



Friday 18th September 2026

Minterne Messenger

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers join us for our "Meet the Teacher" event on Wednesday evening. Thank you for taking the time to come along and meet your child's teacher.

Strong partnerships between home and school are so important, and we greatly value these opportunities to connect with families at the start of the year.

Although it is still early days, the children seem to be settling into their new classes extremely well. This has been particularly pleasing to see in Year 3, where our newest pupils have made a fantastic start to life at Minterne. They are already demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to embrace new challenges.

In today's assembly, we talked about being proud of our achievements and progress, no matter how small they may seem. Sometimes it is easy to focus only on the biggest successes, but real progress is often found in the small steps we take each day: mastering a new skill, showing kindness to others, persevering with a difficult task or becoming a little more confident than we were yesterday.

We also reflected on the idea that every day when children come to school, they may think they are simply completing a piece of work, reading a book or practising their maths. In reality, they are building something much bigger. They are building their future by developing the knowledge, skills and character that will support them throughout their lives. Every lesson, every challenge overcome and every act of kindness helps to shape the people they are becoming.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of the positive start the children have made this term, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence, independence and ambition over the weeks ahead.

Miss Warner & Mrs Hurst

Head of School & Executive Headteacher

Working together with parents



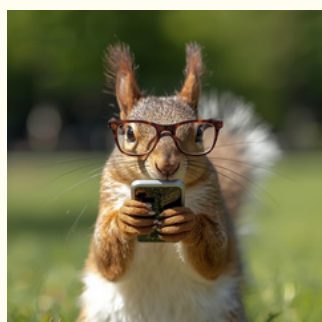
HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

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 2027 Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15 April 2027
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





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.

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.

TIMES

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

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.)

FOOD & DRINK

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



PAYMENT

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



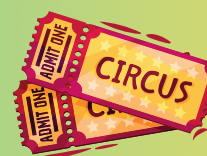
We can't wait to see you there!



PTA

THURSDAY

22ND OCTOBER



Friends of Minterne

Supporting Our School ♥ Funding Our Future

AGM

Monday
28th September

9:15am

Small Hall

Everyone is welcome to come along, have your say, share any suggestions and find out what's coming up for the next school year!

All are welcome!

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!

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. ➤



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**





KENT COUNTY COUNCIL WANT TO SELL RIDDLES ROAD GREEN SPACE

W3W///shout.depend.trees

**THIS IS OUR GREEN SPACE
ONCE IT'S GONE
IT'S GONE FOREVER**



WE CAN STOP THIS BUT ONLY IF WE SPEAK UP AND MAKE NOISE!

1. Complete the online response form
2. Email KCC: openspacelanddisposalnoticefeedback@kent.gov.uk
3. Post your objections to Investment and Disposals,

Property Strategy,
Deputy Chief Executive's Department,
Kent County Council,
Sessions House,
Maidstone,
Kent ME14 1XQ

A GREEN SPACE IS NOT FOR WASTE



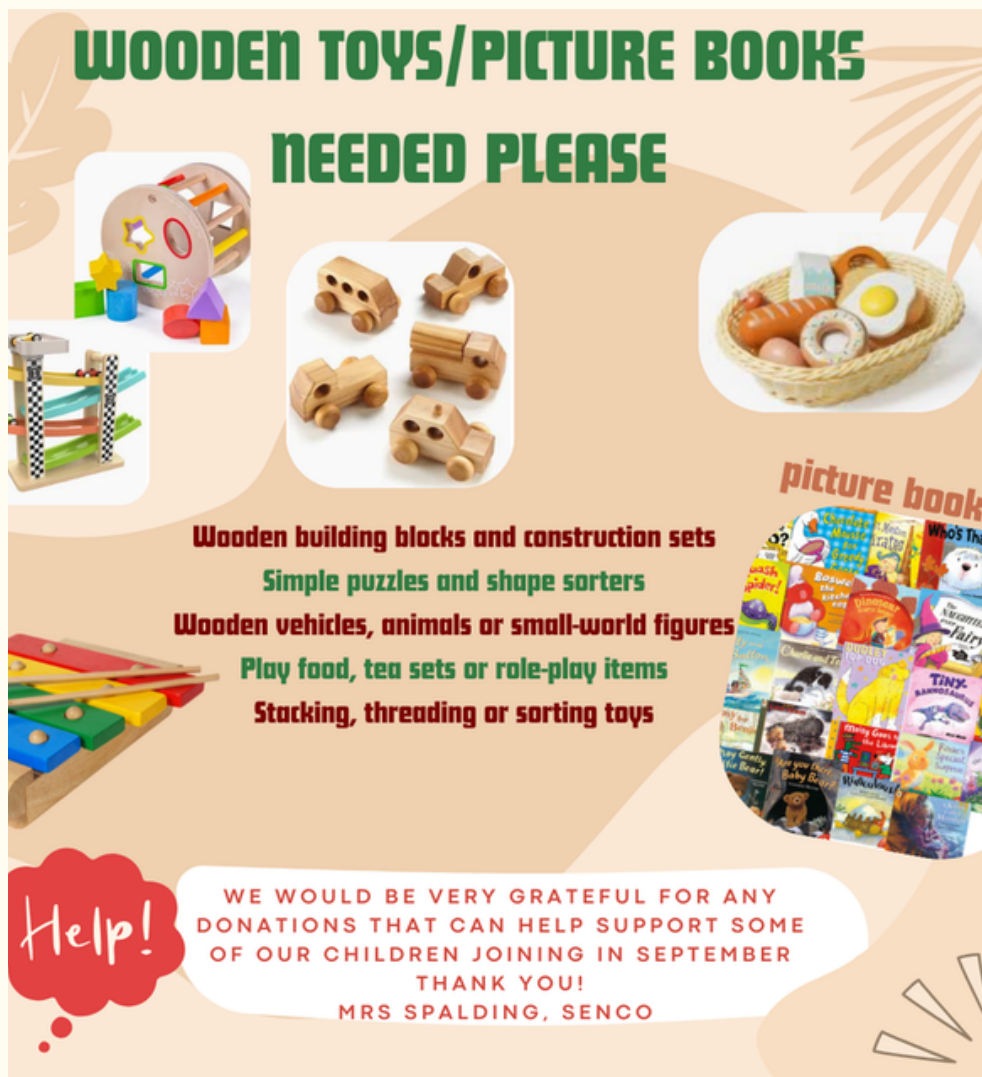
THANK YOU

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



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



<https://www.ourlivesstv.co.uk/ocmat/>

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.





Please use this link to view the latest Summer edition of the OCMAT Family Magazine.

**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



'Parents, carers and loved ones can find support and answers to common questions on the Kent Family website. It brings together trusted information and advice for families before and after birth, through childhood and up to age 19.'



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

MINTERNE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

Thank you!

DONATE • BUY • SUPPORT

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

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

Uniform will be available for all schools in Sittingbourne.

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



CHILL & CHAT

9.15am~10.15am
Thursday 1st October
at Minterne Junior School

A relaxed and informal chance to connect with other parents, get to know the school community, share ideas, and chat about school life.

Whether you're new to the school or have been here for years, everyone is welcome.

Come along for a friendly conversation and a cup of tea!



OCMAT

kae Family Learning
kent adult education

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ANXIETY

Discover ways to help your child manage their anxiety.

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

Date:
21 September 2026

Time:
9.30am to 11.30am

Share experiences of anxiety and increase your understanding of anxiety with other parents and carers in a supportive group.

To book a place please contact your school office

For more information scan the QR code

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk
FREE, Fun & Informal





OCMAT 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




2027 ADMISSIONS INTAKE

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL

SPORTS & PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE & ACHIEVEMENT



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

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

TRUST-WIDE SCHEDULED EVENTS

2026-27

8 OCT 26

NATIONAL POETRY DAY EVENT
ALL SCHOOLS

DEC 26

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION
ALL SCHOOLS

WED 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
SWALLOW 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

TEAM 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



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 4123 23



Or email: kentcfis@theeducationpeople.org



HM Government



The Education People



OUR COMMUNITY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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



Confirmed Open Event Dates for Local Secondary Schools:

OPEN EVENING
**SEPTEMBER 2027
 YEAR 7 INTAKE**
 Thursday 17 September 2026
 5.00pm - 7.30pm




For full details and to book, scan the QR code or visit the website www.theattingbourne-school.org.uk

WESTLANDS SCHOOL

**OPEN EVENING
 FOR 2027 ADMISSIONS**



Thursday 24th September 2026
 5.30pm-8.00pm

www.westlandsschool.org.uk
westlandsoffice@swale.ac.uk
 01795 477475



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.



Developing minds,
 creating futures
 and striving
 forward together

Armour of Remembrance
 01795 421111
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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



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:

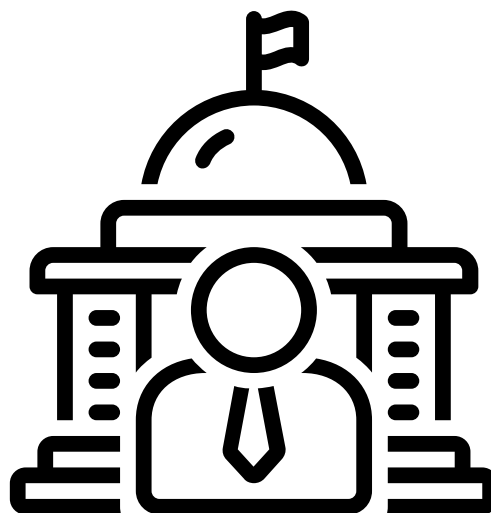
A person must be aged 18 or over at the date of their election or appointment.

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?
WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER	SKIP TO BE FIT
THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER	SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER INFORMATION PRESENTATION TO YEAR 6 PARENTS 2:45PM IN THE SMALL HALL
TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER	INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER	FLU IMMUNISATIONS
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER	CHILL AND CHAT (SEE POSTER ON PAGE 12)
MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER	BIKEABILITY STARTS YEAR 6
THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER	NATIONAL POETRY DAY EVENT
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER	PROPOSED YEAR 4 TRIP TO MOTE PARK (MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW)
MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER	PROPOSED YEAR 5 TRIP TO HEVER CASTLE (MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

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 IV 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

With

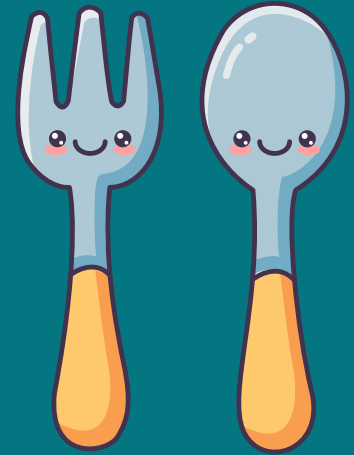
Vegetable sticks

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 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian



APRIL TO OCTOBER 2026					
NOURISH					
SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE					
13 April	Beef Bolognaise Pasta 1	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Chicken Korma	Fish Fingers 1,8
4 May	Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V	Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani VG	Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy 6 VG	Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG	Wrap Stack 1,7 V
1 June	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
22 June	Baked Wedges	Carrots	Rustic Roast Potatoes	Rice	Chips
13 July	Seasonal Vegetables	Mixed Peppers	Cabbage	Green Beans	Sweetcorn & Peas
31 August	Ice Cream 7	Toffee Tart 1,7 & Custard 7	Suede	Carrots	Coleslaw 9
21 September	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Fruit Jelly VG	Chocolate Orange Cake 1 VG	Lemon Drizzle Biscuit 1,6 VG
12 October	Fruit Pots VG	Fruit Pots VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Yoghurt 3,7
			Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO					
20 April	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta 1,7 V	Minced Beef Curry	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Chicken Fajita 1	Salmon Fish Cake 1,8
11 May	Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5,6 VG	Pesto & Pea Pasta 1 VG	Samosa Puff 1 VG	Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V
8 June	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
29 June	Baked Wedges,	Rice	Rustic Roast Potatoes	Rice	Chips,
20 July	Carrots,	Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli	Tomato Salsa	Peas,
7 September	Peas	Summer Trifle 1,7	Carrots	Green Beans	Grated Carrot
28 September	Honey Cake 1 & Custard 7	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Cornflake Cookie 1,7,16	Carrot & Orange Cake 1 VG	Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG
18 October	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Fruit Pots VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Yoghurt 3,7
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WEEK THREE					
27 April	Mild Chilli Beef	Chicken Pie 1	BRUNCH	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V	Fish Fingers 1,8
18 May	Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG	Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles 1 VG	Pork Sausage & Bacon 1,3,6	Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG	Cheese & Bean Parcel 1,7 V
15 June	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Or Vegetable Sausage 1 VG	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
6 July	Rice	Crushed Potatoes	Brunch Hash Potatoes	Rainbow Rice	Chips,
14 September	Peas	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans	Sweetcorn	Pears, Baked Beans
5 October	Mixed Peppers	Ice Cream 7	Mushrooms & Tomatoes	Coleslaw 9	Cucumber Sticks
	Jam Roly Poly 1,6 VG & Custard 7	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG	Fruit Jelly VG	Sultana Cake 1 VG	Caramel Cookie 1,7 V
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			Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fruit Pots VG

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

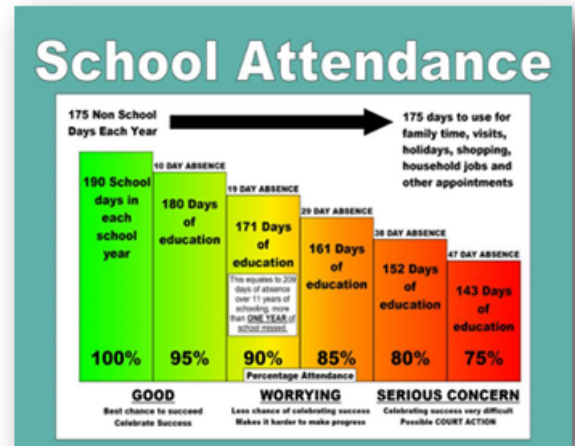


As you may be aware our school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Midmorning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children can reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised cost. If you'd like to opt in and have 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 97.71%



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
Throatswarms	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



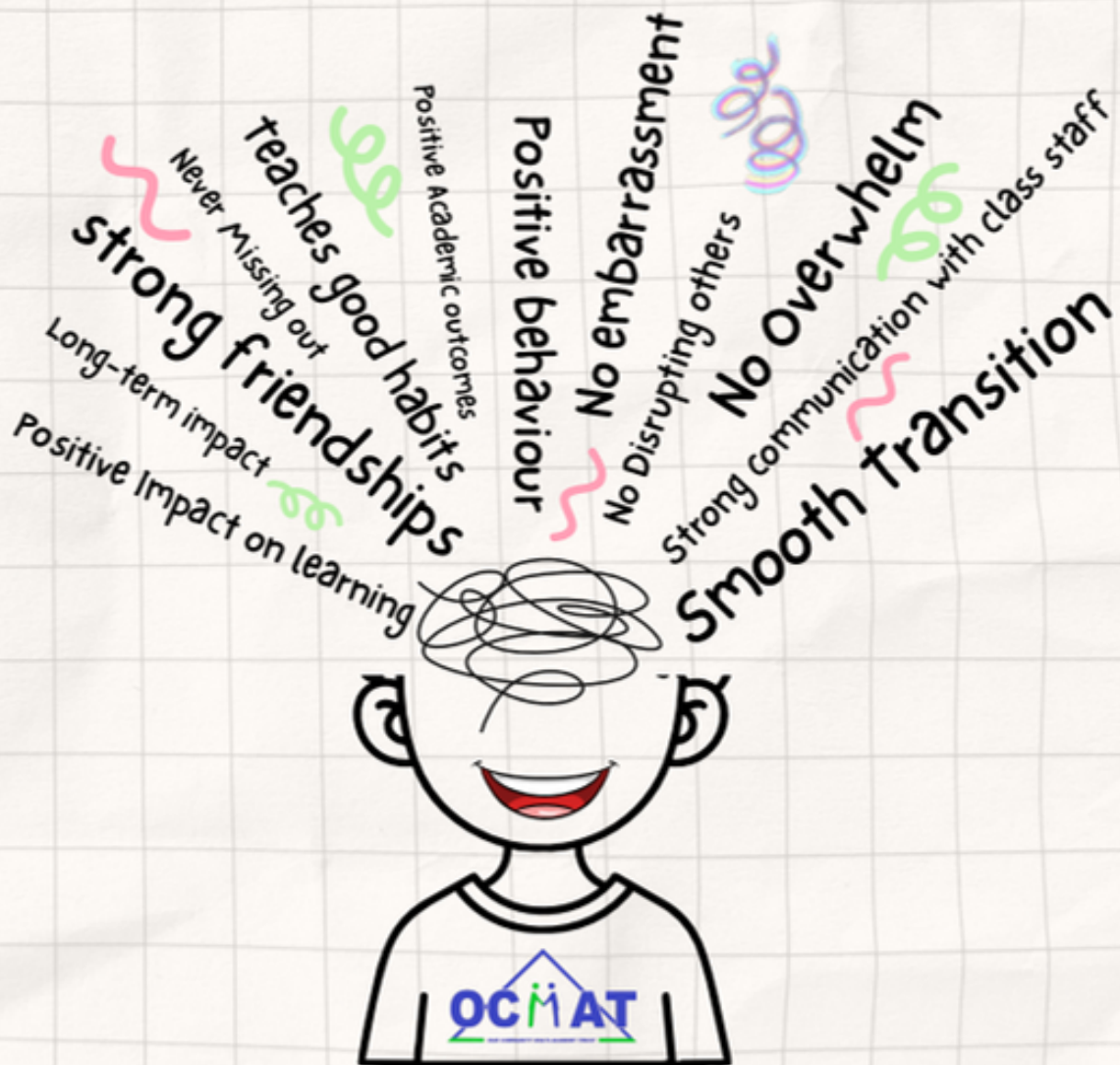
ATTENDANCE CHANGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

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.	The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or irregular school attendance, the amount will be:	The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or irregular school attendance the amount will be:	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).
3 siblings absent for term time leave. Each parent/child will receive 3 separate fines.	£160 per parent/child, per child, paid within 15 days.	£160 per parent/child, per child paid in 28 days.		All parents/children are encouraged to inform the school of the absence and the reasons for their child's absence.
	REDUCED to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.	(PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO OPTION FOR A REDUCED AMOUNT ON A SECOND OFFENCE)		

on time,

NOT LATE!



They deserve a calm start!

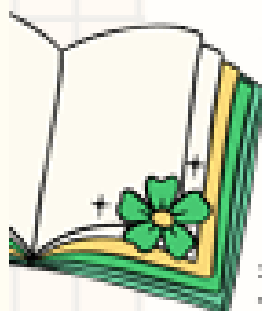
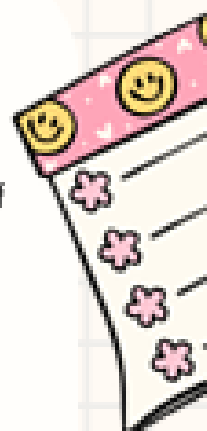
on time, every day, ready to learn!



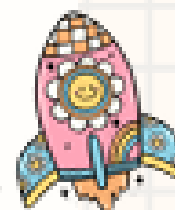
Dear Parents

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.

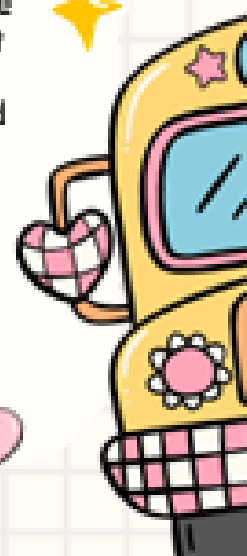
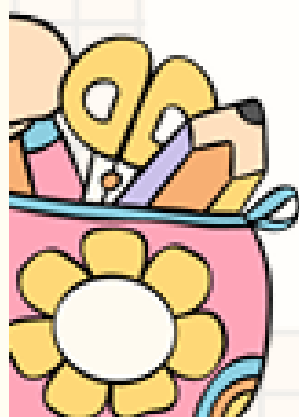


We would also like to remind parents and carers that any planned absence from school should be requested in advance so that it can be considered in line with the school's attendance policy. If your child will be absent due to a holiday during term time, please inform the school truthfully so that the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



Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Mrs Amanda Adcock
Trust Attendance Manager



Clubs and extra-curricular activities

The start of the new school year is always a good time to try something new! here is the clubs timetable for this term and will run up until Christmas.

	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
			Drawing Club (Year 5 & 6) Mrs Falcke		
	Team Building (Year 3 & 4) Miss Hinde		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)	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/>