



It is a hugely busy time at school, with trips, visitors and events all filling up the calendar.

A huge thank you to Gemma Iverson and Louis Rolfe. Gemma and Louis have been working at our school over the last 6 weeks, as part of their Primary Education BA at Canterbury Christ Church University. It has been a pleasure to host them both and they have been an asset during their time here. We wish them all the best in their future teaching careers.

The school was visited on Wednesday June 17th by our local authority improvement advisor. The visit was a positive one, with our advisor excited by the progress which has been made in the last 12 months. In particular, large strides have been made with attendance and behaviour, achievement and teaching and learning. We are still on a journey as a school, and we thank you all for your ongoing trust and support. The new School Improvement Plan (SIP) for the 26/27 academic year will be shared with parents at the Parent and Carer's Forum on July 6th. This is an expanded forum and all are welcome to attend.

The PTA Summer Fiesta is on Friday June 26th from 3.15 until 5.15pm. All families are welcome, including those who do not attend our school, so please spread the word. Please be reminded that all children must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see many of you there. All proceeds raised go to the school. At present, funds are being targeted for ongoing improvements to the playground, including the target of building steps into the bank to allow for increased use of the climbing equipment all year around.

A Week of Tests!

Last week was a busy one for our pupils, with Year 4 completing their Multiplication Tables Check. This is a short online assessment where children answer a series of timed multiplication questions. Once the check begins, there is no opportunity to pause, so the children need to concentrate and work quickly!

We were incredibly impressed with how calmly and confidently the children approached the challenge. They demonstrated great resilience, focus and determination throughout, and we are very proud of the effort they put in. Well done, Year 4! We receive news of results on June 22nd.

Our Year 1 pupils were also busy completing their Phonics Screening Check. This assessment helps to measure children's progress in learning to read by asking them to read a mixture of real and made-up words.

The children approached the screening with enthusiasm and confidence, showcasing the fantastic progress they have made this year. We are delighted to announce that 100% of the Year 1 children passed the test—an outstanding achievement. Thank you to Mrs Grady, Ms Knight and Mrs Ferguson for all of their hard work this year to support Year 1, and a big well done to all of the children!

Class Swap

This year, our Class Swap Morning will take place on Thursday, 2nd July.

As our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their new secondary schools on this day, it provides an ideal opportunity for us all to try out our new classrooms, peers and maybe even teachers.

The morning will help pupils become familiar with their new learning environment and provide an opportunity to ask questions, helping to ensure a smooth transition into the next academic year.

Moving Up Resources

The Kent School Health Team provide guidance on a range of subjects and issues. In particular, they offer short videos and practical guidance to support children through key transitions, such as starting primary school and secondary school. If you'd like to take a look, please use the link below:

<https://togetherness.co.uk/moving-up/>

Celebration Assembly

Parents are invited to join us for Celebration Assembly on Friday, 17th July at 2.50pm. We will also have the draw for the Attendance Hamper!

After School Club

We are currently exploring the possibility of changing our after-school club provision and would like to invite parents to attend our next Parent Forum on Monday, 6th July at 3.15pm.

Representatives from New House Nursery, who currently run a successful after-school club at another local school, will be joining us to discuss the possibility of providing this service at our school.

There will be an opportunity to meet Jane and Alan, find out more about the provision they offer, and ask any questions you may have regarding activities, staffing, costs, booking arrangements and the day-to-day running of the club.

We would welcome your thoughts and feedback, so please do come along if you are interested.



ELHAM FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL

Following the success of Sunday's Food & Craft Festival, we are delighted and extremely grateful to have received a donation of **£367.53** from Elham Garden Society and Elham Farmers' Market in appreciation of the use of our field for event parking.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for their generosity and support.

Summer Fiesta Donations

As you know, our Summer Fiesta is next week, and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there on Friday, 26th June from 3.15pm. Please bring friends and family along too!

Don't forget that it is also a **Tag Day (non-uniform day)**. In exchange, the PTA would be very grateful for donations to help create their fantastic Rainbow Raffle prizes.

Please bring an item in your class colours:

- **Farah Class:** something red or yellow
- **Potter Class:** something blue or purple
- **Nightingale Class:** something green or orange
- **Peake Class:** something red or blue

Donations could include sweets, chocolates, toiletries, stationery, toys, or any other suitable item in your class colours.

Thank you for your support. Your donations help make the Summer Fiesta a wonderful event for all our children and families.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events can be found on the school website in the Calendar tab under Key Information

22nd June, 3.30-4.15pm—Parent Information Meeting: New Ofsted Framework (in person or virtually)

26th June—Tag Day (non uniform day)

26th June, 3.15-5.30pm: PTA Summer Fiesta

30th June, 9.30am —Piano/violin concert for parents of children who have lessons

1st July—Kent Test registration closes

1st July, 4-6pm—District Sport @ 3 Hills Sports Club

2nd July— Yr 6 Transition Day (visiting their new secondary schools)

2nd July—Class Swap (children spend the morning in their new classes)

3rd July—Farah Class @ Canterbury Fire Station

3rd July—End of Year reports sent home

6th July, 3.15-4.15pm – Parent Forum (including the SIP and meeting New House Nursery)

8th July, 3.15-4pm — Optional Parent/Teacher Meetings — End of Year Reports

9th July, 10am-1pm —Sports Day (parents invited—no hot lunches served)

10th July — whole school trip to Howletts Wildlife Park

13th July—Peake Class @ Elham Play Park (packed lunches please)

15th July—Farah & Potter Classes — Canterbury Mosque

17th July, 2.50pm—**Celebration Assembly—PARENTS INVITED**

20th July, 9.30am—Rock's Cool Concert (parents of those children taking part are invited to attend)

20th July, 1.30pm and 5.30pm—2 performances of the KS2 Production

21st July, 2pm—Yr 6 Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church

School Trips

The school was noticeably quieter last week as two of our classes enjoyed exciting educational visits.

Peake Class travelled to Discovery Park in Sandwich to take part in this year's **Science Jamboree**.

Now in its 31st year, the Science Jamboree brings together STEM organisations from across the region to provide children with exciting, hands-on learning experiences. Alongside more than 1,600 pupils from schools across East Kent, our children took part in a range of interactive STEM workshops and enjoyed a science show led by local organisations and STEM professionals. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics in a fun and engaging way.

Meanwhile, **Nightingale Class** spent the day at **The Fifth Trust**, a charity that supports adults with learning disabilities through creative, educational and practical activities. During their visit, the children had the opportunity to experience some of these activities for themselves, including looking around the garden centre, trying pottery and woodwork, and meeting members of the Trust. The visit provided valuable insight into the diverse range of people and experiences within our community and encouraged the children to reflect on the importance of inclusion, respect and understanding.

Kent Fire & Rescue

Today, the children met with a member of the Education Team from Kent Fire & Rescue, who spoke to them about the important role of firefighters and the wider emergency services. They also learned how to recognise potential fire hazards, ways to help prevent fires, and the importance of electrical safety, particularly safe charging practices and how these can reduce the risk of fire.

We have also arranged a visit to Canterbury Fire Station in a couple of weeks' time for Farah Class.

KATE HORTON'S SPORTS CAMP

Week 1 - 20th - 24th July
Week 2 - 27th - 31st July

Stowting Primary School

9am-3pm (8.30 early drop off available)

£30 per day

Reserve a place : Email Kate Horton
simplydevine9@hotmail.co.uk

NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES
OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

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COMICON

AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 20TH-21ST 2026
10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

@RAF Manston History Museum
WHAT THREE WORDS - REHARRIED MORNINGS PAYE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

FAMILY GROOVE

FAMILY DANCE DISCO FUNDRAISER
On Behalf of
LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH ROOF FUND

Let's go!

FAMILY DANCE DISCO FUNDRAISER
MONDAY 6th JULY | 15:30-16:30

Tayne Centre
Join us for a one-off dance disco class for the whole family to enjoy while helping raise funds for the Tayne Centre Roof Fund. All welcome!

A fun and inclusive follow-along class with:
Disco lights
Props
Music, fun and laughter

Just £8.00 per family
Every penny collected goes directly to the fund.
Come along, dance together, and support the Tayne Centre!

send a quick email to
acac.class@outlook.com
to confirm your attendance

Sing and Sign

Southeast Kent

Helping babies communicate before speech
For babies from 6 months

BOOK A TASTER

FIND A CLASS

Wednesdays - 10:00-11:00
Dymchurch Scout Hut, Dymchurch

Thursdays - 10:00-11:00
St Radigunds Community Centre, Dover

Fridays - 10:00-11:00
Grace Taylor Hall, Folkestone

Fun, interactive and relaxed baby classes teaching signing through music

sarahdouglae@singandsign.co.uk @singandsignsoutheastkent
Sarah - 07845 652 022 f@singandsignsoutheastkent

ELHAM VALLEY OPEN DOOR PRAYER HUB

For information about our local churches and the services they are offering, please visit their website:

<https://elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk/>



Thrive with ADHD – For You & Your Family
Free Talk with Neuro Thrive Coach Sam

Wednesday, 24th June 2026

The Barn at Kingston,

25 The St, Kingston, Canterbury, CT4 6JB

1. 00 pm - 2.30 pm

Book Now!



Curious about ADHD — for yourself or your family?
Join ADHD Coach Sam for a friendly, informative talk
covering:

What ADHD really is

How ADHD can affect parenting

Recognising and supporting children with ADHD

Open to all — adults, parents, diagnosed or undiagnosed.
Learn, connect, and leave inspired.



Thrive with ADHD – For You & Your Family
Free Talk with Neuro Thrive Coach Sam

Tuesday, 30th June 2026

Bridge Village Hall,

28 High Street, Bridge, CANTERBURY, CT45JZ

6. 00 pm - 7.30 pm

Book Now!



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Elham PTA presents

Cool Box Fridays

A selection of frozen treats for sale every
Friday in the school playground from 3.15pm



GARAGE SALE & RAFFLE

12, Harvest Way, Hawkinge, Folkestone,
CT18 7PE

Saturday 27th JUNE to Saturday 4th
JULY 2026 inclusive

Bric-a-brac, books, plants, TV's, puzzles, furniture,
crochery and much more...



Open all week; from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
every day !

The raffle will be drawn on the final day, 4th July, 2026
at 11:30 a.m. at Richard's garage (address as above).
All proceeds towards St Martin's Church Acreise.

All donations for the sale and the raffle gratefully
received - particularly quality items/nearly new, large and
small.

Please call Richard on 01303 893584 or
07919 393302 for details.



Elham Gardening Society Children's Classes

Summer Show, Saturday 25th July 2026 in the Village Hall.

The Hall is open from 8 am and entries must be in place by 9.45 am on show day.
The entries are free for children and must be their own work with the minimum of supervision. Please sign to verify this by a parent or guardian on the entry form and mark your name on your entry.

To be judged in school year age groups.

A. BAKE: three decorated buns. Use a sponge mixture and decorate each bun as you like.

B. MAKE: a container for your toy or gadget. It could be a bed for your doll or teddybear, or a case for your gaming machine or laptop? Using materials such as fabric, cardboard, felt or wool. Decorate or label this special item as yours.

C. GROW: a potato in a builder's bucket. Ages up to 12 years. A potato will be provided by the Garden Society. Please cut off tops when you bring your bucket to the hall before 9.30 am on 25th July. Judging at 2.30 pm.

D. CREATE: for the Anna Clayton Trophy. Ages up to 12 years. Make a picture of an animal that you like with four or more legs. It could be your own pet, copied from a photograph, or taken from a picture in a book or magazine. It should be no bigger than A4 in size (210 x 297 mm).

The Palmer Challenge Cup: Awarded to the best exhibit in classes A-B.

The Thomas Trophy: Awarded to the child with most points in classes A-B

Please complete the entry form below and place in the box provided by the Garden Society at Elham Village Shop before 5 pm on Wednesday 22nd July. Keep a note of the classes entered. For each class entered please circle the relevant box below.

Any queries contact Pam Tebbs 01303 840 693 or Doug Martin 01303 840 276.

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A	B	C	D
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Child's Name.....

Please state whether Pre-school or School year group.....

Address.....

Tel:

I have read and accept the Show rules and I confirm that the entry/entries are the work of the above child with the minimum of supervision.

..... (signed parent/guardian)