



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

12 June 2026

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the opportunities and adventures that this summer term brings. As we learn, play, perform, compete and prepare for new beginnings, help us to make the most of every day. May we grow in confidence, kindness and friendship, supporting one another and celebrating each other's successes.

Amen.

Message from Mrs Miles



Welcome to the summer term - the term when it's impossible to know whether we should arrive at school in wellies and a raincoat or flip flops and a bikini (now there's an image for playground duty!). Whatever the weather decides to do, this is always one of our busiest and most exciting terms.

With school trips, sports day, transition day, a music concert and so many other memorable events on the calendar, there is a real buzz around school. With so much going on, your child's attendance is more important than ever.

Every day in school helps them continue their learning, strengthen friendships, feel a sense of belonging within their class and prepare confidently for the move to their next year group.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make the most of every school day.

Mrs Miles

Sports roundup



Athletics team triumph!

On Wednesday 3rd June, selected Year 5 and 6 pupils attended an exciting athletics event at Sevenoaks School. The children demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, determination and teamwork throughout the day. Many pupils took part in more than one event, competing in both track or field events before finishing with relay races.

We are very proud of the following achievements:

- **Megan** – 2nd place in the 90m sprint
- **Felix** – 3rd place in the 90m sprint
- **Matilda C** – 2nd place in the 100m sprint
- **Huey** – 2nd place in the 100m sprint
- **Betty** – 3rd place in the 300m middle-distance race
- **Melina** – 3rd place in the standing long jump

- **Candle and Felix** – 2nd place in the standing long jump
- **Moses and Nieve** – 1st place in the javelin
- **Megan and Sam** – 1st place in the shot put

The event concluded with relay races, where pupils showed excellent team spirit and encouraged one another to the finish line.

Well done to all who took part – you represented the school brilliantly!

District Swimming Gala

On Monday 27th April, 12 pupils proudly represented the school at the District Swimming Gala held at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre. Pupils competed in a variety of events including front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and the relay races.

The children demonstrated excellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition. A special congratulations goes to Harry, who won both of his races, and to Ted, who achieved an excellent second-place finish.

All of the pupils performed brilliantly and should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements.

Athletics at Sevenoaks School

On Wednesday 20th May, our Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in the Athletics Event at Sevenoaks School. The children competed brilliantly in a range of running and field events, including the 60m sprint, 600m race, shot put and standing long jump, before finishing the day with two exciting relay races.

Congratulations to all pupils who achieved a top three finish in their events. A special mention goes to the Year 3 relay team, who came an impressive second place!

All pupils represented the school with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship, and they should be very proud of their achievements.



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Special mentions



RECEPTION

Lucas, for settling in so well into squirrel class. You have made so many friends already and we love having you!

YEAR 1

Matilda, for always helping with jobs around the classroom, completing Rainbow Challenges diligently and being a great team player.

YEAR 2

Zephyr, for working hard and writing (even with a sprained wrist!) a beautiful poem about penguins.

YEAR 3

Sophia, for being a kind, helpful member of year 3 and writing an excellent diary entry last week and a fantastic poem this week!

Haidee, for her awesome effort and behaviour. As well reading lots of new books!

YEAR 5

Mia, for noticing an adult needing help, offering to help and doing an amazing job - setting a good example to others.

YEAR 6

Whole class, for working so hard this term and during their SATS - well done!

School activities



Year 5 PGL Residential

Our recent residential trip to Marchants Hill was packed with excitement from start to finish. Despite arriving to rain, hail and muddy conditions, the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience.

Across the three days, they took part in a wide range of activities, including archery, tunnelling, laser tag, high ropes, zip wiring, buggy building and problem-solving challenges. They climbed to dizzying heights, crawled through muddy tunnels, tested their teamwork skills and discovered talents they never knew they had. Even the unpredictable weather failed to dampen spirits.

Away from the activities, there was plenty of time for laughter and friendship. Highlights included exploring the shop, competing in Passport to the World and the evening quiz show, enjoying free time together and settling into their rooms after some lively bunk-bed

negotiations. There were also a few memorable moments that are sure to become part of Marchants Hill folklore – from 4am wake-up calls courtesy of "The Lads" to mysterious "angry snowman" sandwich-making techniques!

By the end of the trip, the children returned home tired but proud of all they had achieved. They demonstrated independence, perseverance, kindness and teamwork throughout, creating memories that will stay with them for years to come. Marchants Hill was an unforgettable adventure, and we are incredibly proud of every one of them.

You can read more about this trip and see what the children got up to on the [trip blog](#) on the school website!

Fundraising



Young Lives Versus Cancer

Thank you to everyone who supported Red House Charity Day last month. We raised an amazing **£195.60 for Young Lives Versus Cancer!**

Celebrating our children's success



Alexander B (year 4) received his medal from Sevenoaks Rugby club for being an outstanding player this season - great work Alexander!



Over half term **Matilda** (year 6) and **Felix** (year 5) walked up Ben Nevis to raise money for The Alzheimer's Society in memory of their Grandad.

They raised over £2,000 in doing so, following up the Snowdon walk they did two years ago for the charity. Scafell Pike is next to complete the three peak set!

What an achievement - well done!



Luna (year 2) completed her first triathlon and raised nearly £650 for breast cancer research. We are very proud of your determination - well done Luna!





Noah's team, Danson Sports, came runners up out of 114 teams across the regional in the Selkent Gold Cup. He also picked up parents player and coaches player on the Cup final day. Well done Noah!



Noah and Max (year 3) had their end of season awards for Otford FC, Max won the Golden Boot award for most goals scored and Noah won Coaches and Managers player of the season. Well done boys!



Notices



Sports Day

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for sports day on Tuesday 16th June. The weather is looking good so far.....Just a reminder, that there should be no alcohol brought onto the field on the day. There will be a coffee van for you to purchase refreshments - hopefully something iced to cool you down!



Rainbow Rewards

We have a new and exciting reward system at school - rainbow rewards! Each class has chosen a reward to work towards. They can earn rainbow balls for doing things like lining up quickly and quietly, using good manners, looking after school equipment by tidying up shared areas, staying focussed and trying their best.

When the jar is full of rainbow balls, the class can redeem their reward. Ask your child which reward was chosen for their class to work toward.



Grapevine Magazine

West Kent Family Grapevine Magazine contains lots of useful information about local activities and days out for the coming weeks and months.

[The West Kent Family Grapevine Spring 2026](#)



E-scooters

Important information on the use of e-scooters from Kent Police.

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Kent Police

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

Diary Dates



Please check Parentmail/[school website calendar](#) for full details.

Please note that for some future events, details may not have been sent out yet and are to follow.

June

- 16.06.26—Sports Day
- 17.06.26—Year 5 Tunbridge Wells Mosque visit
- 18.06.26—Class photos (summer uniform)
- 18.06.26—Reception 2026 Teddy Bear's Picnic
- 19.06.26—Non-uniform Day (Rainbow Raffle donations)
- 19.06.26—14.30 Father's Day Games (*except year 6*)

19.06.26—Year 6 Rochester Cathedral
20.06.26—14.00-17.00 PTA Summer Social
23.06.26—Year 5 Refugee Workshop
23.06.26—Year 4 Maths Race (not whole class)
24.06.26—St John's Feast Day
25.06.26—Year R London Aquarium
25.06.26—Year 1 Stonepitts Farm
26.06.26—Year 4 Fairy Cake Friday
29.06.26—Second-hand uniform sale

July

01.07.26—14.00 Years 1-6 Summer Music Concert
02.07.26—09.15 Reception Class Assembly
02.07.26—Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
02.07.26—03.07.26—Year 4 Residential
03.07.26—Year 2 Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve
08.07.26—District Sports
08.07.26—Wimbledon
09.07.26—RESERVE Sports Day
10.07.26—09.15 Year 4 Class Assembly
16.07.26—Disability Sports morning
16.07.26—14.00 and 18.00 Year 6 Production
17.07.26—Year 6 Disco
20.07.26—Year 6 Horton Kirby Leavers Activity
21.07.26—Leavers Service, St John's Church
21.07.26—Last day of Term (**13.30 finish**)

