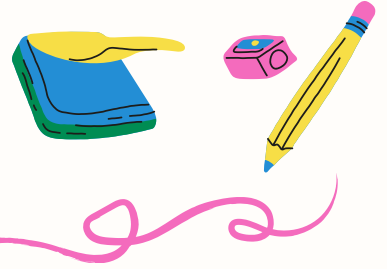


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2025/26 - Term 4 - 31.03.26

Thank you!



A **BIG Thank you** to everyone who has donated **Play-Doh** to our school, following our plea in the last newsletter. We are very grateful for the donations, as they have made our children very happy and help our staff enormously with sensory time.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see the children so excited about 'Wincheap's Got Talent' last Friday and all of the show's contestants have been outstanding. What a bunch of talented and amazing children we have at our school! After a busy term, children and staff alike are now ready for a break. I hope that all of our Wincheap families will have a sunny, warm and relaxing Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 20th April.

With best wishes,

Nuala Dawson



Goodbyes



We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our **wonderful TAs Mrs Clarke and Ms Manning**, who will be leaving us at the end of this term. They have been wonderful colleagues and have been amazing with all of our pupils. We are going to miss them very much and wish them all the best in their new ventures!

Piano / keyboard lessons

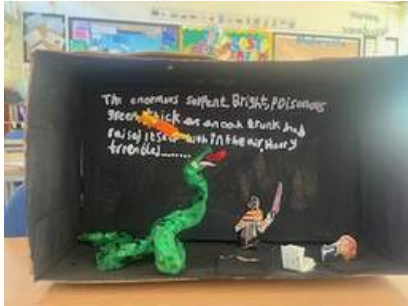
The piano teacher from Your Music School, who visits Wincheap School, has availability for new students to start lessons. These are open to pupils from Year 2 upwards and are for children of all abilities. If your child is interested in having piano or keyboard lessons, please **contact Your Music School directly: mnewton@ymsgroup.net or by phone on 01227 456331.**



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'Story in a Box' - World Book Day

We have received some amazing 'Story in a Box' entries for World Book Day and it has been super hard to pick the winning entries. Well done to all children who took part for being so creative and resourceful!



Wincheap's Got Talent 2026

What an incredible morning we had on Friday celebrating the amazing talent at Wincheap! From singing and dancing to instrumental performances. Our children showcased their skills with confidence, creativity and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Wilson for their amazing production of the show -their dedication, creativity and hard work brought it all together beautifully. Thank you also to the Friends of Wincheap and all the parents and carers who supported the event.

Our children were absolutely brilliant, and it was a joy to see them shine on stage. Well done to everyone who took part - you made us all very proud!





Author Visit

This month we were thrilled to welcome author and illustrator Sheena Dempsey to Wincheap. She led a draw-along assembly where she explained how she became an author and she read us some of her fantastic Pablo and Splash books. We also got to try drawing Pablo and Splash ourselves, which was great fun. She then signed books and spoke to children. We are incredibly grateful to her for giving us such an inspirational and enjoyable time. We are also very thankful to Laura from Chapters in Sturry, who organised this event for us.





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Baby Bennett



Mrs Bennett will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We are so excited for her and her husband and wish them all the best for the safe arrival of their first baby and their new start as a family of three!

Her maternity cover Ms Willis will be teaching class 5 in term 5 and 6 and we look forward to her joining our school.

Class Photos

Kittle will be coming to Wincheap Primary School to take class photos on **Monday 27th April**. Please ensure children wear their school uniform on the day.

Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday 2nd April:** Keystage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade
- **Thursday 2nd April:** Last Day of Term 4
- **Monday 20th April:** First Day of Term 5
- **Thursday 23rd April:** School Cricket Day
- **Monday 27th April:** Class photos in school
- **Tuesday 28th April:** TCS Schools Mini Marathon
- **Friday 1st May:** USA Class Assembly
- **Wednesday 6th May:** Year 4 Kent Life trip
- **Friday 8th May:** Mexico Class Assembly
- **Friday 15th May:** Year 2 joint assembly
- **Friday 15th May:** Choir Workshop Canterbury Festival
- **Wednesday 20th May:** KS2 Poetry Workshop Canterbury Festival
- **Friday 22nd May:** Last day of Term 5

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade for Years R, 1 and 2 is going to take place on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April at 2.45pm on the KS1 playground. Please create an Easter bonnet with your child/children at home and bring it to school on the day of the parade. Parents are invited to join us at 2.45pm and watch the parade. We are looking forward to seeing some fun and colourful bonnet creations!



Professor Poopenstinken's
MAGICAL MATHS

Magical Maths is coming to Wincheap
Foundation Primary School!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Professor Poopenstinken and his friends will be coming to Wincheap Foundation Primary School to introduce a brand new after school club, designed to show your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This five week club begins on Tuesday 21 April and is priced at just £39 for the full programme. To find out more or to book your child's place, visit our website www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on 07877 978671 but hurry as places are limited!

We look forward to welcoming your children for lots of Mathemagical fun!

Brand New This Year:
Magical Maths Online is now **FREE** with every booking! Don't miss out on over 250 hours of interactive content designed to compliment our after school clubs and continue the fun and learning from home!

www.magicalmathsclub.com



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Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at
parentingsmart.org.uk

Or scan me





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FOUNDATION
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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Email: info@wincheap.kent.sch.uk
www.wincheap.kent.sch.uk

Term Dates 2026 / 2027

Term 1:

Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Staff Training Day: Tuesday 1st September - no children in school

Staff Training Day: Wednesday 2nd September - no children in school

Term 2:

Monday 2nd November 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026

Term 3:

Monday 4th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4:

Tuesday 23rd February 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027

Staff Training Day: Monday 22nd February - no children in school

Bank Holiday: Friday 26th March (Good Friday)

Term 5:

Monday 12th April 2027 – Wednesday 26th May 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Staff Training Day: Thursday 27th May - no children in school

Staff Training Day: Friday 28th May - no children in school

Term 6:

Monday 7th June 2027 – Wednesday 21st July 2027



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NEW KARATE CLASSES

KIDS FROM 5YRS OLD, TEENS AND FAMILIES

SPECIAL OFFER

NEW KIDS KARATE CLUB

Free Trial Class
plus FREE karate Uniform

SCAN ME



To book a free class
Scan the code.

www.gannonsmartialarts.com/cantbury



Thanington Neighbourhood Resource
Centre, Canterbury CT1 3XE.

EASTER RUGBY CAMPS



CANTERBURY RFC
#ONECLUB



Thursday 9th April, Friday 10th April, Thursday 16th April & Friday 17th April
Canterbury Rugby Club

9am-3pm

From £20

Optional extras include:

8am-9am Breakfast Club inc. breakfast

SCRUM KITCHEN HOT LUNCH MEAL

3pm-5pm After Camp Club inc. snacks

NON MEMBERS
SCAN HERE TO BOOK



For more information contact Alice: community@cantrugby.co.uk or 07908916522

Easter Fun for Everyone

St Nicholas Church, Thanington

Saturday 4th April

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Activities, refreshments
and stalls - with an Easter
celebration at 4pm.

Fun for all the family!



EASTER FUN With
2018 BAY LEISURE

£8.50
ALL DAY
WRISTBANDS!

KIDS' CORNER 4th
April
EASTER EGG HUNT!!

OPEN EVERYDAY OF THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!
(4th APRIL - 19th APRIL)
JOSS BAY BEACH
JOSS GAP ROAD, CT10 3PG
HAVE A LOVELY DAY

WE DO BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!!
Scan the QR code for our contact info.



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EASTER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



Proceeds in support of The National Year of Reading 2026.



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(Incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG
THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

BUTTERFLY KITES (AND FLUTTERING SIGHTS) Colour in a butterfly template, copying spring butterflies (or design your own). Add a stick and string. Try running with your kite to make it fly. Which butterflies can be seen in April? Spot them on the reserve.

BOTANY BUTTON BOOKS Mini, flower-filled, button books to make and keep. Fun filled notebooks for secrets and treasures. Spring flower hunt.

FALLING BLOSSOM Make a pretty, pale pink blossom, garland using egg box flowers. Hunt for blossom around the reserve.

BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified.

NESTING BALLS FOR BIRDS Give the birds a helping hand this spring with these garden nesting balls. Use twigs (or chicken wire) shaped into a ball or cone, and fill them with nest friendly materials for birds.

PARSLEY AND POTS Plant parsley in an ice-cream cone, ready to plant on outside. Make a hanging, beaded plant pot using egg box cones. Fill it with tiny plants grown on the reserve.

STORY ZONE IN THE DOME (FREE): Drop into the Dome on Tuesday afternoons during the Easter break, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Sink into comfy cushions and soft rugs. Three short children's stories will be read by our volunteers at 2.30pm, 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Get stuck into our children's books in the Dome. No need to book, but please be prompt for the timed story telling. In support of The National Year of Reading 2026.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty, fire-fuelled lunch; a spring vegetable risotto, cooked together, outdoors.

APRIL 11.00AM	11.30AM	1.00PM	2.30PM
7th Parsley & Pots		Botany Books	Story Zone
9th Kites	Wild C'room	Nesting Balls	
10th: Falling Blossom		Big Bug Hunt	
14th Botany Books		Parsley & Pots	Story Zone
16th: Nesting Balls		Falling Blossom	
17th: Big Bug Hunt		Kites	

TOUCH RUGBY HOLIDAY CAMP

SIMON LANGTON SCHOOL
CT4 7AS
13TH APRIL from 0900 - 1500
U8 - U14 | GIRLS & BOYS

SIGN UP

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Coaching from international Touch Rugby players, Dom and Zan.
- A positive, supportive setting for all abilities.
- Learn teamwork, respect, and grow your skills through play.
- Follow in the footsteps of Cheslin Kolbe and Charlotte Caslick - develop your game through Touch Rugby.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Touch Rugby has a bid to be in the 2032 Olympics. Could you be a future Olympian?
- England Touch has a junior high performance pathway starts at U12s. Access the South East regional set up through this camp.

FREE £55 FOR 1 DAY
£10 FOR LATE PICK UP AT 1700.

TRY

WWW.TRY-SPORTS.COM [@TRYSORTSUK](https://www.instagram.com/trysportsuk) INFO@TRY-SPORTS.COM

OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2026

11TH & 12TH APRIL | 10AM TO 4PM

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Fire Engine Rides



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Climb in the Cockpits



CHARITY NUMBER: 1179982



Museum Entry

info@rafmanston.co.uk

www.rafmanston.co.uk

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions.

FISH & FIRE

PARENT & CHILD DAYS
TUESDAY APRIL 14TH
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH

COME TO NETHERGONG FOR A DAY OF FISHING, FIRE LIGHTING AND COOKING OVER A CAMPFIRE WITH WILLOWBANK EDUCATION.

10AM - 4PM
£30/ADULT £20/CHILD
(UP TO 2 CHILDREN PER ADULT)
BOOKINGS:
PKELLEHER@WILLOWBANKEUCATION.CO.UK