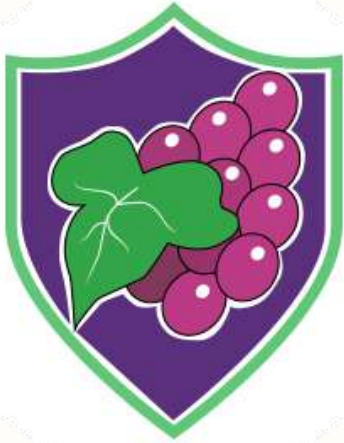
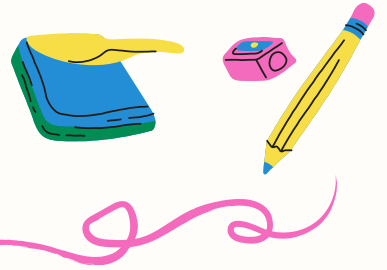




Wincheap School Newsletter



2026/27 - Term 1 - 23.10.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff members had an amazing time at the **Year 6 residential** a few weeks ago, although a few of us are still recovering! Both children and staff had a fantastic 4.5 days at Carroty Wood, and all of our Year 6 children were absolutely brilliant. We are so proud of them all!

We must also say a big 'well done' to all children in school for doing such a wonderful job in our recent **Harvest Festival assemblies!** A huge thank you to all of our families who donated food. The **Canterbury Food Bank** collected all the donations on Friday and were incredibly grateful for the generous amount received.

I'd now like to wish all our Wincheap families, pupils and staff a **wonderful October half term**. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, gets plenty of rest and has some time to relax. We look forward to **welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November** for a busy Term 2, which will see a visit from the Thai students, Anti-Bullying week, lots of festive Christmas fun and so much more!

With best wishes,

Nuala Dawson

Office hours & reporting absence

Please note that our **school office opens at 8am Monday to Friday** and closes at 4pm Monday to Thursday and at 3.30pm on a Friday. We kindly ask parents to adhere to our opening times when visiting the office or phoning in.

Please also be reminded that you now need to press **'option 1' on the phone system to report your child absent**. Please leave a message on the absence answerphone and Mrs Lane will pick this up. Please do not call the office to report absences.

Thank you for your assistance!





Wincheap School Newsletter

Round Robin Football event

On Monday 12th October a mixed squad of Year 5/6 children attended a round robin football event at Simon Langton Boys. They not only impressed us with their teamwork and determination but also impressed the organisers. We are very much looking forward to November when we return to Simon Langton Boys for a girls and boys tournament. A huge thank you to Mr Cleare for his continued dedication to extracurricular football on Wednesdays and for encouraging our girls on a Monday lunchtime.

If your daughter is keen to give it a try, do please encourage them so we can continue to develop our girls football.

MORE Football and 'OWAW' (Our World at Wincheap)

With Miss Heckley teaching Argentina Class and football being so popular amongst Argentinians, inevitably **extra football** formed a part of our OWAW day. It was so lovely to see our older children getting involved with our young and upcoming football stars. Argentina also produces world class **polo players** so some of us 'had a go' at that too - thank you to Mrs Watt for the loan of her horses! We also learnt about their national sport 'Pato' which is a cross between basketball, polo and for Harry potter fans, quidditch!





Wincheap School Newsletter

Extracurricular Sports Clubs

Year 5/6 Football club on Wednesdays with Mr Cleare will continue for 4 weeks after Half term and then we'll take a short break with the colder/wetter weather more prevalent. New dates and new 'joiners' will be invited in January.

Clubs 2026/27



Afterschool & Lunchtime Clubs 2026/2027

KS1				
Club	Year group(s)	Term(s)	Day and time	Staff Member(s) responsible
Creative Club	Years 1 & 2	Term 2 onwards	Monday 3:00-4:00	Mrs Bennett & Miss Bone
Drawing (with Rob)	Years 1 & 2	Terms 2, 3 & 4	Friday lunchtime 12:30-1:00	Mrs Cleary
Fun Games	Years 1 & 2	Terms 3, 4 & 5	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Mrs Ford & Mrs Weller
Year 2 Girls Football	Year 2	Term 6	Monday lunchtime 12:30-1:00	Mr Cleare
Calming	Years R, 1 & 2	Term 6	Friday lunchtime 12:30-1:00	Miss Hoare
KS1 & 2				
Street Dance	Years 1-6	From Term 1	Monday 3:00-4:10	Christina Marks, supported by Miss Heckley/Mrs Lester
Singing	Years 1, 2 & 3	Term 2	Thursday 3:00-4:00	Ms Willis
Lego	Years R - 6	Terms 2 - 5	Thursday 3:00-4:00	Mrs Paterson, Mrs Baker & Mrs Davis
Purple Mash Coding	Years 2, 3 & 4	Terms 4 & 5	Monday 3:00-4:00	Miss Hoare
All Stars Cricket	Years 2 & 3	Term 5	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Miss Heckley
Football	Years 2 & 3	Term 6	Wednesday 3:00-4:15	Mr Cleare
KS2				
Cartoon Club	Years 5 & 6	Terms 1 - 6	Monday lunchtime 12:00-12:30	Miss Kirby
Years 4-6 Girls Football	Years 4-6	Terms 1-4	Monday lunchtime 12:00-12:30	Mr Cleare
Choir	Years 4, 5 & 6	Terms 1 & 2	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Mrs Wallace & Mrs Royel
Football	Years 5 & 6	Terms 1 & 2	Wednesday 3:00-4:15	Mr Cleare
Basketball	Years 5 & 6	Term 2	Tuesday lunchtime 12:00-12:30	Miss Heckley
Movie Club	Years 3-6	Terms 2 & 3	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Mr Adkins
Dancing	Years 4-6	Terms 2, 3 & 4	Wednesday lunchtime 12:00-12:30	Mrs Middleton & Mrs Hutton
Puzzle Maths Club	By invitation	Term 2 onwards	Thursday lunchtime	Mrs Wade and Mrs Hopkins
Gymnastics	Years 4-6	Term 3	Tuesdays 3:00-4:00	Miss Heckley
Football	Years 4 & 5	Term 3	Wednesday 3:00-4:15	Mr Cleare

Basketball



In November we will be attending a Year 5/6 basketball event organised by the Kent Crusaders. Miss Heckley will be encouraging anyone keen to take part to join her to practise during lunchtimes next term. Dates/letters to follow.

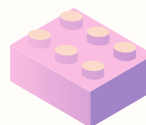
Afterschool & Lunchtime Clubs 2026/2027

Times Table Rockstars (TTRS)	Years 3-6	Terms 3 & 4	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Miss Davis & Mrs Swain
Spanish	Years 3-6	Terms 4 & 5	Monday 3:00-4:00	Mrs Cotton
Football	Years 3 & 4	Terms 4 & 5	Wednesday 3:00-4:15	Mr Cleare
Year 3 Girls Football	Year 3	Term 5	Monday lunchtime 12:00-12:30	Mr Cleare
Sports	Years 3-6	Terms 5 & 6	Tuesday 3:00-4:00	Mr Adkins
Badminton	Years 4-6	Term 5	Wednesday lunchtime 12:00-12:30	Miss Heckley
Rugby	Years 3, 4 & 5	Term 6	Thursday 3:00-4:00	Miss Heckley



After School and lunch time clubs for terms 2-6 have been scheduled.

Permission slips will be sent home for after school clubs a few weeks before they are due to begin so that children can sign up. Lunchtime clubs do not need to be signed up for, the children can just go along to these.



Poppy Appeal



Our Year 6 children are selling items for the Poppy Appeal by the Royal British Legion this week and in the week after half term. If your child would like to buy poppy, wristband, badge etc, please send them in with some change. The suggested minimum donation for a paper poppy is 10p, for other items we suggest a minimum amount of £1. Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal.



Wincheap School Newsletter

No nuts or hummus in school, please

Please ensure that children **do not bring food or items containing nuts to school**, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Please also do not send them to school with hummus, as this can contain sesame. Thank you for helping us to keep all children safe in school.

Brigade uniform orders



In the past, parents and carers have purchased school uniform (sweatshirts and fleeces) from the school office and have paid for items via Parent Pay.

Going forward, school uniform items will have to be ordered from our supplier Brigade directly. However, we currently still have a lot of items in stock, including sweatshirts in all sizes and fleeces in most sizes, as well as bookbags. We therefore recommend you check with the office first, before you order directly from Brigade.

Once our stock has been sold, parents will need to order from the following website:

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/WI5430DS/>

The items can be delivered to school directly (free of charge) or you can have them delivered to your home (delivery fee applies).

Please also be reminded that you don't have to purchase branded uniform items but can also buy plain navy blue items from the supermarket.

BRIGADE SCHOOLWEAR

Dates:
30th October -
2nd November

Offer:
15% Discount

Code:
HALLOWEEN26

Quality, lasting garments

Great value for families

Trusted by schools

To order, visit our website and follow these simple steps:

- 1 Go to www.brigade.uk.com
- 2 Click on **Parents Order here**
- 3 Enter your school's name in the search box, select your school and place your order.

Uniform made to last



Wincheap School Newsletter

Extracurricular Sports Clubs

Street Dance is proving very popular on Mondays! Anna, our dance specialist, is really enjoying the energy and enthusiasm our children are showing. Miss Heckley is very much enjoying joining in too! If your child would like to try it, just a reminder to please book a paid trial session directly with Christina Marks School of Performing Arts.



Dates for the Diary

- 23rd October: Last day of Term 1
- 2nd November: First day of term 2
- 16th - 21st November: Anti-Bullying week
- 17th November: Football events at the Simon Langton for Boys
- 23rd November: Open Day for Reception Intake 2027
- 30th November - 4th December: Thai students visiting Wincheap
- 3rd December: Enrichment Day





Wincheap School Newsletter

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

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

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at
midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between
1 September 2022
and **31 August 2023**,
Transferring to Primary 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 Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary 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 **Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027**. Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

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

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Friday 16 April 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 **Friday 30 April 2027**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer 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.

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

Friday 6 November 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Friday 15 January 2027	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlinedmissions@kent.gov.uk
Friday 16 April 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Friday 30 April 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 schools named on the original application.
Monday 17 May 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 primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

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.





Wincheap School Newsletter

PERSONAL ART TUITION

Canterbury • All Ages Welcome

Learn • Create • Grow



One-to-one & small group lessons



Drawing, painting, watercolour, acrylic & sketching



Beginners to advanced — no experience needed



Children • Teens • Adults • Seniors



Portfolio preparation & creative confidence

Why Join Us?



Relaxed, friendly & supportive environment



Tailored to your goals & skill level



All materials provided for first lesson



Julie Burroughs
Based in Canterbury



Julieburroughs@gmail.com

Contact us today to book your first session!



Wincheap School Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



BATS

The reserve's Scots pine cones have gone batty! After pollination by wind, the female flowers on a Scots pine turn green and develop into cones. Foraged from the woodland floor, we will transform these giant cones into bats with fuzzy ears and fangy smiles, ready for this season's celebrations. Find out about the Scots pine, and bats. Play the 'Bat and Moth' game.

SPOONS AND SHROOMS

Make these friendly spoon mushrooms that will cheer up any room. Last year the Kent Field Club ran a fungi survey on the reserve and found a range of fungi, including Meadow coral and the delightfully named, Mousepee pinkgill. Using a sheet to guide you, see how many species of fungi you can see.

STORY TIME

Free, drop-in, nature story time, read by a reserve volunteer. Times and dates TBC.

WANDS, WEBS, AND WINDFALL

Forage for fallen leaves to create spider webs and magical wands. Use apples from the reserve to make colourful prints. Take on the 'Autumn Nature Challenge'. How many seasonal treasures can you spot?

OCTOBER	11AM	1PM
Tues 27th:	Bats	Shrooms
Thurs 29th:	Shrooms	Wands
Fri 30th:	Wands	Bats



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)

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LN

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

Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

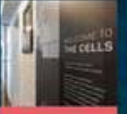
FREE
entry



MOTORCYCLE



DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES



INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS



HISTORIC EQUIPMENT



REAL STORIES FROM KENT'S PAST

Follow clues, explore real crime stories, discover fascinating police equipment, and enjoy interactive displays.

Learn how crimes were solved in the past and see unusual objects from more than 200 years of Kent Police history.

Looking for something to do this October half term?

The museum will be open from **Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm**. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.

Bringing Our History to Life

kentpolicemuseum.org
[@kentpolicemuseum](https://www.facebook.com/kentpolicemuseum)
www.kent.police.uk/kent-museum
Email: museum@kent.police.uk
Telephone 01795 433028

BARRACUDAS ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AND CHILDCARE!

USE CODE: **SCHOOL20**

GET AN EXTRA £20 OFF WHEN YOU
BOOK 2 OR MORE DAYS!



- Try new things
- Develop skills
- Meet new friends
- Boost confidence

barracudas.co.uk
01480 467 567

OFSTED REGISTERED



ALICE in Wonder Land



**MALHOUSE
THEATRE**

3pm
Mon 26 October

malthousetheatre.co.uk 01227 287234

LET'S ALL
DANCE!
Ballet Company