

Newsletter



School Newsletter 25.9.26

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a wonderful start to term, and I am delighted to see how well the children have settled into their new classes.

This week, we held an assembly focusing on how small actions can make a big difference, and we are encouraging all our children to take pride in our school environment by helping to keep it litter-free and understanding the important role we all play in looking after our school.

We have also begun welcoming prospective parents for our school tours, and it has been a real pleasure to walk around the school with families and see our children settled, happy and engaged in their learning. It makes us incredibly proud to showcase the wonderful learning taking place and the positive, welcoming environment we have created. If you know of any families who may be looking for a school place for September 2027, please do share information about our school tours and encourage them to come and visit us.

We are very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with learning, opportunities and wonderful experiences for all our children.

Mrs Bowler



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PROPERTY



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Events coming up:

Tuesday 29th - Foxes Class visit to Wildwood - please ensure forms are in and money is paid

Wednesday 30th - Open Morning 9.30am for September 2027 entry to school

- School Harvest Festival at Lynsted Church at 2pm - parents welcome -
see poster on newsletter for more information

Thursday 1 October - Yr R and Yr 6 Height and Weight Checks with NHS

Tuesday 6 October - PM - Forest school stay and play for September 2027 starters

- Foxes trip to Otterden - date and times still TBC - more info to follow



Foxes Class

Foxes have had another busy week in school.



We have written a shared Saga about Erik the Viking (who we look forward to meeting next week on our trip).



Ahead of planning and writing our own Viking Saga next week, we created our own mythical creature and developed their personality and special power.

finished the week by making Viking brooches and learnt how the Vikings lived their day-to-day lives.



HEDGEHOGS CLASS

Hedgehogs have been exploring how to explain what is meant by the term 'identity' in our Online Safety unit this term. We have been looking at information that you should, or shouldn't reveal online, who you should talk to if anything worries you and how to create a strong password.

In English, we have been writing our own narratives with an alternative ending, based on the text 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. We have been working on how to include conjunctions, adjectives, adverbs, and for the year 4s, fronted adverbials.

We have enjoyed working on our design projects in DT so far this term! We have been experimenting with ways to create our own models of Ferris wheels!

DUCKLINGS CLASS

Four weeks into the term and Ducklings are finding their feet!

We are beginning to settle into our class routines and have been busy learning, playing and exploring together!

We have shown a fantastic interest in numbers, with our Year 1 children doing a wonderful job of helping and encouraging our Reception children.

We've also loved spending time outdoors, exploring our senses, learning about our bodies and discovering the world around us through lots of hands-on activities.

It's been lovely to see new friendships blossoming, confidence growing and our Ducklings helping one another along the way!





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ON ALL EVENTS AND NEWS WE SHARE

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LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of Lost Property being left behind and it is not named so we can't return it

Please check the Lost Property bin if your child has lost something and please name ALL uniform



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND P E KITS

Please can we remind you that the correct colour of school uniform and PE kits must be worn to school.

- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan*
- White or green shirt/polo shirt
- Dark grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- Green and white summer dress
- Green fleece (optional – for outdoor wear)*
 - White or grey socks
- School shoes (not trainers or boots)

'Free School Uniform Hub'

Available Friday mornings
from 10-4

find them on Facebook for more
information

They are located at the rear of
Sittingbourne Methodist Church
High Street Sittingbourne

P E KITS

All children must wear a Plain House colour tshirt in Blue, Purple / Yellow, Red or Green depending on the house your child is in (see below for Houses)

Black/navy jogging trousers/leggings, or
knee length shorts

Black/navy jumper/zip up hoody

Trainers

Please do not send your child in wearing multi coloured, branded or inappropriate clothing, please leave these for outside of school

P E DAYS

Ducklings - Wednesday

Hedgehogs - Wednesday and Friday

Foxes - Monday and Wednesday



HOUSES

Dover - Blue

Rochester - Red

Hever - Green

Walmer - Yellow or Purple

Term 1:	
Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Term 1 starts
Friday 23rd October 2026	Term 1 ends
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term
Term 2:	
Monday 2 November 2026	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Term 2 starts
Friday 18th December 2026	Term 2 ends
Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Term 3:	
Monday 4th January 2027	Term 3 starts
Friday 12th February 2027	Term 3 ends
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027	Half Term
Term 4:	
Monday 22nd February 2027	Term 4 starts
Thursday 25th March 2027	Term 4 ends
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Term 5:	
Monday 12th April 2027	Term 5 starts
Monday 3rd May 2027	Bank Holiday (UK) school closed
Thursday 27th May 2027	Term 5 ends
Friday 28th May 2027	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027	Half Term
Term 6:	
Monday 7th June 2027	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 8th June 2027	Term 6 starts
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Term 6 ends



Lynsted and Norton Primary School
JOIN US FOR OUR

HARVEST Festival

AT LYNSTED CHURCH
Wednesday 30 September at 2pm

We are collecting Food Donations for Faversham Foodbank. They are in need of:-

- *Tinned Fruit
- *Cartons of Fruit Juice
- *Jars of jam
- *Tinned carrots
- *Brown and BBQ Sauce
- *Unisex deodorants
- *Household cleaning products

Please bring donations in to the school office from Monday 28 September

If you would like to take your child home from the church please let us know by 9am on 30 September




WE WILL
Remember
11 NOVEMBER

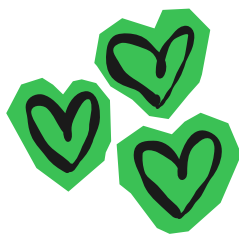
LYNSTED CHURCH - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On behalf of St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Lynsted.

We would like to invite you to join us for our Remembrance Sunday service on the 8th of November at 10:40 am.

At St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Sittingbourne,

ME9 0RQ





The Tuck Shop



The Tuck Shop
is open Fridays
after school

Don't forget your change
Everything is 50p
(some items 3 for 50p)

All proceeds go back into the school
So far we have put money towards
* books for the school
* PE Equipment
* Playtime games and toys



LOCAL LIBRARY INFORMATION



Our libraries have been busy over the summer holidays with children eager to join this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We are so grateful for all your support in successfully promoting this year's challenge, and we certainly saw the results across Swale Libraries this Summer. We had 1223 local children taking part in this year's challenge - of these 649 children finished reading their 6 books and were awarded their medal and certificate, which is a fantastic achievement!

We have some exciting freecycle events at Sittingbourne and Faversham Libraries to share -

Sittingbourne Library: 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!

Faversham Library: Welly Boot Swap

Please drop off good condition, clean boots (all ages welcome) at Faversham Library any time from now onwards, and swing by during October half-term to pick up something new to you.

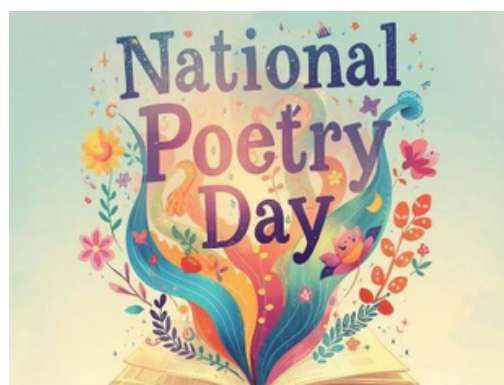


In October we will be celebrating National Poetry Day
with all of the schools in the Trust
Thursday 1 and Thursday 8 October 2026

We will be holding

- *National Poetry day activities on 1 October
- *OCMAT Poetry Competition
- *Published book with winning entries included
- *Trust Wide Celebration Assembly on 8 October

More information to follow



Self-Care September 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans



28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are





Where: Leysdown Family Hub

Date: 27th Oct 2026

Time: 12.30pm - 14.30pm

Ages: 2yrs - 11 yrs

To book a place please contact:

Swalefh@kent.gov.uk

For more information
scan the QR code



kentadulteducation.co.uk
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'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.'

Kent School of Performing Arts — Saturday classes in Whitstable

Dance, drama and singing for ages 3–19 at The Whitstable School, Bellevue Road. Inspiring future generations of performers since 2013. Winner, Best Children's Business in Kent (Muddy Stilettos 2024). Classes start Saturday 19 September and run every Saturday — children can start on any Saturday, and the first taster class is free. No experience needed. LCM graded singing exams (musical theatre or pop) launching in January — waiting list now open. 01227 915058 · www.kspa.biz

Our autumn term starts this coming Saturday, 19 September. The first class is free for anyone who'd like to try us, and families just need to book their taster with us beforehand - an email to info@kspa.biz or a call on 01227 915058 is all it takes, and we'll let them know which group and time to come to.



Kent Fire and Rescue Service has launched a brand new YouTube Kids mini-series, 'Be Safe with Us'. We know children love watching their favourite programmes and videos, so we've created something that's both fun and educational!

Our short videos are designed to help teach children important safety skills including understanding fire engines, what to do in an emergency, and the importance of smoke alarms.

They're a great way for the family to learn together about staying safe at home. We hope you enjoy them!

You can watch the videos here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/besafewithus>



Ofsted (2025) says:
"A strong sense of community runs through the school. Pupils are well looked after by kind and caring staff."

LYNSTED & NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY TOURS

In the heart of our village community, Lynsted & Norton Primary School is a small school with a big heart, where every child is known, valued and encouraged to thrive. Rooted in nurture and wellbeing, we provide a calm, happy and inspiring environment with high expectations, endless encouragement and a strong partnership between home and school. From soft landings and lunchtime nurture provision to Forest School and inclusive support for all, we help children grow in confidence, curiosity and resilience. With small class sizes, excellent Early Years provision and a caring school family, children flourish both academically and personally.



TOUR DATES:

15 September, 9.30am	20 October, 9.30am
30 September, 9.30am	1 December, 9.30am
15 October, 9.30am	7 January, 5.00pm



BOOK TODAY!

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Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

08/10/2026 10:30am — 12:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

12/10/2026 10:30am — 12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

18/11/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

30/11/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

07/12/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity \(Primary\) | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)



 Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

