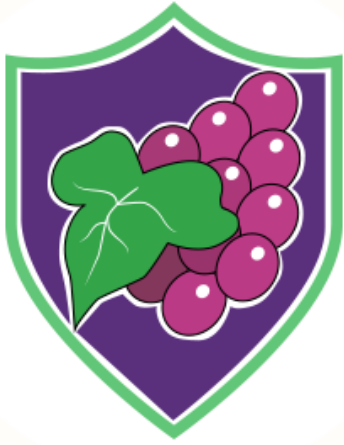
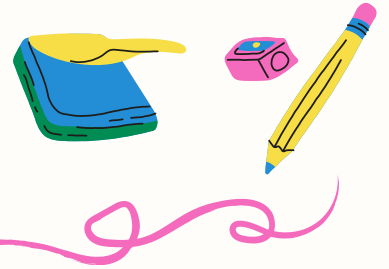




Wincheap School Newsletter



2026/27 - Term 1 - 30.09.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems very late to say, but I hope you all had a relaxing long summer break. Now that school is back in full swing, we would like to say **a big 'hello' to all of our new Reception children and their families**, it's lovely to have you with us!

I never like to start the academic year with a 'telling off' but we have seen a huge amount of late arrivals each morning since school has started. Please be reminded that our **gates open at 8.20am and close at 8.30am**, so please ensure you **drop your children off on time every day**. The children now get to play until 8.30am each morning and have really loved and embraced this change, so please help them settle into school easily by arriving on time.

On a more fun note, staff and Year 6 children alike are very excited to go on our annual 'Carrot Wood' residential next week. We are looking forward to a week full of fun, new experiences and group activities.

For the remainder of term 1 we are also looking forward to our Harvest Assemblies and lots of upcoming sporting activities. Read on for updates on events that have already taken place. As always, the children have shown real dedication when taking part and we couldn't be prouder of them.

With best wishes,

Nicola Danson

Choir for Years 4, 5 & 6

Choir is starting again for Years 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesdays from 3-4 in the music room. Letters have come out this week.

Children from Year 3 will be invited to join after Christmas.

Choir term dates for Term 1 & 2:

- 13th & 20th October
- 10th, 17th, 24th November
- 1st & 8th December
- 14th December - rehearsal at Simon Langton Boys School with the Brass Band
- 15th December - Gulbenkian Choir Event



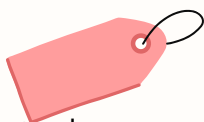
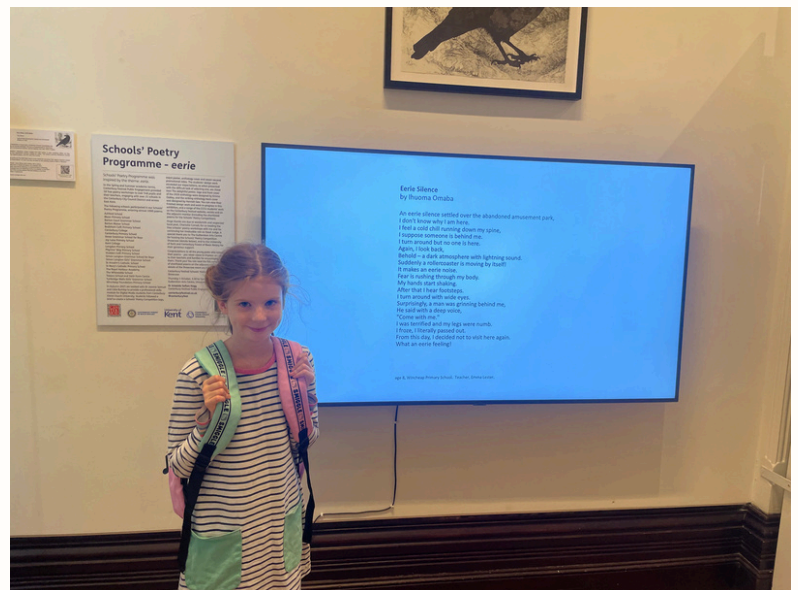
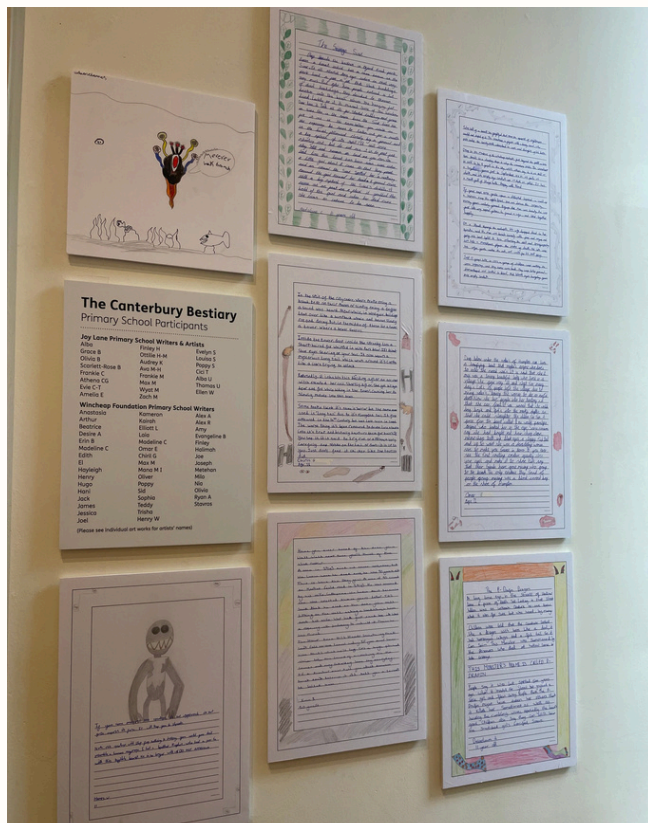
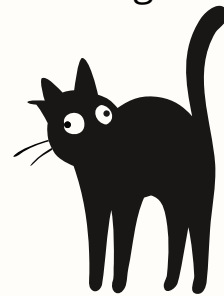


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The Canterbury Bestiary at The Beaney

Pupils from our school took submitted poems and other texts for the 'Canterbury Bestiary' at The Beaney. Well done to all of our amazing pupils for their hard work and to our English and Literacy lead, Mrs Lester, for encouraging their love of writing. One of our pupils, Tabitha, has been impressed to see her fellow students' work displayed in the exhibition and on the big screen. **Well done, everyone!**

If you want to see it for yourself, the 'Canterbury Bestiary' is running at The Beaney until the 8th November 2026.



Name labels

Can all parents please ensure that they label all of their children's personal items with a name label or sticker? We have a lot of items, including uniform, water bottles and lunch boxes go missing and they often cannot be reunited with their owners, because they haven't got a name in them. Thank you!

No squishies in school, please!



Please be reminded that children should not bring squishies to school. As popular as they are, they are a real distraction from learning in the classroom. Some can also split easily and expose the internal gel. In addition, they can be a germ collector, as children will not always wash their hands after using and swapping them. Thank you for your assistance.



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Y5/6 Bikeability September 2026



We were thrilled that more than 70 of our year 5 and 6 children signed up to access Bikeability training; children took part in either a 'Learn to Ride' session or completed their Level 1 (in school) and/or their Level 2 training (in the local area.) A huge thank you to our providers, **The Canterbury Bike Project**. We will share some additional FREE opportunities to complete 'Learn to ride' as soon as we receive them.

Year 4 Athletics: Tuesday 22nd September

Last week some of our year 4 children attended an Athletics event at Canterbury Academy where they were the first primary aged children to make use of their brand new Athletics track. The children enjoyed taking part in some running, jumping and throwing activities and were full of enthusiasm. We were very proud of their efforts.



Clubs (and sponsorship) and Enrichment

Year 5/6 Football club and 'Girls only' Monday lunchtime football has got off to a great start and we're looking forward to taking part in some competitive fixtures. If there are any local businesses that would like to **sponsor a new kit** (we are desperate for a new year 5/6 one) we'd be VERY grateful!

Street Dance for Years 1-6 begins Monday 5th October and details of other clubs will be shared very soon. If any parent/carer has a particular talent/interest/passion that they'd love to share, then do please **get in touch** as we're always keen to offer our children wonderful Enrichment and extra-curricular activities.



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Piano and keyboard lessons

Good news! 'Your Music School' has spaces available in school for new pupils to join their piano lessons. The lessons are available for all ages and levels of ability and are held during school hours. If you are interested in piano or keyboard lessons for your child, please contact 'Your Music School' on 01227 456331.



Dates for the Diary

- 5th - 9th October: Year 6 at Carroty Wood
- 15th October: Our World at Wincheap
- 16th October: Harvest Festivals
- 16th October: Singing Performance Workshop at the Beaney
- 23rd October: Last day of term 1
- 2nd November: First day of term 2

CANTERBURY FOOD BANK ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS THIS HARVEST SEASON



Serving Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay and villages

TINNED PEAS / CARROTS

TINNED HOTDOGS

TINNED TUNA

TINNED MEATBALLS

TINNED PASTA

BAKED BEANS

THIS HARVEST

WE WOULD APPRECIATE

CONDITIONER

SHAMPOO

SHOWER GEL

JAM

PEANUT BUTTER

PASTA SAUCE

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT: CANTERBURYFOODBANK.ORG

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Specials menu for Census Day 1st October 2026.

It's Census Day tomorrow, which is the day when the government take account of all the children in our school to calculate the funding for the year ahead. The number of children choosing a school dinner on that day decides a large element of that funding and as a result we encourage as many children to opt-in for a school dinner on this day. **Thank you for your support!**

Special Menu
Favourites Day

Thursday 1st October

- Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap
- Margherita Pitka Pizza
- Served with Baked Wedges,
Baked Beans & Peas
- Also Available
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
- Dessert
- Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard

BM1, BM2 & BM3

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD



Wincheap School Newsletter

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.





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Wet



Soap



Wash



Rinse



Dry

**Stop germs spreading.
The power is in your hands.**

Have you washed your germs away? Wash your hands.



Friends of Wincheap WINCHEAP SCHOOL PTA Why and How to Join



What is a PTA?

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a friendly group of parents, carers, teachers and school staff who work together to make our school an even better place. We raise funds, organise events and support the whole school community – for all our children.

Small changes make a big difference!

Be part of something special!

Your support helps our children, school and community thrive.

Recent Money Raised Went Towards:

 School Trips for every class

 Wincheap's got Talent Event

 Expert Football Training

 Equipment for Forest School

 Easter Egg Hunts

 and more...

How can you join?

It's easy! Simply get in touch and let us know you're interested.

Email: friends.of.wincheap@gmail.com

We'll get back to you with more information and next steps.

No pressure, just a warm welcome!

Different levels of commitment:

Choose the level of commitment that works for you – every bit of time makes a difference!

LOW

Come along to help at events when you can.

MEDIUM

Support with planning and organising events and attend regular PTA meetings.

HIGH

Take on a role or responsibility within the team and commit to supporting with all events throughout the year.

Get Involved...

Help create amazing opportunities, memories and experiences for our children.

Together we can make a difference



OPAL COLLECTION

Play Explore Imagine Together

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

Programme Opal in progress

Help us create amazing play opportunities for everyone!

 Lego (real or unbranded)	 Play food (plastic or wood)	 Waterproof aprons	 Pavement chalk
 Colouring books (even part used)	 Fir cones, shells and conkers	 Babies and their equipment	 Old electricals
 Soft balls	 Washing up bowls & tough/water trays	 Water play items	 Small animals

Please bring into school between
Monday 28 September - Friday 2 October

Thank you!

Your donations will help us transform our play spaces together!

Brighter play, happier children!



WINCHEAP FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY

23RD NOV 2026

RECEPTION START 2027

9.15am
9.45am
11am
1.15pm
2.15pm

Please email
info@wincheap.kent.sch.uk to
book your slot





Wincheap School Newsletter

October at Cherry Orchard Nature Reserve

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Cherry Orchard Nature Reserve



October

OPEN FOR VISITS
with a volunteer on-site
Come and explore!
10am-12pm

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sun 25th 10.30am - 12.30pm
(includes AGM)

Dates subject to change at short notice
Sorry, for hygiene and safety reasons,
no dogs or unaccompanied children



Why not join us for our next working party?

Sunday 25th October

10.30am-12.30pm

Fun exercise outdoors, friendly people,
hot drinks and muffins!

Find us at CT3 1QG, off Court Hill,
Littlebourne



@cherryorchardnr



Littlebourne Residents

cherryorchard-naturereserve@hotmail.com



Cherry Orchard Nature Reserve

Open Morning

Sunday 11th October

10.30am-12.30pm



**The astonishing secret world of
spiders and their superpowers!**



Did you know that whilst all spiders produce silk, not all make webs? Or that their silk is tougher than steel and is used by some spiders to fly through the air? Come along to find out more amazing facts about these harmless and often misunderstood creatures.



@cherryorchardnr



Littlebourne Residents



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FREE children's art + craft activities
(parental supervision required)

Sorry, no dogs

Find us at CT3 1QG, off Court Hill,
Littlebourne

Cherry Orchard Nature Reserve Half term Halloween Fun Thursday 29th October 10am to 12pm

Drop-in children's session making natural
Halloween decorations of some of our
animal friends.



Please note that children must be accompanied
by an adult at all times. No dogs please.

This is a free event but donations are welcome.

Find us at CT3 1QG off Court Hill, Littlebourne.



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Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities to try new things and discover their potential. They make their own decisions, learn new hobbies, develop skills and explore the world around them. They go on adventures, camps and holidays. Brownies work together to explore their place within their community and the world.

'We've been fishing for bugs. It's been dirty and sticky and fun!'

Mollie

Register your daughter's interest in joining Brownies at girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or call **0800 169 5901**.



'I like doing things outside... we get to learn about our environment and how to care for it.'

Jessica, aged 10



girlguiding.org.uk/brownies

We are looking for more girls to join our local Canterbury 1st Brownies Unit.

Brownies are girls between 7 – 10 years of age.

We meet at the Salvation Army Hall in Whitehorse Lane just off the High Street (near the Cherry Tree) between 5.30 – 7pm on a Monday. We don't meet during the school holidays.

If you think your daughter would like to join us, please contact me with any questions– Little Owl, Brownie leader, on megdevine372@gmail.com or sign up on our platform Girl Guiding Go:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>