SANDWICH JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent / Carer,

Term 2 has started with gusto and the children have settled into their work wonderfully. This term is always both an exciting one but also a very busy one, with many school events happening in the run up to Christmas.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already celebrated both Halloween and Bonfire Night (with the children having many reading and History lessons around these traditions). We also commemorated Armistice day, where we pause to remember those who gave their lives for our futures.

We hope the children enjoy all that is on offer to them before Christmas and that the term is a memorable one.

Staffing

I am happy to announce that Mrs Blaydes will be rejoining the school on **Wednesday 3rd December**. We will though be very sad to see Mr Hillier leave as he has been an amazing replacement during this period of absence.

I am also happy to announce that the school has employed Mrs Julie Shaw to cover Miss Smith's maternity leave. Mrs Shaw will start at the school on **20th November** to enable a handover to take place and to work alongside Miss Smith for a couple of weeks.

November Events

- **19th** Year 4 visit to Sandwich Library
- **19th** Children receive their Tags of Love
- **21st** Non-school Uniform Day (for chocolate- **NO NUTS PLEASE!**)
- **25th** Assessment Week begins
- **26th** Yr 6 Manwood's Maths Challenge

REMINDERS...

Non-school uniform Day

Our second Non-school uniform day will be on **Friday 21st November**. Donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fair Tombola stall would be appreciated on this day.

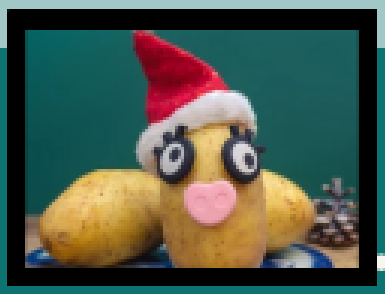
As this is also the **'Be Bright, Be Seen Day'**, as part of Road Safety Week, we would love to see children wearing brightly coloured accessories. Your child/children will be working on aspects of this in PSHE lessons alongside input from the School Council too!

The theme for this year is:

Potato Competition

It's time to get your thinking caps on!

We will be holding our annual 'Christmas Potato competition' as part of our Christmas Reading Week. More details will follow via ParentPay, so keep your eyes peeled.



Flu Immunisations

This is a reminder to parents to submit a consent or decline for the Flu vaccination via the Immunisation Service's website:

https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/

Please submit your preference by the **cut-off date 02/12/2025**

Your school's unique code/URN is: **KT118548**

School Places

As the Infant School have quite a low number of children in Year 2 this year, we will have places to offer to other children in Year 3 in September. Should any of our existing parents know friends who do not have children at the infants, please feel free to mention this to them as we can easily organise a visit for prospective parents and children.

Likewise, we have a few spaces available in our current Year 3 and would happily welcome any children who may be looking for a change of school.

CHRISTMAS...

Christmas Production

The Christmas production (Ebeneezer) will take place on the morning of **Thursday 4th December at St Mary's Church** in Sandwich.

This is a musical version, with a twist, on the story of 'A Christmas Carol' and the children have all been working really hard on both their acting and singing.

All children will be involved in this production and we would love to see as many parents as possible able to attend. There will also be traditional songs and carols (feel free to join in if you wish to). The School Office will be sending out information regarding timings and ticket etc in the next week or so.

Christmas Shops

Our wonderful PTFA have again organised a series of 3 Christmas shops for the children to purchase low cost presents for their relatives. As always, there are a huge range of items available to buy and the PTFA will even giftwrap them for the children.

These shops will take place at lunchtimes on **Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th December.**

Tags of Love

We will be holding our annual 'Tags of Love' assembly on **Friday 28th November.**

During this assembly, children will be able to hang their tags on our Christmas tree – a chance to think about or remember any people or animals they will not be seeing this festive season. This is a very special assembly, in which we aim to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research – a very worthy organisation. **A donation of £1 (cash) per tag** would be greatly appreciated.

Children will bring home their tags to design on **Wednesday 19th November.**

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 28th November (3:30 – 5:00pm)** in the school hall and other areas close by.

The amazing PTFA have arranged

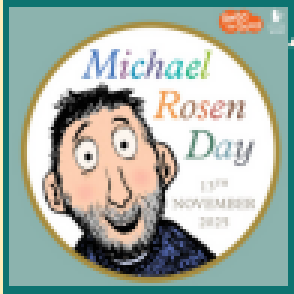
- a wide range of stalls
- games for the children to enjoy,
- Santa's grotto.
- Refreshments including soft drinks, tea and coffee, mulled wine and mince pies
- Cake stall **(We would also appreciate any cakes / biscuits on the day of the fayre)**
- Raffle

If anyone is able to give up any time to help with this event (or with any other PTFA events) then please leave your details either at the Office, in the PTFA postbox in reception or contact the PTFA via their facebook page.

CELEBRATIONS...

Michael Rosen Day

On Thursday 13th November it was National Michael Rosen Day. The school spent time exploring some of the amazing poems and stories created by this wonderful children's author.



Michael Rosen Visit...

We are overjoyed to be able to announce that we have secured a visit by Michael Rosen in person to the school on the **27th February**, when the children will be able to:

- See him perform for them in person
- Meet Mr Rosen in person
- Have their books signed (more details on this to follow closer to the event).

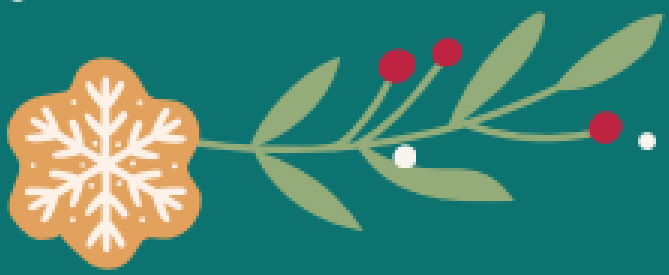
This visit is being supported by the PTFA

Poppy Poems

Year 4 have been busy creating poppy poems as a mark of respect to the fallen and as part of our whole school reflection on the importance of remembrance.

Anti-Bullying Week

All children took part in 'Anti-Bullying' activities during Anti-Bullying Week. Miss Cramp discussed types of bullying and the children using their 'power for good' to put an end to bulling in assembly last Monday. This was then followed up in classes where year 3 made an awareness poster; year 4 produced a poem; year 5 made a board game and year 6 produced their own emotion characters based on the Disney film 'Inside Out'



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Tag Rugby Event

On **Friday 7th November**, we took 10 pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 to a tag rugby festival at the Duke of York Royal Military School, where they enjoyed playing several non-competition games against other schools from the area.

All children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and loved having the opportunity to show off their sporting skills, whilst demonstrating their wonderful sporting attitude.

Competitive Football

We have had wonderful success with our two competitive football teams so far this year. Our girls' football team achieved 2nd place in the McCarthy Cup and have more excitement to come with league games to play as the season progresses.

As well as this, our mixed team reached the semi-final of the Northbourne Cup, before winning the qualifying round of the McCarthy Cup.

The mixed team also won their first league game against Deal Parochial School 4-0, which is a wonderful start to the season

THIS TERM EVENTS

NOV

- **27th** Christmas Panto Robin Hood (No swimming for Salmon B)
- **28th** Tags of Love Assesmbly
- **28th** Christmas Fayre (3:30 - 5:00pm)
- **29th** Sandwich Lights Festival

Dec

- **4th** School Christmas Production at St Mary's
- **5th** Flu Immunisation
- **8th** Start of Christmas Reading Week & PTFA Christmas Shops (8th, 9th & 12th)
- **15th** Year 3 & 4 Christmas Parties
- **16th** Year 5 & 6 Christmas Parties
- **17th** Christmas Dinner day (book on ParentPay now)
- **19th** Mad hats, sock, tights and Christmas jumpers

THIS CHRISTMAS, HELP TO SUPPORT

Deal PANTRY

Deal Area Foodbank
Together with Trussell

IN THE RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS
JOIN US IN SPREADING KINDNESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
COLLECT AN ITEM A DAY TO HELP LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED.

CALL 01304 728428 TO ARRANGE DROP OFF / COLLECTION OR ADD TO THE LOCAL DONATION POINTS IN SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND SUPERMARKETS ANYTIME IN DECEMBER.

Sandwich Junior School PTFA

CHRISTMAS SHOPS

Monday 8th - Tuesday 9th
& Friday 12th

Our wonderful shops are back!

Held in the hall at lunchtimes