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School News



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday, 12th December - PTFA Christmas Disco's

3.15 to 4.15pm Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2

4.30 to 5.30pm Years 3 to 6

Please see the separate letter emailed and sent home with children at the end of November regarding this event. Further copies are available from the school office.



Monday, 15th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play at 2.15pm in the school Hall

Year 1 and 2 are very excited to perform their Nativity Play which promises to be a very special event. Parents, carers, family and friends are warmly invited to join us on Monday, 15th December at 2.15pm to watch their play. (Tickets are not needed.)



Tuesday, 16th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play at 9.30am in the school Hall

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Wednesday, 17th December - Last Day of Term 2

Thursday, 18th and Friday, 19th December - INSET Days School Closed

Monday, 5th January - First Day of Term 3

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Early Moring Club

The register for Early Morning Club for the remainder of this academic year is open. If you have any requirement for Term 3, or in the terms ahead, places can be booked by telephone 01304 611360 or emailing office@eastry.kent.sch.uk.

Early Morning Club costs £1.50 per child per day and runs from 8.00am to 8.35am each day. Breakfast is not provided, please can children have this before arriving.

A PARENT GUIDE TO A TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS!

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

12 Top Tips for Children & Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

The NHS has produced an online guide to assist parents and carers when their child is unwell and you are unsure whether they are OK to attend school or should be kept at home.

The guide can be found by visiting: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 15.12.2025	
MONDAY	
Football Club—Elite (3.15 to 4.15pm)	Yes
Netball Club - Mrs Wood (3.15 to 1.00pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Dance Club—Elite (3.15 to 4.15pm)	NO
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	



Thank you to the PTFA who provided the Christmas crackers for our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday.

LAST WEEK OF TERM MENU



Monday 15th December

pizza (v)*

sauté potatoes

baked beans & sweetcorn

cooks choice of Christmas dessert

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Tuesday 16th December

breaded chicken steak

veggie nuggets

rainbow pasta

peas & mixed veg

cooks choice of Christmas dessert

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Wednesday 17th December

fish fingers, skin on fries & Peas

veggie nuggets & skin on fries & peas (Vg)

cooks choice of Christmas dessert

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Kind regards

Sarah Moss

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher



KENT LIFE

celebrate their mums,
or those like a mum,
this Mother's Day
by writing them a poem



Kent Life Magazine is inviting children across Kent to celebrate their mums this Mother's Day by writing a poem for them. In March's issue we will be publishing the poems so the whole of Kent can see just how special the county's mums are. If your child hasn't submitted their Mother's Day poem yet, it's not too late.

Simply email their poem to
KentLifePoet@newsquest.co.uk
no later than January 19, 2026

All entries must include the child's first name, age, and school. Don't forget to pick up your copy from February 2026.

Christmas

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