



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We hope you enjoyed our NSPCC Number's Day on the last day of term and thank you for all your generous donations. We raised £82.40 which has been forwarded to the NSPCC.

Friday, 27th February - Girl's Football Match Home to Eythorne and Elvington Kick Off at 2.45pm

Friday, 27th February - Year 6 PSHE Parent Drop-in Session at 3.15pm

Tuesday, 3rd March - 'Bold As' Trumpet Teacher visit to Year 5

Thursday, 5th March - 'Kidsommer Night's Dream'

On Thursday, 5th March children will see the production of 'Kidsommer Night's Dream' during the afternoon kindly funded by Sandwich Rotary Club.

Thursday, 5th March - Reading with your Parent/Carer event at 3.30pm - Refreshments Provided

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, parents and carers are invited to return to school at 3.30pm, after collecting their child at the normal time, for some reading time with their child in the classroom. They can bring a favourite blanket or cushion to snuggle up to you, while you read together. There will be hot chocolate and biscuits in the foyer provided by the PTFA. We aim to finish at 4.15pm



Friday, 6th March - World Book Day Celebrations

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday, 6th March. Our theme this year is 'Traditional Tales'. During week commencing 2nd March, the children will take part in reading related challenges to encourage reading for pleasure. Our library will also be open all week.

On Friday, 6th March children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a traditional tale character. Our story for the day will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Children will be taking part in activities throughout the day around this theme.

We will also have a book fair in school which you can visit at the end of the school day. This will run every day after school until Thursday, 12th March.



Friday, 6th March - PTFA Wonder Bar Event

The PTFA will again be running their Wonder Bar event with a chance for children to win some amazing prizes if they find a golden ticket in their chocolate bar. Children brought home the pre-order form for the Wonder bars at the beginning of the week, further copies are available from the school office. Pre-orders can be placed up to Tuesday, 3rd March and children will collect their chocolate bars after school on Friday, 6th March.

DIARY DATES - Continued

Friday, 6th March - Swimming Gala at Dover Leisure Centre

OTHER NEWS

Parents Consultation Evenings

Ten minute appointments can be made on either evening between the times of 3.30pm to 6.20pm on Monday, 9th March and 3:30-5:00pm on the Thursday 12th March (3.30pm to 5.00pm for Year 2 on Wednesday, 11th March). These meetings are a valuable way for sharing successes and concerns and I do hope you are able to make one of the evenings. You will also have an opportunity to look at your children's books whilst in school. Mrs Shallcross will be available to discuss any Special Educational Needs on Monday, 9th and Thursday, 12th March. To book an appointment with your child's teacher, and Mrs Shallcross if appropriate, please telephone the school office on 01304 611360 **after 9.00am** when an appointment will be made for you.

Governors

A member of our school governor team will also be available on both evenings should you like to speak to them.

Book Fair

The book fair will be in school on all evenings so that you can peruse the books on offer either before or after your appointment.

Emotional and Wellbeing Team

The school Emotional and Wellbeing Team will also be attending on Thursday, 12th March from 3.30 to 5.00pm should you like to speak to team.

Attendance

Each term we let parents know about the current overall school attendance figure. At the end of term 3 this stood at 93.6%.

We understand that sometimes children are too unwell to attend school, or it can be difficult to know whether they should attend or not when feeling a little under the weather. Our leaflet 'A Guide for Parents/Carers on School Attendance' gives lots of helpful information about when to keep your child off of school or when it is fine for them to still attend. This leaflet was emailed to parents today and can also be viewed on the school website under our Attendance page in the Parent tab.

Holiday Absence

As you may be aware in 2013 the Department for Education removed the ability for Headteachers to authorise absence for holidays unless under very exceptional circumstances. Further changes in 2024 saw new guidelines for issuing penalty notices to parents and carers who take their child/children out of school for holidays. Although we are required to let parents know about a penalty notice being requested, this is not issued by the school, neither do we receive the funds from a penalty notice. Penalty notices were introduced to help improve school attendance particularly when absence is due to holidays and unauthorised absence.

Car Park Entrance to the School

Please can I ask that you do not use the entrance to the school car park as a turning circle. This part of the road is often used by parents, children and other pedestrians to cross the road on exiting the school - thank you.

EASTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

Will YOU find a Golden Ticket?

**WONDER
BAR**



**Our Chocolate WONDER BAR Sale
will take place after school
on**

**Friday 6th March
in the school playground
£2.50 per bar**

(Price includes Cadbury chocolate bar and entry to the Golden Ticket raffle)

**Come and see the leader of our chocolate factory Mrs Moss
(Mr Wonka for the day) and maybe an oompa loompa too!**

There will be a pre sale letter sent out. Please place orders before the event to help with queues and organisation.

Purchase a chocolate bar and see if you're a winner of a golden ticket!!

Golden Ticket Prizes include:

- **An Amazon voucher**
- **Cineworld tickets**
- **A voucher for The Entertainer**
- **Books donated from waterstones**

In school treats to be announced soonPlus More!

PTFA News

Mother's Day Gift Shop

The PTFA will again be running their Mother's Day gift shop in the library during lunchtimes from Tuesday, 10th to Friday 13th March. Children will be able to buy small gifts for their Mums, grandmas/nans or other important people. Gifts will range from 50p to £3.00 and please make sure your child brings any money and a labelled purse or wallet. **If you think you might be able to help for an hour during one of the lunchtimes please let the PTFA or school office know - thank you.**

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Advice if you need urgent dental care

Extra urgent dental treatment is now available in Kent and Medway.

If you need urgent dental treatment, here's what you can do:

- phone your regular dentist, if you have one. Some practices offer appointments at short notice.
- contact Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT), Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm on 0300 123 4412 or email kcht.dentalhelpdesk@nhs.net
- phone Dentaline Out of Hours on 01634 890300, Monday to Sunday from 6pm to 10:55pm and Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from 8:30am to 1:25pm.

Examples of urgent dental conditions

- Severe pain - pain that is not manageable with over-the-counter pain relievers and is interfering with daily activities or sleep.
- Infections - swelling, redness or pus in the mouth, especially if spreading or accompanied by fever.
- Trauma - knocked-out teeth, fractured teeth or injuries to the mouth and jaw.
- Bleeding - uncontrolled bleeding from the mouth.
- Other - abscesses, pericoronitis (inflammation around wisdom teeth) and severe ulceration or lesions.

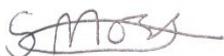
For a list of dentists offering urgent appointments near you, visit the [KM health and care website](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 2.3.2026

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MONDAY	
Football Club—Elite (3.15 to 4.15pm)	No
Netball Club - Mrs Wood (3.15 to 4.00pm)	No
TUESDAY	
Cheerleading - Mrs Wood (3.15 to 4.00pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Ballet Club - Miss Thomas (3.15 to 4.00pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

FAMILY LEARNING COURSES



Online Courses February/ March 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
153636	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	24/02/26	24/02/26	Tuesday	10:00	11:00
153353	Supporting ADHD in the Home	25/02/26	18/03/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153359	Strategies to Support Your Child with Maths (7-11 yrs) - Webinar	26/02/26	26/02/26	Thursday	10:00	11:00
153352	Autism Awareness	04/03/26	25/03/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153357	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	11/03/26	11/03/26	Wednesday	13:00	14:00
153354	Calm together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child	13/03/26	13/03/26	Friday	10:00	12:00
153358	Supporting Your family through our Screen Obsessed World	30/03/26	30/03/26	Monday	19:00	21:00
153355	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	31/03/26	31/03/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
153356	Managing Sleep	31/03/26	31/03/26	Tuesday	10:00	12:00
153642	Supporting your Neuro-Diverse Child to eat Healthily	01/04/26	01/04/26	Wednesday	09:30	11:30

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



To book your place on one of these FREE courses, scan the QR code or go to www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information email businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk

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Online Courses April 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
153642	Supporting your Neuro-Diverse Child to eat Healthily	01/04/26	01/04/26	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
153360	Supporting Families with ADHD Teens	22/04/26	13/05/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153368	Navigating the Perimenopause & Menopause Workshop	23/04/26	23/04/26	Thursday	19:00	21:00

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Online Courses May 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
153362	First Aid for Babies	05/05/26	05/05/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
153364	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	05/05/26	05/05/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
153404	Autism Awareness	06/05/26	20/05/26	Wednesday	09:30	11:30
153361	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	06/05/26	06/05/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153365	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	07/05/26	07/05/26	Thursday	12:30	13:30
153367	Fathers Matter	20/05/26	20/05/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00

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