



# School News

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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 this week the children have been taking 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, or favourite book character if this is not possible. 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. Pre-ordered bars will be labelled and laid out on separate year group tables. There will also be some additional chocolate bars to buy so don't worry, you won't miss out! Please open your bars on the playground and if you find a golden ticket, make your way to the prize table where Willy Wonka and a Oompa Loompa will be there helping to hand out prizes!

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

### Monday, 9th March - Fledglings Vision and Hearing Checks

### Monday, 9th March - Cross Country Event at Nothbourne Park School

### Monday, 9th March - Parents' Consultation Evenings 3.30 to 6.30pm in the School Hall

We have the first of our parents' evenings on Monday, 9th March. Ten minute appointments can be made by calling the office on 01304 611360 or emailing office@eastry.kent.sch.uk. 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 and a member of the **School Governors** will also be available if you would like to speak to them. Our **Book Fair** will be open from 3.30 to 5.15pm during the evening.

## DIARY DATES - Continued

### Tuesday, 10th to Friday, 13th March - PTFA 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 in 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.**

### Wednesday, 11th March - Year 2 Parents' Consultation Evening 3.30 to 5.00pm

Mrs Foley has the second of her parents' evenings on Wednesday, 11th March. Ten minute appointments can be made by calling the office on 01304 611360 or emailing [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk). You will also have an opportunity to look at your children's books whilst in school.

### Thursday, 12th March - Parent's Consultation Evening 3.30 to 5.00pm in the School Hall

We have the second of our parents' evenings on Thursday, 12th March (except for Year 2 which will be on Wednesday, 11th March). Ten minute appointments can be made by calling the office on 01304 611360 or emailing [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk). 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 and a member of the **School Governors** will also be available if you would like to speak to them. Our **Book Fair** will be open from 3.30 to 5.00pm during the evening and we also have the **School Emotional and Wellbeing Team** attending if you would like to speak to them.

### Friday, 13th March - Fledglings Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents, carers and their families are invited to join us for our Fledglings Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall.

### Friday, 13th March - Cross Country Event at the Duke of York's Military School

## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

### 'My Mum' 2026

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 were given an opportunity to draw a picture and write a message to their Mum or special person for Mother's Day. These will appear in a Mother's Day supplement which will be included in all local KM Group paid newspapers next week.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our special Mum's, Grandmothers and carers a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, 15th March.

The Isle of Thanet Sunrise Rotary Club, Monkton Nature Reserve, Thanet Earth and 'Get Wild' present...

### THE YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS COMPETITION 2026:

### **'Happiness in Nature'**

*The aim of this competition is to create a project that allows wildlife and people to survive and thrive together.*

Your project could be about the impact of new housing estates; interaction with agricultural land; caring for our waterways and coasts, or pollution, waste and litter. Suggestions include: *nature art creations; poetry inspired by nature; a bug hotel/butterfly station/frog shelter; design and build eco-friendly toys/games, an article of clothing made using natural materials; arrange a litter pick.*

**We encourage creativity and original ideas!**

**AGE GROUPS:** Junior: Up to and including 10 years old  
Intermediate: 11 to 13 years old  
Senior: 14 to 17 years old  
*Based on age as of 31st August 2025*

**CATEGORIES:** Individual entry  
Group entries (maximum of four participants)  
*Can be from any group/community organisation including schools, colleges, home educated, RotaKids, Scouts, Guides etc.*

**DEADLINE:** Thursday 26th March  
*Our winners (one from each age group) will be submitted to the National Final!*



**TO APPLY:** Scan the QR code to find more information and the Entry Form. Please send all completed Entry Forms to [isrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:isrotaryclub@gmail.com) with your project and an explanation of how your project links to the theme 'Happiness in Nature'. Groups must have one entry form per person. Entrants must include their age on the entry form.





# EASTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA NEEDS YOU



## WHY JOIN?



### STUDENT BENEFITS



When parents volunteer, children feel supported and inspired, leading to improved academic and social success.



### SCHOOL BENEFITS



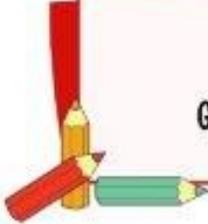
Your involvement directly supports enriching programs, better resources, and a stronger school community for every student.



### MAKE CONNECTIONS



Build lasting relationships with fellow parents, teachers, and school staff while fostering a sense of community.



### YOU BENEFIT



Gain fulfillment, new skills, and a closer connection to your child's education and school environment.

### READY TO SIGN UP

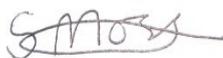
Whether you have a little time or a lot, your involvement helps create a better experience for all. Sign up today and be part of something meaningful! Contact the school office who will pass on your details to the PTFA.

#### OTHER NEWS

##### Cash Payments

Our preferred method of payment is via BACS where possible but we are happy to continue to accept cash if this is easier for you. However, if paying for anything in cash, please can we ask that this is enclosed in a envelope clearly marked with details of what the payment is for, thank you.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher

**No Ballet Club**

Please note there is no Ballet Club on Wednesday and Miss Thomas has parents' evenings on Monday and Thursday next week.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Week commencing 9.3.2026

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

>> INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FACILITIES AT ALL OUR VENUES <<

**ALL COURSES START AT 9am until 4pm**  
All Courses are for Primary School Children (Year 1 - Year 6) EACH CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING APPROPRIATE CLOTHING, PACKED LUNCH (if non HAF) AND AT LEAST 1 LITRE OF STILL DRINK (NO FIZZY)

**JUST ONE DAY £25**  
**MIX & MATCH ANY 2 DAYS for £45**  
**3 DAYS JUST £60**  
**4 DAYS £70**  
**WHOLE WEEK £80**

DISCOUNTS FOR SIBLINGS USE CODE: SIBLINGS2026

HALF DAYS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

EARLY DROP OFF 8.30am £2

**BASKETBALL CRICKET TRI-GOLF ARCHERY INFLATABLES ATHLETICS FOOTBALL SCOOTERS ARTS-CRAFTS DODGEBALL DANCE THEME BIKES**

ALL COURSES ARE NOW BOOKED ONLINE:  
[www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/holiday-club-bookings](http://www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/holiday-club-bookings)

PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING YOUR OWN SCOOTER/BIKE AND HELMET (which must be worn)  
Note: These can be brought every day.

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**EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES**

Scan to book and find out more...  
HAF courses subject to funding

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**DOVER**  
**Shepherdswell Primary**  
Coltred Road, Shepherdswell, Dover, Kent, CT15 7LF  
Multisports & Football All Week with Monday Inflatables  
WEEK 1 - TUESDAY 7th APRIL TO THURSDAY 9th APRIL  
WEEK 2 - MONDAY 13th APRIL TO THURSDAY 16th APRIL

**HYTHE**  
**Saltwood C of E Primary**  
Grange Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent, CT21 4QS  
Multisports & Football All Week with Thursday Inflatables  
WEEK 1 - TUESDAY 7th APRIL TO THURSDAY 9th APRIL  
WEEK 2 - MONDAY 13th APRIL TO THURSDAY 16th APRIL

**ASHFORD**  
**The Stour centre**  
Station Approach, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1ET  
Multisports & Football All Week Tuesday Inflatables  
WEEK 1 - TUESDAY 7th APRIL TO THURSDAY 9th APRIL  
Wednesday - Clip 'n' Climb £5 extra

**ASHFORD**  
**The Julie Rose Stadium**  
Willesborough Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 9QX  
Multisports & Football All Week with Tuesday Inflatables  
WEEK 2 - MONDAY 13th APRIL TO THURSDAY 16th APRIL

**FOLKESTONE**  
**Christ Church Academy Primary**  
Brockman Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5BY  
Multisports & Football All Week with Friday Inflatables  
WEEK 1 - TUESDAY 7th APRIL TO FRIDAY 10th APRIL  
WEEK 2 - MONDAY 13th APRIL TO FRIDAY 17th APRIL

**PYMCHURCH**  
**Pymchurch Primary**  
New Hall Close, Romney Marsh, TN29 0LE  
Multisports & Football All Week with Wednesday Inflatables  
WEEK 1 - TUESDAY 7th APRIL TO THURSDAY 9th APRIL  
WEEK 2 - MONDAY 13th APRIL TO THURSDAY 16th APRIL