



Green Park Community Primary School

July Newsletter

Message from Mr. Hawkins

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term fast approaches, I'd like to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the week, as Ofsted visited our school. What a time to come! It does mean though, that we can all enjoy a well-deserved summer break and start the new year without worrying about them calling. I can't share the outcome of the inspection with you, but the inspectors were very fair and the children were marvellous.

This year, we have celebrated so many achievements it's hard to name them all. The children have made tremendous progress and we're hoping for our best SATs results for a number of years.

In sports, our football teams produced some wonderful performances and there is much talent to be excited for next year. We had magical performances for the Summer concert and the Music Day at the Duke of Yorks Military School.

Congratulations go to Mrs Marsh, who is now a fully qualified teacher, having completed her Teaching Apprenticeship with us.

Our good wishes go to Mrs Page and Miss Thomason, who are off to have their babies over the summer. Miss Wilson is returning from maternity leave in September.

Please remember that staff will not be answering e-mails over the summer holidays. I monitor my emails for any emergencies.

I hope you have a wonderful summer with your families and look forward to seeing you all on September 2nd.

Mr Hawkins

Dates for your diaries:

17th July – Last Day of Term

1st September – Development Day (No children in school)

2nd September – First Day of Term

4th September – Year 4 Trip - Viking Ship

7th September – EYFS Children start (8.45am – 1pm)

8th September – Year 5 Trip – Monkton Nature Reserve

14th September – Coffee Morning – Main Hall

14th September – EYFS Children Full Time

14th September – Year 2 Trip – Dover Castle

15th September – Year 6 Trip – Ramsgate Tunnels – Royal Class

16th September – Year 6 Trip – Ramsgate Tunnels – Brompton Class

17th September – Year 3 Trip – Dover Castle

25th September – EYFS – Visit from 'Jaws n Claws'

9th October – Individual and Family Photos

13th October – Year 4 and Year 5 – Come and Look

14th October – Year 1 Trip – Wingham – Hyde Class

15th October – Year 1 Trip Wingham – Richmond Class

w/b 19th October – Year 6 - Residential

19th October - Year 1 – Come and Play

20th October – Year 2 and Year 3 – Come and Look - 2.15pm

22nd October – EYFS – Halloween Come and Play

23rd October – Prize Assembly – 9am

23rd October – Halloween Disco (Whole School) –

Children to bring costumes in a named bag please

23rd October – Last Day of Term

**Please note that these dates are subject to change.
If any changes are made, letters will be sent out to Parents/Carers.**

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Congratulations to Our 100% Attendance Champions! 🎉

A huge congratulations to the following children who achieved **100% attendance throughout the entire school year** and receive a voucher to spend.

What a fantastic achievement.

- Kalen – Year 6
- Taylor – Year 6
- Erikas – Year 6
- Tommy – Year 5
- Logan – Year 4
- Emmerson – Year 3

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SCHOOL DINNERS

COST INCREASE

**FROM
SEPTEMBER**

£3.10



PLEASE INFORM US

if your child will be arriving
late to school, what their
lunch option will be.



Are they having a
Main Meal, Vegetarian or
Jacket Potato?



ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY

9.30AM



MAIN MEAL



VEGETARIAN



JACKET POTATO



Thank you for your support!



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DINOSAUR DAY

PENCESTER GARDENS DOVER

WEDS AUG 05
10am-3pm

FEATURING NEW DINOSAURS
FREE EVENT

Meet Bumble

DINOSAUR SHOWS
REPTILE ENCOUNTERS
TAYLOR DANCE ACADEMY PERFORMANCE
DINOSAUR TRAIL
DINOSAUR ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

and Ruby

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUMMER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

BOGGARTS Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROW A GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by our Volunteers.

STORY WALK Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING: Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs		Story	Pond	11th:	Worms	Story	Folklore
23rd:	Bugs			Pond	13th:	Pond		Garden
24th:	Bugs			Pond	14th:	Bugs		Boggarts
28th:	Pond W.C'rm		Story	Folklore	18th:	Bugs	Story	Walk
31st:	Bugs			Boggarts	20th:	Walk		Pond
					21st:	Bugs		Folklore
AUG	11AM		12PM	1PM	25th:	Folklore	Story	Garden
4th:	Boggarts		Story	Pond	27th:	Bugs		Walk
6th:	Bugs			Walk	28th:	Pond		Boggarts
7th:	Folklore			Garden				

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)

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SUMMER FUN AT SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY

SCAN ME





POND DIPPING
29TH JULY 10AM-1.30PM, £6 PER CHILD

Dive into an underwater adventure! Grab a net & become a wildlife detective as you discover the amazing creatures hiding beneath the surface. Hunt for diving beetles, pond skaters, water snails & more, learn how to identify your finds, and uncover the fascinating world of ponds and their watery wildlife. A fun, hands-on adventure for curious explorers



MOTH MASTERCLASS & MUFFINS
6TH & 25TH AUGUST 10AM-12PM, £8.50 PER PERSON

What better way to start your morning than with muffins, pastries &... a bucket load of moths! Join us as we discover the hidden world of our night time pollinators.

See stunning moths up-close, discover their secret lives and why they matter then explore our reserve on a self-led trail.



BEAUTY OF THE (MINI) BEASTS
13TH AUGUST 10AM-1PM, £6 PER CHILD

Prepare for an extraordinary adventure into the fascinating world of minibeasts & insects! Join us as we embark on an unforgettable journey through the private Sandwich Bay Estate, where a myriad of tiny creatures await our discovery. Armed with bug-hunting equipment, you'll become intrepid explorers, uncovering the secrets of these amazing mini-worlds.



BRILLIANT BIRDS & BRICKS: LAPWINGS
9AM-1PM 26TH AUGUST, £12 PER CHILD

Ready for an Avian Adventure? Bring the whole family out for a day of nature & creativity where you can see science in action as wild birds get measured & ringed up close under licence (weather permitting) Then we'll take a guided birdwatching nature walk before creating your own LEGO® Lapwing to take home!

INFO & BOOKING:
[BUYTICKETS.AT/SANDWICHBAYBIRDOBSERVATORY](https://www.buytickets.at/sandwichbaybirdobservatory)
 OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory
 Charity Number 1187583





Spot the LEGO for £1.50 with prize at the end!



Valid from 20th of July to 7th of September 2026

Summer savings

Children's Lunch Box and museum entry only
£5

at the Museum
10am - 4pm

7 days a week
 Lunch Box at NAAFI Cafe served until 3pm
 Ages 5 - 15



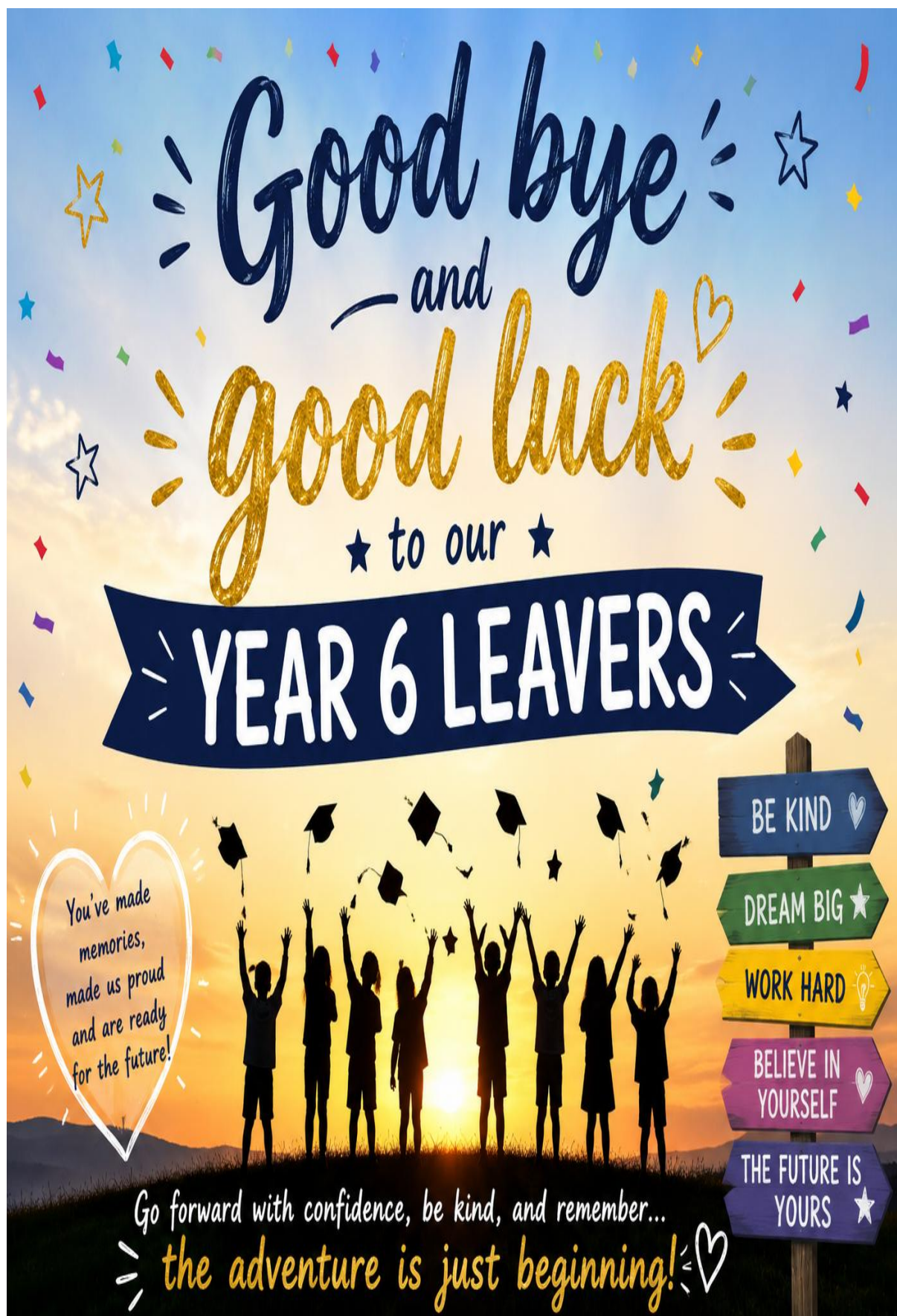
Why not go and visit our donation funded neighbouring museum?

BOOK HERE



All other attendees must pay admission.
 At least 1 adult per 4 children
 Other competitions and activities available. Please speak to shop staff.
 See website for details.
info@rafmanston.co.uk www.rafmanston.co.uk

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Have a lovely Summer Break
Stay Safe!



CHILDREN ARE BACK TO SCHOOL ON
Wednesday 2nd September 2026

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