



The final half-term of the academic year is upon us, and with it, lots of exciting activities and events.

One such event that we would like to draw your attention to is our Parent Forum on Monday July 6th. At this event, we will be sharing our new School Improvement Plan (SIP) for the upcoming 2026/27 academic year. We are doing this to provide parents and carers with an opportunity to hear our priorities for the new year and discuss what we will be trying to achieve. As key stakeholders within our school community, your views and feedback is valuable. All are welcome.

Another thing which we are trying to complete before the end of the academic year is a refresh to our wet-play time provision. Currently, wet-play times are slightly dull and repetitive. We have been talking with the children about what they would like, and a number of suggestions have come forward. We are now asking if any of our families have the items we are after and would be able to donate them to the school. We are searching for: board games, toy cars, speedstack cups, Scalextric, giant Jenga, Lego. If you are able to donate any of these items, please let us know. Thank you.

Finally, we would like to thank all families for their support with attendance this academic year. Our current whole-school attendance figure is 96.79%, which is significantly above the national expectation of 95% for schools in England.

As we move through the final part of the Summer Term, we would like to encourage everyone to maintain these excellent attendance levels. Every day in school makes a difference to a child's learning, confidence and progress. Government research shows that children who miss just 10 days of school are around 25% less likely to achieve the expected standard for their age.

If your child needs to be absent from school, for example due to a medical appointment, please contact the school office as soon as possible. We are always happy to work with families to support good attendance and ensure that every child has the best opportunity to succeed.

We look forward to enjoying another successful half-term with you all.

INSET Days

We would like to remind parents and carers that the **school will be closed on Friday, 12th June and Monday, 15th June** for staff INSET (In-Service Training) days.

Class Photos

Sarah Prescott will be in school next Tuesday, 9th June, to take class photos.

My Dad Supplement

Don't forget, Kent Media Group will publish their My Dad supplement. Parents of children in Farah and Potter classes may like to purchase a copy of the Kentish Gazette, Canterbury edition, which will be available on Thursday, 11th June.

End of the Day

If you would like to wait on the school playground before collection time, please come to the pedestrian gate by the staff car park at 3:05pm and ring the buzzer. You are then welcome to walk through the wooden side gate next to Russo Room and onto the playground to wait for your child.

Remembrance

Peake Class took part in an important lesson on Remembrance this week. We were privileged to welcome David Whitethread, who spoke to the children about significant events that have taken place since the end of the Second World War. He encouraged them to take time to remember the men and women who gave their lives in service, particularly on Saturday, which marks the 82nd anniversary of D-Day. The children listened attentively and gained a deeper understanding of the importance of remembrance and reflection.

PTA Summer Fiesta

Come along and join us for one of our biggest fundraising events of the year – the **PTA Summer Fiesta!**

The event will take place on **Friday, 26th June**, from **3:15pm to 5:30pm**. This will also be a **Tag Day (non-uniform day)**. Children are invited to bring a raffle prize donation during the week of Tuesday, 16th—Friday, 19th June. There will be a box on the stage for them to be left in.

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

Thank you for your support – we look forward to seeing you there, please bring friends and members of your family!

With the warmer weather on its way, we are keen to get our water area on the playground up and running. We already have the bath, but we need a few extra items to make it even more engaging for the children.

If you have any old, unused or unwanted items from the list below, we would be very grateful for your donations:

- Drain pipes or piping
- Toy boats
- Water wheels
- Funnels
- Measuring jugs

We would also greatly appreciate any of the following:

- Tarpaulin
- Wooden planks
- Milk crates
- Large bulldog clips

Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 9th July, starting at 10am**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along to watch and bring a picnic to enjoy with their children afterwards.

We kindly ask that all families vacate the site by 1pm, when all children will return to class.

Please be aware Whole School Meals will not be serving lunches on this day. If you are unable to come to the event, please provide a packed lunch for your child.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

8th June—Farah & Potter— Tennis Festival @ Hythe Tennis Club (Farah & Potter classes)

9th June—Sarah Prescott Photography (class photos)

10th June—Nightingale—Striking & Fielding Festival @ EVCC (Nightingale class walking to the ground)

11th June—Peake @ Science Jamboree, The Discovery Centre, Sandwich

11th June— Farah @ Rapid Fire Cricket @ Saltwood Cricket Club

11th June—Nightingale @ The Fifth Trust

12th & 15th June—INSET Days—school closed

17th June—KIC Theatre (whole school)

19th June—Kent Fire (whole school fire safety education programme)

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—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

8th July, 3.15-4pm—Class drop ins

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

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

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/>

Attendance Raffle

You may remember that in December we organised a raffle to recognise and reward good attendance and punctuality. We are pleased to announce that this will be repeated at the end of the academic year.

To be entered into the raffle, your child's attendance must be 96% or above. A winner will be selected at random on Friday, 17th July.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time.

POSTLING VILLAGE
**OPEN GARDENS
 EXTRAVAGANZA**
 6 & 7 JUNE 2026

BBQ - LOCAL SAUSAGES & BURGERS
 HAVE-A-GO ARCHERY
CRAFT STALLS
HOMEMADE CAKES & TEA
PLANT STALLS
 MEET THE LAMBS AND OTHER ANIMALS



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FREE CAR PARK
 GARDENS OPEN 12-5PM
 - PLEASE BRING CASH -

ENTRY BY DONATION
 ALL PROCEEDS TO TO
 PILGRIMS HOSPICE,
 AND POSTLING
 CHURCH



**Elham Open Gardens
 2026**
 in aid of
National Garden Scheme

Saturday 13 June 12 noon - 4.30pm
 & Sunday 14 June 12 noon - 4.30pm

Combined admission for 9 gardens
 Adults £10 Children free

- * Homemade teas 2pm - 4.40pm in the beautiful Old Vicarage Garden with a selection of plants for sale
- * Elham Food & Craft Festival Sunday 14 June 11am - 2pm in The Square & St Mary's Church




Open Farm Sunday

Visit a farm & discover the world of farming!

Sunday 7th June 2026
 1-4pm

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College
 Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HL

- Cows and calves
- Sheep and lambs
- Chickens
- Rabbits
- Guinea pigs
- Pigs
- Donkeys
- Goats

FUN AND GAMES!

- Pets Corner
- Tea Tent in the Walled Garden
- Demos of spinning and weaving
- Fun and games!

www.farmsunday.org

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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



Everything £1
 Cash or Card accepted

An evening performance of
A Candle for Elvis
followed by our very own Elvis
Impersonator to get us all shook
up!

A Candle For Elvis

When devoted Elvis fan, Mary Bigelow, celebrates her 70th birthday, the last thing her family expects is a mysterious visitor turning up at her door claiming to be none other than The King himself. Cue confusion, chaos, and some very different reactions — from scepticism and suspicion to starry-eyed fascination.

A Candle for Elvis is a fun, feel-good comedy packed with family drama, laughter, and unexpected twists. This fast-paced one-act play will leave you wondering, what if believing in the impossible makes life a little more exciting?

GAPS are the Garlinge Amateur Productions Society - the Garlinge Theatre's in-house amateur theatre company.

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A Candle For Elvis

The Garlinge Theatre, United Kingdom, CT4 5RU
Fri 5th June 2026 - Sat 6th June 2026



It's time to put on your Blue Suede Shoes
The King is headed to Garlinge Green!

Join us for an Elvis-themed evening of entertainment, featuring:
A Candle for Elvis
(One-act play)
PLUS!!!
live musical tribute by our very own Elvis, performing the legendary hits that will have you Falling in Love with the King all over again.

Elvis is in the Building!



Whether you're a lifelong fan or just a Suspicious Mind wondering what the fuss is about, we promise an entertaining evening.

5th & 6th June 2026
Doors Open 7:00pm
Curtain Up 7:30pm



Tickets: £12.00
15% discount available if you take advantage of Free Mini bus from station

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Don't be Lonesome Tonight
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Email: info@garlingeamateurproductions.uk

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Elvis!

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AT THE MUSEUM

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

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