect	Faith	Reading
St Mary	Quinn	Jenninia	Juan	Hailey	
St Joseph	Jemima	Eden	Ruairi	Gaia	Filip
St John	Xander	Flynn	Evanna	Isabella	Amelia
St Anthony	Maisie	Liam	Sophia	Nia	
St Luke	Layla	Louis	Ben	Aviana	
St Mark	Sena	Lottie M	Eze	Jesse	Ivasubin
St Paul	Alexander	Lana	Nashla	Riley K	
St Peter	Joanna	Millicent	Lydia	Lily	Hugo
St Theresa	Aditi	William	Isabelle	Chloe	Oscar A
St Bernadette	Evie	Jessimae	Nikita	Max	Penny
St Margaret	Bruce	Melanie	Matthew	Onose	
St Clare	Ember	Dom	Tristan	William	Evania

2nd Oct 2026

	Joy	Trust	Respect	Faith	Reading
St Mary	Nathan	Charvik	Simon	Mikel	Carter
St Joseph	Yara	Mikoloj	Marc	Evie	
St John	Timur	Ronnie	JJ	Maria	Frankie
St Anthony	Rares	Ionsubin	Isobel	Kylian	
St Luke	Daphne	Isabelle	Teni	Alex	
St Mark	Favour	Zachary	Jovin	Esmai	George
St Paul	Isla	Grace N	Caolan	Joshua	Nicole
St Peter	Jasmine	Mason	Mar	Che-Che	Lucas
St Theresa	Sebastian	Santiago	Isla	Pippa	Hendrix
St Bernadette	Beth	Kezia	Daniel B	Francine	
St Margaret	Luigi	Sebastian	Emma	George	Freya
St Clare	Zara	Tomi	Jessica	Evania	William

16th Oct 2026

	Joy	Trust	Respect	Faith	Reading
St Lucy	Theo	Imisi	Honour	Philip	Theodore
St Mary	Imoseose	James	Carter	Shawn	Juan
St Joseph	Poppy	Vinnie	Jason	Frida	Maria
St John	Logan	Mila	Kiki	Luca	Frankie
St Anthony	Vinnie	Jack	Nicholas	Ella	Kylian
St Luke	Muhammad	Amanda	Nigel	Matheus	
St Mark	Emily	Elian	Adam	Kit	Maisie
St Paul	Milo	Hannah	Olivia A	Cody	Olivia W
St Peter	Sophie	Maria	Lucas	Brigid	
St Theresa	Christina	Yaiza	Jaiden	Alex	Pippa
St Bernadette	Daniel H	Neve	Eddie	Connie	Samantha
St Margaret	Holly	Sara	Benjamin	Ethan	
St Clare	Maggie	Sofia	Amelia	Aiden	Amelia H

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

LEADERBOARD

FOR

MOST MINUTES PLAYED BETWEEN 01-09-2026 AND 23-10-2026

1ST

NATHANIEL K.
3 ST MARK
ROCK STAR
416m 6s

2ND

MOROLA A.
4 ST PETER
ROCK LEGEND
398m 23s

3RD

MAYA J.
5 ST BERNADETTE
ROCK LEGEND
331m 26s

RANK	NAME	GROUP	ROCK STATUS	MINUTES PLAYED UP TO
4	ARABELLA B.	4 ST PETER	Rock Legend	301m 21s
5	LYDIA P.	4 ST PETER	New Artist	223m 23s
6	SIMEON O.	3 ST MARK	Rock Star	188m 23s
7	JASMINE D.	4 ST PETER	Breakthrough Artist	185m 42s
8	SOPHIE M.	4 ST PETER	Rock Legend	177m 2s
9	DEBORAH K.	4 ST PETER	Rock Legend	154m 54s
10	ELIAN B.	3 ST MARK	New Artist	148m 38s
11	JOSHUA OCHAYI S.	6 ST CLARE	Rock Legend	146m 48s
12	GOSIFE DAVID C.	4 ST PETER	Breakthrough Artist	138m 38s
13	JOSHUA S.	4 ST PAUL	New Artist	126m 55s
14	MARIA C.	4 ST PETER	Rock Legend	97m 22s
15	SEBASTIAN O.	6 ST MARGARET	Wannabe	91m 49s
16	ETHAN A.	6 ST MARGARET	New Artist	85m 50s
17	NEIL MUKUNDI P.	4 ST PETER	New Artist	85m 34s
18	ATHARV D.	4 ST PAUL	New Artist	84m 48s
19	WILFRED C.	3 ST LUKE	Wannabe	82m 54s
20	LEXI JULIANA D.	6 ST MARGARET	Rock Legend	80m 23s
21	HOLLY H.	6 ST MARGARET	Gigger	76m 4s
22	TOMI E.	6 ST CLARE	Rock Star	76m 4s
23	EVIE A.	6 ST MARGARET	Rock Star	73m 8s
24	SUZZAINE TRUE C.	2 ST JOHN	Rock Star	64m 59s
25	MILLICENT H.	4 ST PETER	Busker	62m 23s
26	ROSIE A.	4 ST PAUL	Headliner	48m 58s
27	LILY B.	4 ST PETER	Rock Legend	48m 39s
28	MASON M.	4 ST PETER	Rock Legend	45m 43s
29	EMMA P.	6 ST MARGARET	Rock Legend	45m 13s
30	ETHAN T.	6 ST MARGARET	Rock Legend	42m 33s



Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Term 2

Monday 2nd November	Start of Term 2
Monday 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Mon 16th Nov - Thurs 19th Nov	Anti- Bullying Week
Friday 20th November	Staff Development Day - No pupils in school
Wed 25th Nov	Junior Advent Assembly
Monday 30th November	St Andrews Day
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day
Friday 4th December	PTA non-uniform Day
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December	iRock Concert - 9am - 10am
Friday 11th December	KS1/FS Christmas Disco - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 11th December	KS2 Christmas Disco KS2 - 5pm - 6pm
Tuesday 15th December	Infant Nativity 2pm - 3pm
Friday 18th December	Deadline for Bikeability consent letters
Friday 18th December	End of term 2

No After School Club Friday 18th December

Christmas Break - Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027

Term 3

Monday 4th January	Start of Term 3
Monday 4th January	Year 6 Bikeability starts
Friday 8th January	Year 5 - WW1 VR Day
Friday 22nd January	Staff Development Day - No pupils in school
Monday 25th January	Start of Diversity Week
Thursday 28th January	International Fair
Tuesday 9th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 10th February	Parents Evening 3.40pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 11th February	Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Friday 12th Febraury	End of Term 3

Half Term- Monday 15th February 2027 - Friday 19th February 2027

Term 4

Monday 22nd February	Staff Development Day - No pupils in school
Friday 25th March	End of term 4

Half Term- Friday 26th March 2027 - Friday 9th April 2027

Attendance



Condition	Should my child attend school?	Guidance
Mild cold or cough	✅ Yes	Children with a mild cold or cough should attend school. Encourage good hand hygiene
Sore throat	✅ Yes	Most sore throats do not require time off school. Ensure your child drinks plenty of
Anxiety or worries about school	✅ Yes	It is common for children to feel anxious at times. Attending school usually helps, and we encourage families to
Conjunctivitis	✅ Yes	Children can usually attend school. Encourage regular hand washing and avoid
Head lice	✅ Yes	Children do not need to stay at home. Hair should be treated with an appropriate
COVID-19 (mild cold-like symptoms)	✅ Yes	Children can usually continue attending school if they feel well enough.

This year, we are introducing our attendance initiative, "Thrive Under Five", encouraging every child to miss no more than five days of school during the academic year wherever possible.

Every lesson matters. Learning is carefully planned so that each day builds on the one before. Missing school means children can miss important learning, experiences and opportunities that are difficult to replace.

Why attendance matters

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- achieve higher academic outcomes;
- develop stronger friendships and social skills;
- build confidence and resilience;
- experience greater wellbeing; and
- be better prepared for the next stage of their education and future life.

Our attendance expectations

The expectation is that every child attends every session, every day, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend or there are exceptional circumstances.

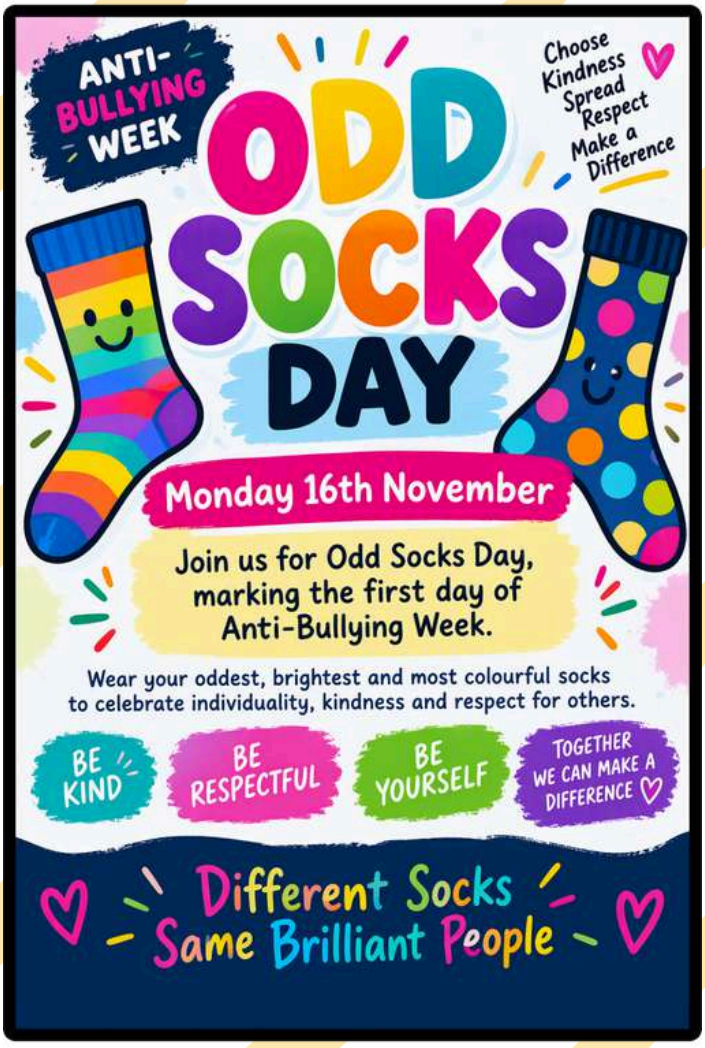
We will continue to monitor attendance throughout the year using the following attendance bands:

Attendance	Days Absent	Our View
Above 99%	2 days or fewer	Excellent
97–99%	Fewer than 5 days	Good – Thrive Under Five
95–96.9%	Around 9 days	Below Expectation
90–94.9%	13–18 days	Poor
Below 90%	More than 19 days	Persistent Absence

If you fall below" Thrive Under Five" you will receive a letter, explaining what happens next.

WHAT'S ON

A New lunch menu is coming out next term and it looks delicious - remember to order your child's lunch before 8am in the morning.







PRAYER AND LITURGY

On Monday 5th October we celebrated the feast day of our school saint, St Francis (4th October). We thoroughly enjoyed coming together as a school community to participate in a mass where the children read, reflected and sang so beautifully. Thank you to Fr Stephen and the Year 6 children who led us in the celebration and all those parents who were able to join us. Later in the day,each year group was given a different challenge to live like St Francis and become stewards of the Earth: Reception & Year 1 – Care for God's Creatures, Year 2 – Reduce Litter,Year 3 – Save Water, Year 4 – Reduce Waste, Year 5 – Save Energy, Year 6 – Make a Difference





To celebrate October as the month of the Holy Rosary, our RE team began by leading the rosary online with the rest of the school.



The Mini Vinnies would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest appeal this year. It was a huge success and we know that this will be very gratefully received. Please remember to reach out to us if you or anyone you know would benefit from the Salvation Army Food Bank.





Our Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed a truly special experience working closely with Canon John and Father Steven for our intimate class Masses. Held right inside our classrooms, these small gatherings offered a wonderfully personal environment for the children to deepen their faith and connection with our clergy. Before celebrating Mass together, the pupils had the unique opportunity to ask Canon John and Father Steven about their lives, journeys, and experiences, sparking engaging and thoughtful conversations. It was a memorable, heartwarming morning that allowed our Year 6 children to ask meaningful questions, learn more about their spiritual leaders, and share in a beautifully prayerful celebration together.



PTA

MONEY RAISED

FIDGET SALE - £129

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE- £213







EYFS

We've had a wonderful start to Term 1! The children have settled in brilliantly, embracing school life and already learning so much. They've made fantastic progress in phonics and are thoroughly enjoying practicing with their home reading books.

This term, EYFS experienced their very first Mass, sitting beautifully during our St. Francis Feast Day and participating reverently in our whole school Rosary. We also celebrated this by making bird feeders for our prayer garden. We were also fortunate to welcome Father Stephen for a visit, where the children asked some thoughtful questions about his work.

Also, to celebrate the Harvest Festival, we focused on the story of The Little Red Hen and had great fun making our own bread rolls!





Year 1



The children have made a fantastic start to Year 1 and have settled into their new classroom routines brilliantly.

This term, we were delighted to welcome Father Stephen, who taught us all about his role and the day-to-day life of the church.

Another major highlight was our school trip to Brogdale Farm! We learnt all about apples and how to make apple juice. The children behaved impeccably throughout the day, and a wonderful time was had by all.

Year 2

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit Brogdale Farm on the 22nd September. We picked apples, cut them up and made apple juice as well as learning a lot about apple farms and





Year 3



There has been plenty of musical excitement in Year 3 this term as the children have picked up the ukulele for the very first time!

Starting a new instrument in Key Stage 2 is a major milestone, and the children have embraced the challenge with great enthusiasm. We began by learning the anatomy of the ukulele—discovering the headstock, fretboard, and body—and practiced holding the instrument with proper posture.

"I like learning tunes on the ukulele, and I really like playing songs with the C major chord!"
— George, Year 3

Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about reproduction in our Science lessons, in the topic Living Things and their Habitats.

Our enquiry has been to see which environments allows potatoes, which are tubers, to shoot and flourish.

We selected places for our potatoes (some of which are given names) and monitor them regularly to see their progress.

Where would you put yours?



Year 4



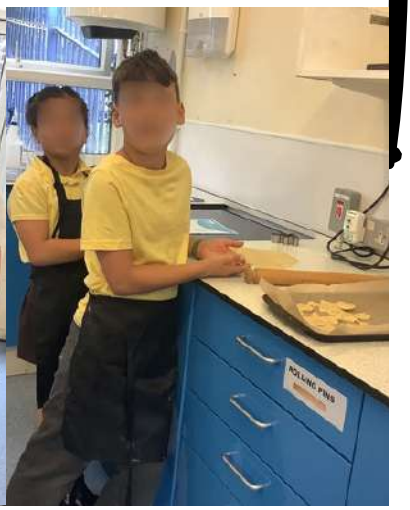
Year 4 had the opportunity to take part in the first KCSP Mass of the academic year at Aylesford Priory. It was lovely to meet children from other schools within our academy. Aylesford Priory provided a wonderful backdrop for us to share our prayers and hopes for the coming year .

Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time visiting St Simon Stock to make use of their wonderful cooking facilities! The children rolled up their sleeves and put their baking skills to the test, measuring out flour, butter, sugar, milk, and eggs to craft delicious traditional English scones. From rubbing the butter into fine breadcrumbs to carefully rolling and cutting out their dough, everyone got hands-on experience in the kitchen.

After watching their creations bake to a beautiful golden brown in the ovens, the pupils got to enjoy the best part of the day—tasting their freshly baked treats straight from the tray! It was a fun-filled, hands-on learning experience, and we are so proud of our budding young chefs for their enthusiasm and great teamwork throughout the visit.





our community

Roman took part in the Karate World Championship Tournament over the weekend of 10th-11th October 2026, which hosted over a 1000 participants across 30 different countries...Roman did extremely well and came away with a Bronze Medal 🥉 in his category 7-8 years 3rd Kyu and above. Roman is officially a WORLD CHAMPION and we could not be more proud of him. After 3 and a half year in Karate, this is an incredible accomplishment.







Huge congratulations to Grace, who has successfully auditioned for the Central School of Ballet's Junior Associate Programme, with classes kicking off in late October!

Adding to her fantastic achievement, Grace has also been offered a place on The Royal Ballet School's online Junior Associate Programme, alongside a spot on their short waiting list for in-person lessons. We are immensely proud of her hard work and dedication to dance—well done, Grace!

Maidstone Family Hubs

Half Term Timetable

19th October - 30th October 2026





Our Activities

Stay & Play
Baby Group
Little Bookworms
Young Parents
Time To Shine Juniors
11-19 Spooky Youth Event
0-11 Family Event

Contact us
maidstonefh@kent.gov.uk
03000 412700

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Find us on social media!
Facebook/Instagram:
maidstonefamilyhubs
Instagram:
maidstonefamilyhubs11to19

Kent Family Hub

South Borough

South Borough Family Hub, Stagshaw Close ME15 6TL
03000 417770 Southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Mon 19th & 26th Oct

Young Parents

For young parents and their children (up to 25 yrs)

Email southboroughfh@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 417770

11:30am - 1:30pm

Requires Booking

Tues 20th & 27th Oct

Stay & Play

Fun activities providing learning opportunities through play and helping you to bond with your child. Just drop in!

9:30am - 11:00am

0-11 yrs Drop-in

Wed 21st Oct

Time To Shine Juniors Half Term Session

(For children only)

Games, Spooky & Autumn crafts and more!
Please note the time change only applies for half term.

12:30pm - 2:00pm

7-11 yrs invite only

Thur 22nd & 29th Oct

Health Visitor Clinic

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Please arrive by 3:15pm, 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Drop-in



Fri 23rd & 30th Oct

NCT Infant Feeding Clinic

Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents

9:30am - 11:30am

Drop-in



Wed 28th Oct

Family Event 0-11 yrs

Autumn Craft
Animal Encounters
Outdoor Messy Play - bring wellies and coats!

No need to book but spaces are limited.

10:30am - 12:00pm

Drop-in



West Borough

West Borough Family Hub, Greenway, ME16 8TL
03000 419361 Westboroughfh@kent.gov.uk

Mon 19th & 26th Oct

Little Bookworms

Step into the magical world of books! 3 fun sessions with stories and activities. Free book packs included. For children aged 1-4.

10:00am - 11:30am

Drop-in

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0-11 yrs Drop-in



West Borough is closed from 12.00pm on Wednesdays and closed all day on Fridays

Infozone

Infozone Family Hub,3 Palace Avenue, ME15 6NF
03000 419470 Infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

Tues 27th Oct

Spooky Youth Event

Age 11-19. Join us for a spooky-themed youth engagement session where young people can have their voices heard, share where they feel safe and unsafe in their community, and provide feedback on local services. Fun activities, food provided and themed fancy dress encouraged!

Infozonefamilyhub@kent.gov.uk to book

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Requires Booking

Wed 21st & 28th Oct

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.

10:00am - 11:00am

Drop-in

Wed 21st & 28th Oct

NCT Infant Feeding Clinic

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1:00pm - 3:00pm

Drop-in

Parkwood

Parkwood Family Hub, Furfield Close ME15 9JR
03000 412700 parkwoodfh@kent.gov.uk

Mon 19th & 26th Oct

Health Visitor & NCT Infant Feeding Clinic

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Trained NCT Peer Supporter available to give infant feeding support.

9:30am - 11:30am

Drop-in



Thur 22nd Oct

Stay & Play

Fun activities providing learning opportunities through play and helping you to bond with your child. Just drop in!

1:00pm - 2:30pm

0-11 yrs Drop-in

Greenfields

Greenfields Family Hub, Rutland Way ME15 8DR
03000 412897 Greenfieldsfh@kent.gov.uk



Mon 19th & 26th Oct

Stay & Play

Fun activities providing learning opportunities through play and helping you to bond with your child. Just drop in!

9:30am - 11:00am

0-11 yrs Drop-in



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10:30am - 11:30am

Drop-in



Fri 23rd Oct

Twins Group

Group run by parents for families with multiple births.

Email maidstonetwingroup@outlook.com if you have any questions.

9:30am - 11:30am

Drop-in

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

MAIDSTONE KIDS LIT FEST

Sunday 4 October
INVICTA GRAMMAR SCHOOL
10am-5.30pm

A WHOLE DAY OF STORIES, CREATIVITY AND FUN

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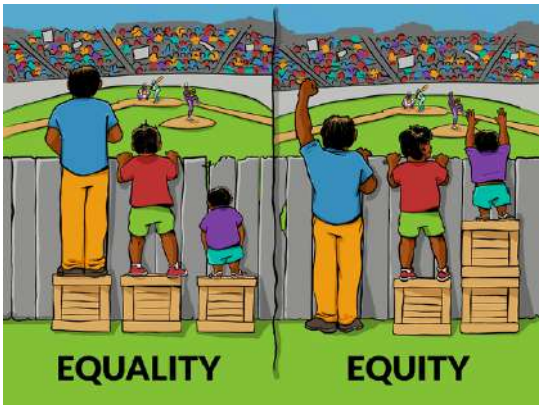




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Inclusion News

We aim for Inclusion to be at the heart of everything we do. Ensuring we provide a welcoming environment that provides children with everything they need to succeed.



Sometimes children need a little more support to help them access their learning or other aspects of the school day. Most of this support is organised by your child's class teacher. Sometimes children need a more specialist support. At St Francis we have a dedicated team providing this support based within our Emmaus provision.

MEET THE TEAM



Mrs Stigle
Emmaus Teacher



Mrs Edwards
SEN assistant
EAL Lead
Speech and language teacher



Mrs Hanlon
Learning Mentor

Hello! My name is Mrs Neill, I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) at St Francis. My role is to oversee the support of children with additional needs, ensuring they receive the right help to thrive and succeed.
I work closely with staff, parents, and external professionals to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for every child.



If you need any help feel free to contact me.

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Get support from the SEND Enquiries Hub

If you have questions about SEND support in Kent, the SEND Enquiries Hub is there to help.
You can contact the team via the online form here: Contact the SEND Enquiries Hub - Kent County Council (no account needed – just click 'continue without an account'), let them know how you'd prefer to be contacted, and the best time to reach you.
Or their contact centre is available Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm on 03000 41 99 94.

