



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 4th July - Year 4 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 are welcome to join us for their class worship.



Love Your Community

The aim of the week:

- **Engage** young people in positive activities within the local community
- **Enhance community relations** with local schools and young people
- Encourage young people to take **pride** in their community and **inspire** change
- Build confidence and trust in young people and Community Policing
- **Reduce anti-social behaviour**
- **Encourage** the community to stand up to crime and anti-social behaviour and report through correct channels

Come and talk to us about any concerns you have about policing in your area.

Our officers will be there to listen and advise you on reducing anti-social behaviour and ways protect yourself against crime.

Sandwich Market
Thursday 10 July
8:30am to 1pm

Monday, 7th July - 'Love Your Community' Launch Event at The Guildhall, Sandwich at 1.30pm

Tuesday, 8th July - Visit by PC Joel 'Community Working'

During the morning we will have a visit by PC Joel who will give a presentation to the children followed by an opportunity to see a police car and other resources used by the police.

Wednesday, 9th July - Visit by Kent Libraries to Introduce the Summer Reading Challenge

Wednesday, 9th July - Year 3 and Year 4 Catch-up Swimming Lessons



Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat - available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call 999
If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our telephone service 18000.
Or text us on 999 if you're pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.
www.kent.police.uk   

Thursday, 10th July - Year 3 'Romans Workshop'

Thursday, 10th July - 'Love Your Community' Concert to Thank Our Community and Volunteers

On Thursday the children will be taking part in a special concert for our school volunteers and invited members of the community to thank them for all they do for the school, and the community as a whole.

Friday, 11th July - End of Year Reports to Parents

Friday, 11th July - Year 3 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are welcome to join us for their class worship.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Change in Menu

Please be advised that there is a slight change to the menu for the last two days of term to help use items that the kitchen already have and to prevent waste. The menu will be;

Monday, 21st July



Meaty Pizza or Cheese Pizza
Pasta
Sweetcorn and Baked Beans
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Ice Cream, Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, 22nd July

Fish Fingers
Veggie Nuggets
Chips or Pasta
Sweetcorn and Baked Beans
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Cooks choice, Fruit Jelly and Fresh Fruit

Managing Sleep

On the 29th September we will be hosting a 2 hour course, run by Kent Adult Education, to provide support to parents and carers around sleep management. If you would be interested in attending this event please email office@eastry.kent.sch.uk.



MANAGING SLEEP

Explore healthy sleep habits and strategies together.

Join us in a supportive space to discuss bedtime routines, practical sleep strategies and more, to improve your family's wellbeing.

Where: Eastry C of E Primary

ENTER TEXT HERE

Date: 29.09.2025 (Monday)

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Time: 13:15 - 15:15

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To book a place please contact:

ENTER CONTACT INFO

Office @ eastry.kent.sch.uk
01304 611360

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS - CONTINUED

Art Exhibition Cancelled

Thank you to all those children who submitted entries for the Eastry Painting for Pleasure Art Exhibition. Unfortunately, unbeknown to the school, the exhibition sadly had to be cancelled. However, we will be sharing the children's amazing exhibits during our next celebration worship before returning the art work to the children.

HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Apple iPads

Tablets have transformed the way children learn and play but with them also comes safety concerns such as harmful content and screen addiction. Below you will find some safety information and advice should your child use, or have access to, an Apple iPad.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- COSTLY TO REPAIR**
Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.
- DATA PRIVACY**
While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.
- BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS**
Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.
- SCREEN ADDICTION**
iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.
- REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT**
Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ENABLE FAMILY SHARING**
Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.
- USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY**
Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.
- FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES**
Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.
- PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING**
Children can accidentally (or intentionally!) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including Wired, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.

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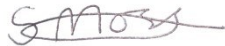
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LAST WEEK FOR TEACHER LED SCHOOL CLUBS

Please be advised that next week is the last week for all teacher led clubs for Term 6. Football club will still run on Monday 14th July which will be the last session for this term

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 7.7.2025

MONDAY	
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
Netball Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
Cheerleading Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	Yes
Reading Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Kent Police

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

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