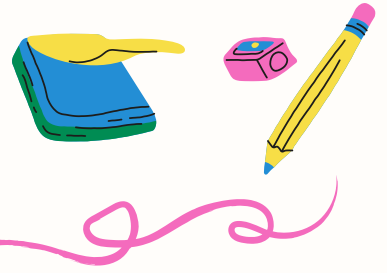


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2025/26 - Term 5 - 30.04.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots of events have taken place in the first two weeks of term 5 already and I hope you are going to enjoy browsing through lots of photos from our Cricket Day, Mini Marathon, Tennis event, as well as some examples of the beautiful art our children have produced. A big 'Thank you' to our staff for their dedication to organising lots of lovely sporting and other events this term and a big 'Well done' to our pupils for their hard work and team spirit.

With best wishes,

Nuala Danism



Wincheap's talented artists



The children have created some stunning art pieces, which are proudly on display in the school. Ms Burroughs is also organising a whole week of art, which is going to take place in the last week of term 5. Art will be part of lots of different curriculum lessons and the children will also take part in a cake decorating challenge. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing creations!



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Mini Marathon

The children gave it their all on Tuesday this week, running the **'TCS Mini Marathon'** around our school, cheered on by staff and their fellow pupils. We are super proud of the dedication and perseverance all children have shown, from Year R to Year 6!

Thank you to everyone who made a **donation on ParentPay** already, we are very grateful. Don't forget that all of the money raised is going to be used towards the children's playground equipment and you can still donate. Please use ParentPay to do so.

Thank you for your support!





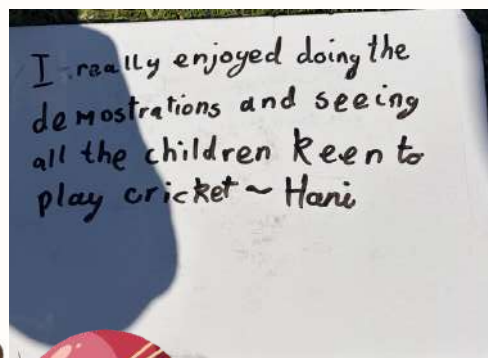
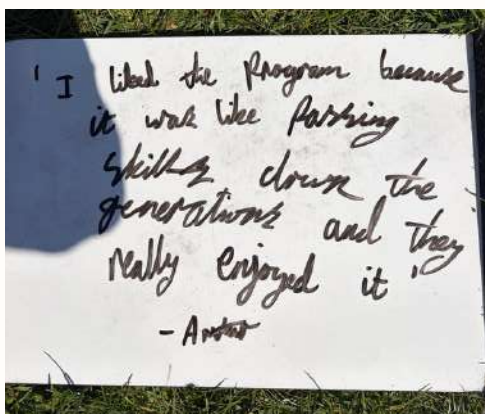
Cricket Day

We were fortunate to be joined by Jamie Harris from Kent Cricket to celebrate Schools Cricket Day on Thursday 23rd April. This was celebrating 50 days until the start of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 which England are hosting!

Our year 2 and 4 enjoyed taking part in some cricket sessions throughout the day and our year 6 cricket leaders did an AMAZING job of engaging our year 1 children in some cricket at lunchtime too! They had lots of positives to feedback to us at the end of the day - well done cricket leaders!

We're now looking forward to a 'cricket filled' summer term and competing locally ourselves at Polo Farm.

Our very own ALL STARS club was very popular last year so please note that Jamie Harris will be offering this club from 8th May at Polo Farm for those that missed out or who'd like to continue; children receive their very own kit with a named T-shirt! There are Dynamos sessions for 8-11 year old and GIRLS ONLY sessions too! Please let us know if you sign up!





The minibus' maiden voyage

And we're off! This week saw our first trip out in the minibus! Some of our year 6 children attended the 'New to tennis' event at The University of Kent Sports Pavillion. They were incredibly excited to be the first Wincheap pupils to enjoy the bus; perhaps he/she/they/ will prove to be our lucky mascot with our children going on to win their group. Through to the finals, we saw them finish joint third place which is AMAZING – we're very proud of the determination, teamwork and resilience they showed. Thank you also to Mr Henton and Miss Kirk for taking them!



After today's trip out, we feel the need for a **'Name the minibus' competition** – get thinking and we'll start voting in classes soon 😊





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Baby Bennett -update

Mrs Bennett has given birth to a beautiful baby girl and we are so happy for their whole family. Aria Bennett was born on 3rd April. We wish their new family of three all the best and keep our fingers crossed for the parents that

Aria is a good sleeper! The whole family, including Aria's grandparent Mrs Dawson, are absolutely smitten with her.

Behaviour in school

As you will know, our school is focussing on **good behaviour, children's manners and politeness** and all classes have made this part of everyday school life and lessons. We also have introduced lots of new strategies to reinforce exemplary behaviour, kindness and good manners.

All adults play a vital role in **setting a positive example for pupils**, this includes staff, parents and family members. **If we expect children to communicate with respect—both towards each other and with us—we must model respectful communication in our own interactions.**

To manifest this, and to set all children up for a bright future, we ask parents to support our positive behaviour approach by modelling politeness, and by remaining fair, calm and composed, when communicating with others. This also applies to the way all parents and carers approach and talk to school staff. You can find our Behaviour Statement and Code of Conduct [here](#).

Dates for the Diary

- **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
- **Monday 1st June:** Staff inset day - no children in school
- **Tuesday 2nd June:** First day of Term 6
- **Monday 8th June:** Year R Hearing Test
NHS
- **Friday 12th June:** Class 2 assembly
- **Friday 19th June:** Class 1 assembly
- **Wednesday 24th June:** Sports Day
- **Friday 3rd July:** Festival on the Field

SATs - Year 6

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils are going to sit their **SATs** (Standard Assessment Tests) in the **week commencing 11th May**. We wish them the best of luck and are certain they are all going to give it their best.

Please ensure your Year 6 child arrives at school on time to minimise disruption. A good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast in the morning will ensure their energy levels are high.



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FEEL THE THRILL OF SPEED AT OUR RC RACE & DISPLAY!
WATCH HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADIO-CONTROLLED VEHICLES IN ACTION, ENJOY STUNNING DISPLAYS, AND EVEN BRING YOUR OWN RC TO JOIN THE FUN. A GREAT WEEKEND OUT FOR ALL AGES!



RC RACE AND DISPLAY

10AM-4PM

ADULTS: £3
CHILDREN: £1.50
EVENT ENTRANCE ONLY

OPTIONAL ONLINE BOOKING AVAILABLE

30TH & 31ST MAY 2026

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL [INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAK-DOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS



SWIM ACADEMY

Elite Swim Academy Trials Available!

We have a rare opportunity to join our Elite Swim Academy via swimming trials in the following towns in Kent:

Ashford | Broadstairs | Cobham | Dover | Maidstone (Sutton Valence)

These Elite trials are only suitable for children who can confidently and reliably:

- Swim 75m front crawl
- Swim at least 10m wearing clothes
- Swim at least 10m breaststroke
- Perform sculling on their back with no swimming aids
- Tread water out of their depth
- Demonstrate they can surface dive and collect a sinking object from the pool floor

They are perfect for children looking to perfect their technique, skills and stamina. To sign your child up for an Elite Swim Academy trial, please scan the QR code and complete the form now!

Complete the form and book your trial now!



01622 236111
eastkent@puddleducks.com
Find more information at www.puddleducks.com

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CANTERBURY CRICKET CLUB - JUNIOR SECTION




Polo Farm Sports Club Clubhouse, Littlebourne Road, Canterbury, CT3 4AF

STARTS FRIDAY 8TH MAY - 6PM UNTIL END OF JULY

ALL STARS SIGN UP (5-8 YR OLDS)



DYANMOS SIGN UP (8-11 YR OLDS)




Register today





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Information

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Please Note:

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

Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visitor
0300 7900 156
Midwife
01227 206737

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



0-5 Years Old

Stay and Play

A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5.

Pre-Walkers Only

Baby Group

A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are pre-walking.

Ready for Baby

Third Tuesday of the month
Ready for Baby is a session for parents to be. It supports you with information and guidance to help you develop a strong bond with your baby. This includes information and advice about how to feed your baby responsively and how to know when feeding is going well.
To book, please email:
kentchft.readyforbabyproject@nhs.net

Newborn to 6 Months Old

Baby Massage

5 Week Course
A 5-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 0-6 months.
Booking required: Starts 22nd April

Little Talkers

6 Week Course
A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills.
Booking required: Starts 21st April

Stepping Up

6 Week Course
A 6-week programme for 5-8 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends.
Booking required: Starts 21st April

Talking Walk-in

Play-based drop-in sessions for anyone concerned about their pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills led by the Speech and Language Team.
These drop-ins can get very busy, and it is possible you might not be seen. Please call our Family Hub to find out how busy the drop-in is.

Online Safety

6 Week Course
6 fun interactive sessions for young people aged 11-19 years covering key online safety support.
Booking required: Starts 29th April

Parenting Support and Advice Drop In

Formerly 'SEND and Parenting Support Drop In'

Kingsmead - First Friday of the month
Drop in for friendly advice on any parenting questions (0-19) - no booking needed.

Child Health 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 no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

Tots to Teens Emporium

Pop Up date posted on our Facebook page monthly
Please come and browse our ever changing donations. We have a range of items available, such as, clothes (newborn to teen), books, games, toys, baby and toddler equipment.
Salvation Army Hall, Whitehorse Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2RU

SEND Stay and Play

A play session with a wide range of fun activities for parents and children to play together. It gives carers the opportunity to make deeper connections with their children and allow their children to flourish in their own unique way. Staff will be on hand to offer advice and support, offering tools which can be used continually to support children at any stage of development.

Jobcentre Plus Support Session

6th May
Are you worried about the increasing cost of living? Do you know if you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to? Do you have concerns regarding childcare and meeting the costs? We can support if you are looking for skills training, employment or budgeting.
To book, please contact Family Hubs.

NCT Infant Feeding Support Groups

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!

Speak Out Parents

1 Session
Join other parents to share feedback and help shape Family Hub services. This sessions topic is the home learning environment, we will discuss your thoughts and ideas on how to support your child's learning. We will be giving one free HLE resource pack per family.
Booking required: 27th April

Healthy Start Vitamins

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

Free for 2

Some 2-year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. For more information and how to apply.

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council
www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub



Canterbury Family Hubs

Timetable

20th April to 22nd May 2026

Closed on Bank Holidays

City Family Hubs:

Kingsmead

03000 413999

Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH

CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

Wincheap

03000 410014

Hollowmede, Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SD

CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

Monday

Kingsmead

Speak Out Parents
10:30pm - 12:00pm

Tuesday

Wincheap

SEND Stay and Play
9:30am - 11:00am

Wincheap

Ready for Baby
12:15pm - 1:45pm
Third Tuesday of the month

Wincheap

Little Talkers
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Kingsmead

Baby Group
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Wincheap

Stepping Up
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday

Kingsmead

NCT Infant Feeding Support Groups
9:30am - 11:30am

Wincheap

Baby Massage
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Kingsmead

Stay and Play
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Kingsmead

Jobcentre Plus Support Session
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wincheap

Online Safety
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday

Wincheap

Talking Walk-in
9:30am - 11:30am
First and third Thursday of the month

Wincheap

Baby Group
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Kingsmead

Child Health Clinic
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Friday

Kingsmead

Parenting Support and Advice Drop In
9:30am - 11:30am
First Friday of the month

Kingsmead

Talking Walk-in
9:30am - 11:30am
Second and fourth Friday of the month

Wincheap

Stay and Play
10:00am - 11:30am

Canterbury Salvation Army Hall

Tots to Teens Emporium
10:00am - 11:30am

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