



Friday 2nd October 2026

Minterne Messenger

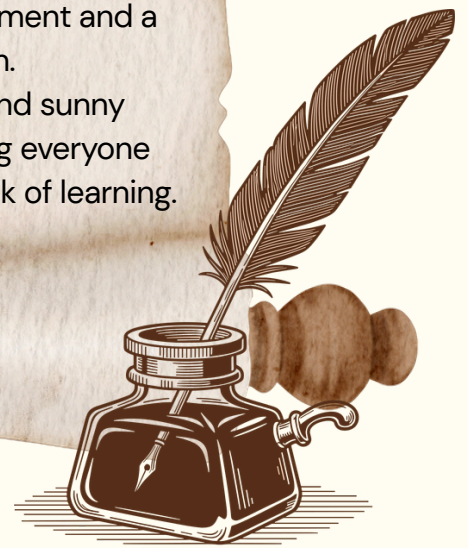
What a wonderful week we have enjoyed at Minterne, with children fully embracing the opportunities to learn, create and share their talents.

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day, and it was fantastic to see every class immersing themselves in the world of poetry. Children explored a range of poems, discussed the power of language and expression, and then had the opportunity to write some wonderful poems of their own. The creativity, imagination and confidence on display were truly impressive.

Over the coming days, teachers will select a winning poem from each class. Our year group winners will then go on to represent Minterne in our Trust-wide Poetry Competition, with some children also being chosen to read their work aloud during a virtual poetry assembly involving schools from across the Trust. Experiences such as these provide so much more than an opportunity to practise writing skills. They help children develop their vocabulary, confidence, creativity and self-expression, while encouraging them to share their ideas and value the voices of others. For many pupils, performing or sharing their own writing can be a significant achievement and a real boost to their self-esteem.

We wish all of our families a relaxing and sunny weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for another exciting week of learning.

Miss Warner
Headteacher





Meet Your

FLO!



Hi everyone,

my name is

Jo Nunn

and I am the FLO at Minterne.

Some of you may already know me from my many years at The Oaks. I am very much looking forward to meeting you and working with you and your families.



I have a very
cheeky chappie,

no relation to Arlo,
called

Herbie

who lives with me.



I love taking him
for walks

by the sea.



See you
all soon!





Working together with parents



HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

Keeping you informed, connected and involved



HOW	WHAT IS COMMUNICATED	WHEN	HOW	WHAT IS COMMUNICATED	WHEN
NEWSDAY TUESDAY	Parents/carers can view pupil books from 8:30am. If you cannot attend, contact the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.	20th October 1st December 2nd February 9th March 18th May 15th June	ARBOR APP	Letters and announcements, payments for trips, visitors, lunches, and club bookings. If you haven't signed up yet, look out for the link sent to you. Download the Arbor app to stay up to date with everything happening at Minterne. Contact the office for help if needed.	As needed
HOME CONNECT	Information on your child's Accelerated Reader quizzes and reading. Parents receive a letter with instructions to sign up. Contact your child's class teacher if you need another copy.	Results sent by email after each quiz	MINTERNE MESSENGER NEWSLETTER	Celebrations, achievements, key dates, weekly news, safety advice for families, and local events.	Weekly on Fridays
PUPIL DIARIES	Record home reading (5x per week), notes to teachers or teaching assistants, spelling and tables test information.	Collected weekly or handed to an adult if you wish the teacher to see a note	PARENTS' EVENING	Discuss your child's academic progress, attainment, and general updates with the class teacher and SENCO if required. Parents can also view pupil books in Term 3 and Term 5.	Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th January 2022 Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15 April 2022
SCHOOL WEBSITE	Comprehensive information about the curriculum, newsletters, term dates, policies, and general school information.	Ongoing	REPORTS	Academic attainment, progress, general comments, and attendance.	Friday 18th December Thursday 25th March Friday 2nd July
EMAIL	Contact teachers via your child's diary or email the school office. Office staff will direct your enquiry to the appropriate person. Email: office@minterne.kent.sch.uk	As needed	TAPESTRY	Teachers and Year Leaders share photos, learning updates, and curriculum news. Parents can also share photos and news from home.	As needed

Learning for a lifetime



Have you emailed us?
We aim to respond to you within 72 hours.

Staff do not always have access to emails due to other working commitments; many of our staff run activities for our students both at lunchtime and afterschool. It is therefore important to enable all staff sufficient time to read, investigate and respond to any communication.

Thank you.

When you do contact us on via any platform please clearly state your child's full name and class



HAPPY'S CIRCUS
Information & Ticket Sales

TICKET SALES
Tickets will be available online from **8th September 2026 at 9am**, or until sell-out (whichever comes first).
Ticket sales will be available to families at both Minterne and The Oaks.
Should any tickets remain, we will open them up to the general public.

TICKET PRICES
Single Ticket **£12**
Family of 4 **£45**
Family of 5 **£50**
Children 2 years and under **FREE**
(These children will need to be seated on laps, if you would like them to have their own seat then a ticket must be purchased.)

ONLINE TICKET SALES
Online ticket sales will close on **19th October 2026 at 8pm**, however if there are any remaining tickets, these will be available to purchase at the gate on the night.
We do however highly recommend purchasing in advance to avoid disappointment.

FOOD & DRINK
We will be holding hot food and drink stalls and Happy's Circus will be selling candyfloss, popcorn and circus merchandise directly.

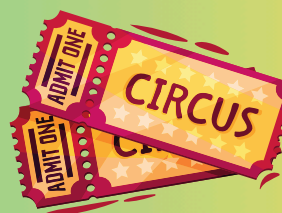
TIMES
The show will start at **6:00pm** and is expected to last approximately 2 hours.

PAYMENT
Whilst we do endeavour to facilitate card payments, poor signal can cause delays therefore, cash is preferable.

We can't wait to see you there!



THURSDAY
22ND OCTOBER



♥ We'd love to hear from you! ♥

We've put together a short parent survey and would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete it. It shouldn't take more than a few minutes of your time and it's completely anonymous.

The aim is simply to hear your thoughts, ideas and feedback so that we can continue to support our parents, children and school community as much as we can. Whether you have lots to say or just a little bit of feedback, every response is valuable to us. 😊
Thank you so much for taking the time to complete it and for supporting the FOM! ♥

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY](#)



HAPPY'S CIRCUS
Buggy Information & Location

BIG TOP LOCATION
The Big Top tent will be located on the school field, therefore please ensure you are wearing appropriate footwear, particularly if the weather has been wet.

BUGGIES & PUSHCHAIRS
Buggies/pushchairs are not permitted within the Big Top tent, therefore Happy's Circus will provide designated areas outside of the Big Top. These areas may not be covered so please keep this in mind in case of bad weather.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS
Happy's Circus is on ground level and accessible to wheelchairs. Anyone requiring a chair instead of a bench, please notify a volunteer at the entrance gate.

PLEASE NOTE
Please be aware that in the event of a refund being required (for whatever reason inc cancellation of the event) **ALL** platform and card processing fees are **NON REFUNDABLE**.

Thank you for your understanding!



WE CAN HELP

If your child has had a tricky time at school, we want to help as soon as possible.

PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP

Tell us what has happened so that we can provide support:

- ✉ office@minterne.kent.sch.uk
- ✍ Write a note in your child's diary
- 💬 Speak with Miss Nunn, our FLO
- 💬 Ask a teaching assistant on morning door duty to pass on a message to the class teacher



WE CAN HELP

Keeping your child at home after an incident can have a **negative** impact:

- Unsolved problems get bigger
- Friendships can suffer
- Missed learning makes it harder to return and catch up

**STAFF WANT TO WORK WITH
YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD**

THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who have sent in donations – your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As some donations were kindly dropped off at the office, we haven't always been able to identify who they came from. If we haven't had the opportunity to thank you personally, please know that we are incredibly grateful for helping us provide appropriate support for the children next year.

Can you help?

**WOODEN TOYS/PICTURE BOOKS
NEEDED PLEASE**



Wooden building blocks and construction sets
Simple puzzles and shape sorters
Wooden vehicles, animals or small-world figures
Play food, tea sets or role-play items
Stacking, threading or sorting toys

picture books

Help!

WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ANY DONATIONS THAT CAN HELP SUPPORT SOME OF OUR CHILDREN JOINING IN SEPTEMBER
THANK YOU!
MRS SPALDING, SENCO



Please use this [link](#) to view the latest Summer edition of the OCMAT Family Magazine.



YOU CAN FIND OUR PRIVACY NOTICE [HERE](#)



A polite reminder to please ensure that your child walks their bike, scooter, or any wheeled item once they are on school grounds. This applies to all children, including our younger pupils arriving from The Oaks.

This is important for health and safety reasons, as there are a large number of people on the playground at drop-off and pick-up times, including very young toddlers. We want to ensure that everyone remains safe and that no one is accidentally injured. Children will also be reminded of this expectation in assembly on Monday, as part of our “Be Safe” school rule.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.





Deposits for PGL are now being taken, please go to Arbor to make payment which will secure you child's place for PGL 2027

(Please note deposits are non refundable)



MINTERNE 2027

Leavers Hoodies

A special keepsake for an amazing chapter

FRIENDS TODAY ♥ LEADERS TOMORROW ♥ MINTERNE ALWAYS

Same School
Brighter Future

Hoodies
T-Shirts
& more

Personalised
with your
name on
the arm



TRY ON SHOP

COME AND TRY SIZES BEFORE ORDERING!



ORDER OPEN:

**MONDAY
5TH OCTOBER**

8.15am – 8.50am
& 3.30pm



LAST TRY ON:

**FRIDAY
6TH NOVEMBER**

8.15am & 3.30pm
(if needed)



LOCATION:

**SMALL HALL
MINTERNE
JUNIOR SCHOOL**



ORDERS CLOSE: ⇒ SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER ⇐

£10

TOWARDS EACH
CHILD'S HOODIE

The FOM has kindly
donated £10 towards
each child's hoodie.



Hoodie size:



T-shirt size:

Please make sure you check sizing before ordering.

*My Three
& Me*

PERSONALISED GIFTS
& CLOTHING

DISCOUNT CODE:

MINTERNE2027

Hoodies
T-Shirts
& more

SAME SCHOOL ♥ BRIGHTER FUTURE ♥ MINTERNE ALWAYS





EXPLORING BEHAVIOUR STRATEGIES

Ever wondered what triggers your child's behaviour?

Where: Selling CE Primary School
The Street
Selling, Faversham
Kent ME13 9RQ

Date:
3 November 2026

Time:
12.30pm to 2.30pm

Join us in this supportive workshop and explore reasons behind your child's behaviour, identify their triggers and develop strategies to promote positive behaviour.

To book a place please contact your school office



For more information scan the QR code

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk
FREE, Fun & Informal





Our Community Multi Academy Trust



EMPOWER YOUR PARENTING JOURNEY

Upcoming courses designed especially for our OCMAT Parents, Carers & Grandparents in partnership with Kent Adult Education

Free courses on offer:

- ✓ Supporting Your Child's Anxiety
21 September 9.30am (2 hours)
- ✓ Exploring Behaviour Strategies
3 November, 12.30pm (2 hours)
- ✓ Supporting ADHD in the Home (4 week programme)
11, 18 & 25 January and 1 February, 9.30am (2 hours)
- ✓ Family First Aid (3 week programme with child joining session 3)
1, 8 & 15 March 2027, 12.30pm (2 hours)

Venue: Selling CE Primary School
The Street, Selling, Faversham
Kent ME13 9RQ

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY

www.ocmat.org.uk/Our-Parent-Courses/
emma.rannard@ocmat.org.uk






Together, we can make a difference 

PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

Good quality uniform, great for your child, better for our community and our planet.



SAVE MONEY
Quality uniform for less



BE SUSTAINABLE
Reuse, recycle and reduce waste



DONATE • BUY • SUPPORT



 During the **SUMMER HOLIDAYS** the uniform will be **FREE** for anyone who needs it.

 Uniform will be available for all schools in Sittingbourne.

 Uniform will be displayed at the **Methodist Church in Sittingbourne** during the Summer Holidays.

 Visit their Facebook page (Free, Preloved School Uniform Hub - Sittingbourne Methodists) for opening days/hours.

Avenue Theatre Production Junior's

PRODUCTION OF

SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

Music by **Jeanine Tesori** "I'm a Believer" by **Neil Diamond** Book and Lyrics by **David Lindsay-Abaire**

Originally produced on Broadway by **DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions** Original Production Directed by **Jason Moore and Rob Ashford**

Tue 27th	Wed 28th	Thu 29th	Fri 30th	Sat 31st
October	October	October	October	October
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2:30pm	1:30pm

The Avenue Theatre
Central Avenue
Sittingbourne
ME10 4DN



£12.50

01795 471140
www.avenue theatre.co.uk

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 www.mtishows.co.uk






Are you a working parent?

Do you need support with childcare costs for your primary school aged children before and after the school day? You may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare.

Scan the QR codes for more details.



Tax-Free Childcare



Universal Credit Childcare

 Or call the Kent Children and Families Information Service: **03000 41 23 23**

 Or email: kentcfis@theeducationpeople.org

On behalf of






CONSIDERATE PARKING

Let's keep our school community safe, happy and respectful. 






PARK SAFELY
Park carefully and legally. Do not park on yellow lines, zig zags or corners.



RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS
Park considerately and keep noise to a minimum. Let's be good neighbours.



DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS
Please keep driveways and access clear. Someone's home is someone's safety.



THINK OF OUR CHILDREN
Park a little further away and walk if you can. It's safer for everyone and a great way to start the day!

Working together to keep Minterne Junior School a safe and happy place for all. 

⇒ Thank you for your kindness and consideration. ⇐

2027 ADMISSIONS INTAKE

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL

SPORTS & PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE & ACHIEVEMENT



TO APPLY FOR THE SPORTS AWARD, CLICK [HERE](https://www.fulstonmanor.uk/?pid=168&form=277)

TO APPLY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AWARD, CLICK [HERE](https://www.fulstonmanor.uk/?pid=168&form=225)

NHS
Kent Community Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Kent Family

is here for your child's growth, happiness and health.

family.kentcht.nhs.uk



(we care)

'Parents, carers and loved ones can find support and answers to common questions on the [Kent Family website](https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk). It brings together trusted information and advice for families before and after birth, through childhood and up to age 19.'



Welly Boot Swap

At Faversham Library

Do you have any children's wellington boots that need a new home? We are looking for donations for our Welly Boot swap at Faversham library. Please drop off good condition, clean boots (all ages welcome) at the library from week beginning 17th August 2026

Please speak to a member of library staff for more details, call 03000 413131 or email favershamlibrary@kent.gov.uk



Kent Libraries

Halloween Costume Swap



Sittingbourne Library

Come and join us for a spooky Halloween Costume Swap! Drop off your clean, good quality costumes and accessories at Sittingbourne Library from now onwards and pick up something new to you from 5 October until 31 October! A fun way to refresh your wardrobe, declutter, reduce waste and support your local community.



Scan our QR code or visit our website to find other swaps near you.

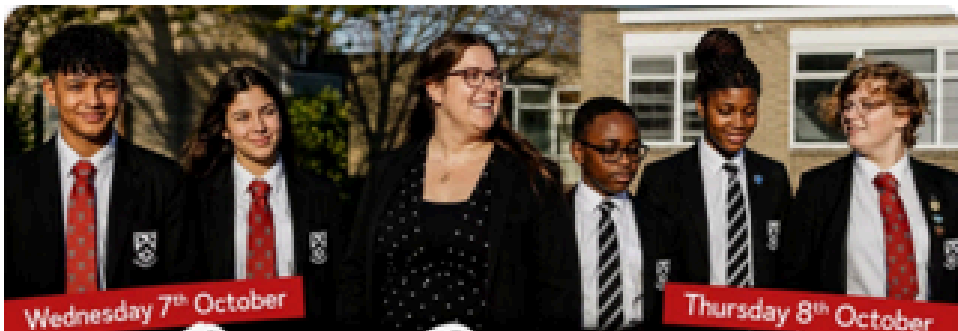


kent.gov.uk/libraries

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Confirmed Open Event Dates for Local Secondary Schools:



Wednesday 7th October **Thursday 8th October**

Open Days 2026

fmat **@fulstonfamily** **Book now to secure your place on one of our tours** **Fulston Manor School**

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons, QR code, and Fulston Manor School crest.

BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Open Evening & Morning

Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers are warmly invited to our Open Evening and Morning. Borden is a highly successful 11-18 Grammar School admitting boys into Year 7, with boys and girls into the Sixth Form.

Open Evening: Wednesday 7 October, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Headteacher talks will take place at 5:40pm, 6:20pm and 7:00pm. There is no need to book for this event.

Open Morning: Friday 9 October, 9:15 - 11:00am
Further details for this event and to book, please go to our website and the 'Information' -> 'Open Events' page and complete the Google Form.



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1878

"Developing minds, creating futures and striving forward together"

A member of Kent's Independent Schools Association (KISAS)

Approved by the Independent Schools Council (ISC)

Registered in England number 01001010

READY TO BE A HIGHSTED GIRL?



VISIT OUR SCHOOL

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING 2026

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

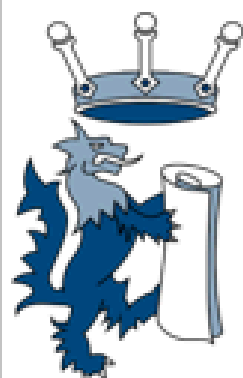
Guided tour evening exclusively for Year 6 pupils and their parent / carer, due to start Year 7 in **September 2027**
(Last tour starts at 6:30 pm)

Headteacher's talk will be at 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm

Please visit our website and book your guided tour:
www.highested.kent.sch.uk/open-evening

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The Sittingbourne School



TOUR DATES

TOUR TIMES

BOOKING DETAILS

Westlands School



Open Morning Tours 2026

Apply online, or contact Jo on
jo4thsittbrownies@icloud.com
for more info

'I had never climbed
before. I was scared of
heights. But I climbed
and rang the bell all by
myself and felt really
proud of myself'

Poonam

Brownies

4th Sittingbourne

Monday nights at The O'Sullivan Centre, Ufton Lane

**Girls have nonstop fun,
learning and adventure**

for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side,
get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after
themselves, others and the world we live in.



Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

Join a local Brownies group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

STEM

FIRST AID

CATERING

BOATSWAIN'S CALL

MORSE CODE

SEAMANSHIP

NAVIGATION

ARTS

AWARD

ROWING

PHONETIC ALPHABET

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SEA CADETS

OPEN EVENING

SITTINGBOURNE & MILTON SEA CADETS

BUILDING SKILLS & FRIENDSHIPS

DATE:
5TH
OCTOBER
2026

TIME:
7PM-9PM

WHERE:
ME10 3SN

**OPEN TO ANYONE
AGED 10-18!**

**COME ALONG AND DEVELOP SKILLS
THAT YOU CAN USE BOTH AT SEA
CADETS AND IN EVERYDAY LIFE!**

**ALL WELCOME -
BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

READY AYE READY

TRUST-WIDE SCHEDULED EVENTS

2026-27

9 OCT 26

NATIONAL POETRY DAY EVENT

ALL SCHOOLS

DEC 26

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN
COMPETITION**

ALL SCHOOLS

UP 21 MAR 27

ANNUAL SKIPPING COMPETITION

ALL SCHOOLS

MARCH 26

TIMES TABLE COMPETITION
FOR YEAR 4 CHILDREN ACROSS THE
TRUST, AND FINALS ON 24 MARCH

MARCH & MAY

CHOIR PERFORMANCES
UNIVERSITY OF KENT, CANTERBURY, TRUST-
WIDE PUPIL CHOIR FOR ALL SCHOOLS

19 MAY 27

ANNUAL DANCE FESTIVAL
SUNLIOUS LEISURE CENTRE, FOR ALL
SCHOOLS

24 JUN 27

CRICKET FESTIVAL

HOSTED AT MILSTEAD CRICKET CLUB,
SITTINGBOURNE FOR YEARS 4,5,6

28 JUN 27

MULTI-SKILLS COMPETITION

FOR YEAR 1 AND 2 CHILDREN FOR ALL
SCHOOLS

TERM 6

BOLLYWOOD BRASS BAND

ALL SCHOOLS

JULY-AUG 27

NATIONAL READ-ALoud SUMMER CHALLENGE

ALL SCHOOLS WITH PARENT SIGN UP

TBC

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
HOSTED BY SELLING CE PRIMARY,
FAVERSHAM FOR ALL SCHOOLS



OUR COMMUNITY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

ONE TRUST. ONE COMMUNITY. ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PUPILS.



**LearnChess
ACADEMY**

Swale

JUNIOR CHESS CLUB A rewarding activity for curious young minds

FREE TASTER



WHY CHESS?

A game children enjoy while developing valuable skills for life.

1 **Focus & Concentration**
Attention, memory and
pattern recognition.

2 **Planning & Decisions**
Thinking ahead, weighing
choices and solving problems.

3 **Resilience & Confidence**
Learning from every position
in a supportive environment.

ACTIVE LCA MEMBERSHIP

More than a weekly club: continued learning, safe play and a wider chess community.

ONLINE ACADEMY
Puzzles & guided practice

SAFE STUDENT PLAY ZONE
Calm, monitored online games

EVENTS & DISCOUNTS
Tournaments and holiday camps

THURSDAYS • 6:15-7:30 PM
The Artisan Room, Avenue Theatre
Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, ME10 4NU

REGISTER INTEREST
admin@learnchess.co.uk

www.learnchess.co.uk

Become a Parent/Community/ Foundation Governor

**Make a Real Difference &
Play an Active Role in the Future of Our School**



The Role of the Local Monitoring Council

The Local Monitoring Council (LMC) works collectively to ensure the success of our school. Every governor's first loyalty is to the school and its pupils. While governors support the headteacher and staff, they also act as a critical friend—providing challenge and support in equal measure. This is a strategic role, not an operational one. Governors do not manage the day-to-day running of the school; instead, they help shape its vision, ethos, and priorities.

The LMC plays a vital role in supporting the work of the school and the Our Community Multi Academy Trust (OCMAT). Its responsibilities fall into three key areas:

- **Quality of Education** – Ensuring high standards of teaching and learning.
- **Distinctive Ethos and Character** – Preserving the school's values, traditions, and culture.
- **Community Engagement** – Maintaining strong communication and trust with parents and the wider community.

Governors monitor these areas and contribute to developing policies that make the school an efficient, caring, and fair environment for learning.

Why Become a Governor?

- Help shape decisions that impact pupils, families, and the wider school community.
- Gain valuable knowledge about governance and educational leadership.
- Contribute to improving outcomes for all children.

As a parent governor, you will:

- Represent the views, insights and experiences of parents at a strategic level.
 - Parent governors are normally elected for a four-year term of office.

As Community/Foundation Governor, you will:

- Bring an independent perspective to support school improvement and, as a Foundation Governor, help uphold the school's Christian vision and values.

Parent Governor:

Who can stand for election?

Any parent or carer of a pupil registered at the school is eligible to stand for election as a parent governor.

You do not need any specific qualifications or previous governance experience. We value a wide range of skills, experiences and perspectives.

Community/Foundation Governor:

We welcome applications from any member of the local community aged 18 or over who are passionate about education, the development and wellbeing of children and young people, safeguarding, and supporting schools to provide the best possible outcomes for every pupil.

Foundation governors are appointed in accordance with the school's foundation arrangements. You do not need any specific qualifications or previous governance experience. We value a wide range of skills, experiences and perspectives that can contribute to the success of the school.

The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor.

Skills we are looking for:

- Communication skills
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Strategic thinking
- Interest in education and children's wellbeing
- Professional or community experience
- Ability to ask questions and offer constructive challenge

To fulfil the role, you will need to:

- Attend three Local Monitoring Council meetings each year
- Read meeting papers and other information in advance
- Participate in induction training and ongoing development
- Undertake governor monitoring visits to gain first-hand insight into the school
- Uphold confidentiality and act in the best interests of the school and its pupils
- Work collaboratively with fellow governors, school leaders and the trust

How to Apply

If you would like to put your name forward, please submit the following to the Governance Professional by the stated deadline at Stacey.Tree@ocmat.org.uk. If you would like to receive more information, please email Stacey.

Personal Statement for parent election (maximum 250 words)

For parent governor roles, if more names are put forward than there are places, an election will be held. This will be shared with voters and should include:

- **Relevant skills and experience** that will support you in the role.
- **Your understanding of the role**, the commitment required, and your willingness to undertake relevant training and development.
- **If seeking re-election**, details of your previous contribution to the governing board.

Eligibility and disqualifications to serve as a local governor:

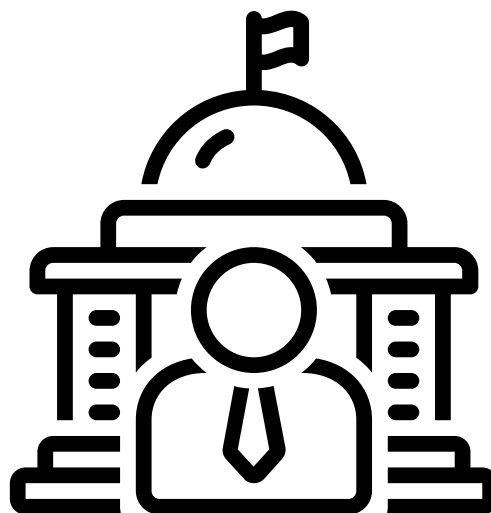
A person must be aged 18 or over at the date of their election or appointment.

A person shall be disqualified from holding office or continuing to hold office as trustee/local committee member if they:

- become incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering their own affairs;
- are absent without the permission of the trustees from all meetings held within a period of six months, and the trustees resolve that their office be vacated;
- have been declared bankrupt and/or their estate has been seized from their possession for the benefit of their creditors and the declaration or seizure has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
- are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order;
- are subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; or
- are subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order);
- cease to be a trustee by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006;
- are disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision); or
- are otherwise found to be unsuitable by the Secretary of State;
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which they were responsible; or to which they were privy; or which they, by their conduct, contributed to

or facilitated;

- have, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011;
- have not provided to the chair of trustees a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997.





Dates for your diary

DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MONDAY 5 TH OCTOBER	BIKEABILITY STARTS YEAR 6
THURSDAY 8 TH OCTOBER	NATIONAL POETRY DAY EVENT
FRIDAY 9 TH OCTOBER	RIVERS ASSEMBLY IN SCHOOL YEAR 4
TUESDAY 13 TH OCTOBER	YEAR 4 MOTE PARK TRIP
THURSDAY 15 TH OCTOBER	BUSH CRAFT DAY - YEAR 3
MONDAY 19 TH OCTOBER	YEAR 5 TRIP TO HEVER CASTLE
TUESDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	NEWSDAY TUESDAY
THURSDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	HAPPY CIRCUS EVENT - FOM - SEE PAGE 4

SAVE THE DATE - DONATE HERE



What's for lunch?

Free school meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £13,100 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 11 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit can be paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Some schools in Kent manage their own Free Schools Meals application process. For more information, go to kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



APRIL TO OCTOBER 2026

NOURISH DAILY DELI

Ham Bap 1,5,6

Cheese Bap 1,5,7 V

Tuna Mayonnaise Bap 1,5,8,9

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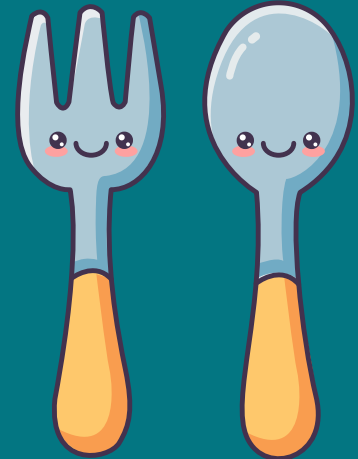
Vegetable sticks

Fruit

Mr Nourish Biscuit 1

HELP YOURSELF TO THE SALAD BAR AND DESSERT

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian



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NOURISH					
SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	13 April 4 May 1 June 22 June 13 July 31 August 21 September 12 October Beef Bolognaise Pasta 1 Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Carrots Mixed Peppers Toffee Tart 1,7 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy 6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage Swede Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Korma Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Green Beans Carrots Chocolate Orange Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Wrap Stack 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Sweetcorn & Peas Coleslaw 9 Lemon Drizzle Biscuit 1,6 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO	20 April 11 May 8 June 29 June 20 July 7 September 28 September 19 October Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta 1,7 V Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5,6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Baked Wedges, Carrots, Peas Honey Cake 1 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Minced Beef Curry Pesto & Pea Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Seasonal Vegetables Summer Trifle 1,7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Samosa Puff 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Cornflake Cookie 1,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Fajita 1 Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Tomato Salsa Green Beans Carrot & Orange Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Fish Cake 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE	27 April 18 May 15 June 6 July 14 September 5 October Mild Chilli Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Peas Mixed Peppers Jam Roly Poly 1,6 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Pie 1 Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	BRUNCH Pork Sausage & Bacon 1,3,6 Or Vegetable Sausage 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Brunch Hash Potatoes Baked Beans Mushrooms & Tomatoes Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rainbow Rice Sweetcorn Coleslaw 9 Sultana Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese & Bean Parcel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks Caramel Cookie 1,7 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

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Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

AVAILABLE DAILY

What's for lunch?



**OUR SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE!**

We try to keep our school nut free but sometimes items containing nuts may be brought in, unknowingly, in packed lunch boxes.

 To keep risks low we ask all parents to be aware and to **NOT SEND YOUR CHILD** with any food containing nuts.



NOURISH
GROW WITH US

Nourish, our catering company, are made aware of all food related allergies and their allergens are clearly stated on their menus.



What's for lunch?

Free School Meals Important Update for Families

What's changing?

From **September 2026**, Free School Meals will be extended to include:

- ✓ All children in households receiving Universal Credit
- ✓ No income threshold applied

This means more families will be eligible.

Why register now?

Even though changes start in September 2026, we encourage families to apply now if eligible.

- ✓ Your child receives Free School Meals as soon as eligible
- ✓ Your school receives extra funding (Pupil Premium)
- ✓ Everything is ready ahead of the national changes

How to apply (Kent families)

Apply online through Kent County Council:

www.kent.gov.uk/free-school-meals

It's free and only takes a few minutes.

Not sure if you qualify?

It's always worth checking — many families are eligible without realising.

Compassion . Community . Inclusion 



NOURISH GROW WITH US

FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXPANSION

No Income Cap, Income Threshold No Longer Applies



Key Details of the 2026 Expansion

No Income Cap: The previous £7,400 net earned income threshold no longer applies to the new expanded group.

Free school meals are now split into Two Benefit Categories:

Targeted FSM (for household earnings of £7,400 or less, which unlocks Pupil Premium funding) and

Expanded FSM (for earnings above £7,400, which provides the meal only).

How to Apply: While many local authorities automatically recheck or transition existing claims, families receiving Universal Credit who are not yet registered should submit an application through their local council or use online checkers like the [Free School Meals Checker](#) to confirm status.

Official Guidance: Read the complete policy updates and requirements on the [GOV.UK Free School Meals Guidance](#) page.

YOU COULD SAVE UP TO £550 A YEAR

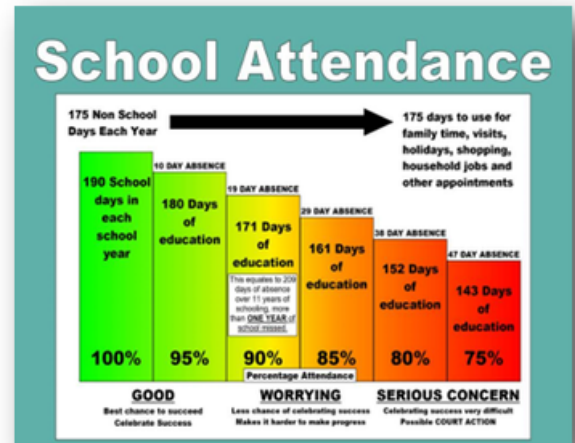


As you may be aware our school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Midmorning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children can reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised cost. If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/parents. If you register by 25/08/26 you could win a supermarket voucher or free milk for a year!



Attendance

Minterne's attendance so far this year is 96.48%



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Throatwarts	Strep throat

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrcodes.nhs.uk>

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance



ATTENDANCE CHANGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

FROM AUGUST 2024

PER PARENT/CHILD, PER CHILD	FIRST OFFENCE	SECOND OFFENCE	THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 year period)	5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF 15 MINUTE ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Penalty Notices will be issued to each parent/child, for each child that was absent. FOR EXAMPLE: 3 siblings absent for 1 term: three notices. Each parent/child will receive 3 separate fines.	The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or irregular school attendance, the parent will be: £160 per parent/child, per child, paid within 15 days.	The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or irregular school attendance the parent will be: £160 per parent/child, per child, paid within 15 days. (PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO OPTION FOR A REDUCED AMOUNT ON A SECOND OFFENCE)	The third time an offence is committed for term time leave of absence or irregular school attendance (within a 3 year period) by the same parent/child, a Penalty Notice WILL NOT be issued and the case will be referred to Kent County Council's Attendance Team for PROSECUTION which may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent per child.	Penalty Notices may also be issued for any term time absence that are substantial (whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 weeks). All parents/children are encouraged to inform the school of the absence and the reasons for their child's absence.

Hello

My name is Amanda Adcock, and I am the Trust Attendance and Systems Officer at OCMAT, the Trust your child's school is part of.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. We are delighted that you have chosen one of our schools for your child's educational journey.

My role is to work alongside our schools to provide Trust-wide support, challenge and oversight around attendance and punctuality, helping to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend school regularly and benefit fully from their education.

Your child's school should always be your first point of contact if you have concerns about attendance, punctuality or difficulties getting your child into school. School staff and Family Liaison Officers will work with families to understand individual circumstances, offer support and identify any barriers that may be affecting attendance.

Where attendance concerns continue despite the support and interventions put in place by the school, I may become involved to provide an additional level of Trust support. This may include working alongside the school and family to review the difficulties, identify further actions and provide appropriate challenge where improvement is needed.

We understand that there can be many reasons why a child may find attending school difficult. Our approach is to listen, understand each family's circumstances and work collaboratively to remove barriers wherever possible. At the same time, we have a responsibility to ensure that every child receives their full educational entitlement and benefits from being part of their school community.

Regular attendance supports children's learning, friendships, wellbeing and sense of belonging. By identifying concerns early and working together, we can help families address concerns and work towards positive, sustainable improvements.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality, please speak to your child's school in the first instance. Where additional Trust involvement would be beneficial, the school will liaise with me so that we can work together to support your child and family.

We hope your child's journey with us is happy, successful and filled with opportunities to learn, grow and create wonderful memories.

Best wishes,

Amanda Adcock
trustattendance@ocmat.org.uk



BE IN TO WIN! **OCMAT** **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Be here. Be ready. Be your best!

When you attend school every day, you...

- BELONG** Feel part of your school community
- GROW** Learn new things and build skills
- ACHIEVE** Do your best and reach your goals
- THRIVE** Boost your wellbeing and self-confidence
- SUCCEED** Open doors to amazing opportunities in your future

HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE ADD UP?

100% 0 DAYS MISSED OUTSTANDING! You're on track for success!	95% 5 DAYS MISSED GREAT! You're doing really well!	90% 10 DAYS MISSED AT RISK Missing more days makes it harder to succeed.	85% 15 DAYS MISSED SERIOUS CONCERN You are missing valuable learning and falling behind.	80% 20 DAYS MISSED CRITICAL Too much missed school - your future is at risk.
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Small moments = BIG FUTURES
Attend today, achieve tomorrow!

WE ARE OCMAT

- COMMUNITY** We work together and support one another.
- COMPASSION** We care, show kindness and look out for one another.
- INCLUSION** Everyone belongs. Everyone matters.

SHOW UP, STAND OUT, MAKE AN IMPACT!

Be on time.....

NOT LATE!

Positive behaviour
Positive academic outcomes
Never missing out
Teaches good habits
Strong friendships
Long-term impact
Positive impact on learning
No embarrassment
No disrupting others
No overwhelm
Strong communication with class staff
Smooth transition

OCMAT

They deserve a calm start!

On time, every day, ready to learn!

Dear Parents

We would like to kindly remind all families about the importance of being honest with the school regarding pupil absences during term time.

We fully understand that the cost of holidays during school breaks can be significantly higher. As school staff and parents ourselves, we appreciate and feel those pressures too. However, attendance at school is a legal requirement, and school registers are legal documents which must be completed accurately using the correct attendance codes.

When children return from holidays, they naturally want to share their experiences and excitement with their friends and teaching staff. Unfortunately, when a child has been told not to talk about their holiday because the absence was reported as illness, this can create confusion and upset for the child. It can also raise safeguarding concerns for the school, as we have a duty to ensure that all children are safe and accounted for at all times.

Honest communication helps us use our time and resources where they are most needed - supporting children's education and wellbeing.

We are not writing this to criticise families, but rather to ask for honesty and openness so that we can work together consistently and in the best interests of all children.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that any planned absence from school should be requested in advance so that it can be considered in line with the school's attendance policy. If your child will be absent due to a holiday during term time, please inform the school truthfully so that the absence can be recorded correctly.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Mrs Amanda Adcock
Trust Attendance Manager

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Clubs and extra-curricular activities

There are still some spaces left for a few clubs so please have a look and sign up. Netball club has now moved to a Friday which means the timetable will look like this.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school (8.00-8.50am)		Gymnastics (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Mrs Packman, Miss Ferguson (max 20)	8.30-8.50 Reading Crew (Invitational) Mrs Sears, Miss Ambury (from Term 2)		8.30-8.50 Reading Crew (Invitational) Mrs Sears, Mrs Homewood (from Term 2)
Lunchtime (12.30-1.00pm)	String Club Miss Coles	Football (Year 3 & 4 mixed) Miss Hinde	Football (Year 5 & 6) Miss Hinde	Rounders (Year 3 & 4) Miss Hinde	Sports Leaders Miss Hinde
	Team Building (Year 3 & 4) Miss Hinde		Drawing Club (Year 5 & 6) Mrs Falcke		
	Library Club (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Library Club (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)	TT Rockstars (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Mrs Saunders	Gardening Club (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Mrs Holness	Dance Competition (invitation only) Mrs Thatcher
			Choir (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Mrs Kirby	Typing Club (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Mr Angove	
			Library Club (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Library Club (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Mrs Brunskill	Library Club (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
After school (3.30-4.30pm)	Athletics (Year 5 & 6) Miss Hinde	Football - Boys (Year 5 & 6) Mr Phillips	Parkour (Year 3 & 4) Miss Hinde	Dance (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Miss Sullivan	Fitness (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Miss Hinde
	Drama Club (small hall) (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Mrs Skillen, Mrs Falcke	Athletics (Year 3 & 4) Miss Hinde		Dodgeball (Year 5 & 6) Miss Hinde	Netball (Year 4, 5 & 6) Mrs Gray



There are also many local clubs available to primary age children including:

Sittingbourne rugby club - <https://srufc.com/>

Gore Court Hockey Club - <https://www.gorecourthc.co.uk/junior-hockey-information/>

Sittingbourne Hockey club - <https://www.sittingbournehc.co.uk/copy-of-youth-hockey>

Woodcombe Football club - <https://www.woodcoombefc.co.uk/>