



Thursday 3rd September 2026

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Message from Mrs Alexander

Welcome back to school! I hope all of our families had a lovely summer and found time to enjoy the sunshine. Thank you for all the kind words, cards and gifts given to staff at the end of last year - it was very kind and very much appreciated.

Our first few days have been extremely busy, I am sure you have heard lots about it from your children. Everyone is settling well into new routines. It was extra special to welcome our new Year R children this morning - I know the rest of the school is desperate to meet them all!

The first newsletter of the school year is hopefully just going to give you an overview of important things to know over the next few weeks. Our first celebration worship is tomorrow at 9am and all Y1-6 parents & carers are welcome to come along if they wish. Reception parents may join us after half term when the little ones are fully settled in.

With best wishes,
Sarah Alexander



NEW ROUTINES, NEW LEARNING

The children have already completed lots of pieces of work in their new exercise books and are spending the first few days setting up routines in classrooms.

By the end of next week....

- New Google classrooms for 26/27 will have been set up for all classes, including the new Year R. Login details will be in your child's reading records / homework diary (and new Year R parents will also be sent login instructions)
- New reading books and reading records / homework diaries will have come home
- Spelling lists for Y1-6 will have been sent home via Google classroom
- Curriculum newsletters for term 1 will be emailed to parents (YR-Y6)



READING VOLUNTEERS -
our volunteers make an enormous positive impact on our children's reading progress. Can you spare one hour a week to help us this year? Please email if you can help.

Announcements



FLU JAB - All parents / carers were emailed the information today.

Parents all need to visit the website below and indicate YES or NO for their child.

We kindly ask parents/carers to visit:

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/> and select Seasonal Flu to complete the consent form. The school's unique code is: KT118647



*Our school community is rooted in
Jesus' promise of life in all its fullness;
where all are truly welcome.*



Useful dates



* Year 5 swimming starts - Thurs 10th Sept (email with dates coming home tomorrow)

* PTAFA Summer Fete - Sat 12th Sept 12noon-3:00pm

* First Library bus visit of the year - Wed 16th Sept - children should bring their library card to school if they wish to visit.

* Year 3 forest school - 1st session - Wed 16th Sept (email with all dates coming soon)

* Annual "Dates card" for 2026/27 coming home next week



* Karate workshops for all year groups - Mon 28th Sept - all children in PE kit that day please

* Harvest service at church - Tues 6th Oct, 9:30am - donations to Faversham foodbank

PTAFA

OUR PTAFA FETE IS HAPPENING VERY SOON....
SAT 12TH SEPT 12-3PM

This fabulous event, organised by the brilliant PTAFA committee and many parent volunteers, is our biggest and best fundraiser of the school year.

It is a wonderful event which is great fun and raises much needed funds for our school. We hope that every family in our community can support in some way.

Coming home tomorrow.....

- The small blank envelopes for the "Secret Envelope Tree" stall along with an explanatory letter – this is one of the most popular stalls at our fete!
- Raffle tickets for the Grand Raffle. Again, a letter will come with the tickets to explain how it works.
- An overview of how the run-up to the fete will work.



This year, we are making changes to our PSHE curriculum.

PSHE stands for Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum. The statutory Relationships and Sex Education is part of our whole-school PSHE Programme.

If you want to get in touch, please catch me on the gate or use the contact details below.



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Our new draft policy along with the curriculum maps showing what children will learn in each year group are available for parents and carers to view on [our website](#).

If parents & carers have any questions or comments, please let us know in the coming weeks. Thank you.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

12NOON - 3:00PM

**FOOD AND DRINK * GRAND RAFFLE * MUSIC
TOMBOLA * FETE GAMES * INFLATABLE FUN
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!**



FREE ENTRY

