



Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

22.05.2026

Dates for the diary



TERM 6

01 Jun First Day of Term

15 Jun Class Photos

16 Jun Year 1 Hastings Trip

17 Jun New year R Parents Evening 6.00-7.00pm

19 Jun PTFA Father's and Others' Day Gifts

20 Jun PTFA School Summer Fete 1-4pm

23 Jun Deal Class Assembly - Parents invited to come and watch at 9am

23 Jun Year 4 Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve Trip

24 Jun Year 6 Residential (Wed-Fri)

24 Jun Transition 1: New Year R children to visit

 Session 1: 9:30-10:15 am

 Session 2: 10:45 – 11:30 am

30 Jun Transition 2: New Year R children to visit

 Session 1: 9:30-10:15 am

 Session 2: 10:45 – 11:30 am

01 Jul Transition3: New Year R children (All Children) 9:30 – 11am

01 Jul Whole class Transition Day from 9.15-11.15am

03 Jul PTFA Headteacher for the Day

06 Jul New Year R Teddy Bears Picnic 11.45 - 12.45pm

07 Jul Hever Class Assembly - Parents invited to come and watch at 9am in KS1 Hall

07 Jul Rye Class Assembly - Parents invited to come and watch at 9am in KS2 Hall

08 Jul Practice Sports Day (Children only)

08 Jul Year 6 play to KS1 9.30am

09 Jul Year 6 play to KS2 9.30am

10 Jul Sports Day 9.15- 11.30am (Parents invited - more information to follow)

13 Jul Year 6 play to parents 1:30pm

14 Jul Year 6 play to parents 6pm

16 Jul Rocksteady Concert 9.15am

16 Jul Year 6 play to parents 6pm

17 Jul Reserve Sports Day

21 Jul Year 6 leavers Assembly 9.15-11am

21 Jul Last Day of Term

School Contact Information

School Phone Number 01622 745553

OFFICE@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - General enquiries

ATTENDANCE@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - All absence related matters

SENCO@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - All matters for senco

[Meet the SEN Team](#)

CASC@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - Extended services booking enquiries and requests

After School Club Emergency Number 07902 520715

PTFA@COXHEATH.KENT.SCH.UK - All matters for the PTFA

[Curriculum Link](#)

Please click on the link to view the curriculum page on the school website.

[Parent Council Minutes](#)

Please click the link to view the parent council minutes on our school website.

Head Teacher News

I cannot believe we are already at the end of another term. I could not be prouder of the children's achievements this term.

The athletics event this week highlighted just how incredible our children are. Their attitude towards each other and the event as a whole was simply fantastic. Their behaviour was impeccable, and the genuine care and respect they showed for one another and the schools within the trust was truly special to see.

Thank you for your positive feedback about the event. The hoarse voices among pupils and teachers today showed just how much everyone enjoyed it! Getting back on the bus, Teddy perfectly summed up the whole event when he said, "I loved it, I absolutely loved it – it was so much fun."

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Aikenhead from St Katherine's, along with the staff from all three schools, who worked tirelessly to organise the event. It was meticulously planned and, unlike last time, the weather was perfect.

A couple of reminders as we approach the final term. There has been an increasing number of parents and children walking across the car park rather than using the footpaths to access

the school. Unfortunately, there was a near miss this week, so we kindly ask that everyone uses the designated footpaths when entering and leaving the school site. The extra few seconds it takes is well worth it to ensure everyone stays safe.

There are also a number of children not wearing the correct school uniform, with white logoed socks and trainers being the main issues. Please can we ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform each day, as this helps to prepare them for the expectations of secondary school, where uniform rules are very clear.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support this term, and in particular to our volunteers and the PTA, who play such an important part in our school community.

From speaking with the children this week, I know they are ready for a well-earned break. The weather for half term is looking fantastic, so I hope you get the opportunity to make the most of it and enjoy some quality family time together.

I look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 1st June.

Giacomo Mazza

Attendance

Year	Class Percentages					
R	Dover	95.56%	Leed	91.85%		
1	Rye	93.70%	Deal	97.78%	Hever	91.85%
2	Allington	93.10%	Thurnham	93.87%		
3	Bodiam	86.46%	Walmer	95.34%		
4	Scotney	91.67%	Tonbridge	95.14%		
5	Rochester	93.75%	Canterbury	92.71%		
6	Pevensey	90.97%	Herstmonceux	95.96%		

Congratulations to **DEAL** class for achieving the highest attendance percentage this week!



As a reward, you'll enjoy extra breaktime after half term — well done for your fantastic effort and commitment.

Change to Menu Monday 1st June

There will be a change of the menu on Monday 1st June.

The kitchen will be offering;

Main 1 Mac and Cheese

Main 2 Tomato Pasta

Jacket Potato

Please note that Arbor will still say the usual menu, please ignore this and choose as above.

KS1 and Year 3 - Senacre Dental Practice Visit

KS1 and Year 3 children were visited by the team at Senacre Dental Practice, Maidstone yesterday. We learnt all about hygiene and looking after our teeth.

Call: 01622 756652 for further information and an appointment.



Suncream and Sun Hats

With the warmer weather, please apply suncream to your child before school. If you are sending suncream or sun hats in with your child, please ensure they are clearly labelled with their name and class.

Coxheath Funeralcare Father's Day Colouring Competition

Coxheath Funeralcare would love to run a Father's Day colouring competition with the children at Coxheath Primary School.

The winner will receive a £20.00 Co-op gift card to treat their Dad.

All entries need to be returned by 17 June and the winner will be announced on 18 June. Once the entries have been submitted, they will be displayed in the windows of Coxheath Funeralcare.

Please see options below. There are hard copies at reception if your child would like one.



Colouring Competition



Winners will be announced on:
18 June 2026

Name: _____
Age: _____
Phone Number: _____

Please ask your parent/guardian for permission before entering. Put your name, age and contact number on your entry form before returning it to:
Coxheath Funeralcare,
112 Heath Road



Funeralcare

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Kent Test - Information for Year 5

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2027

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kentfest

Registration opens on 1 June 2026 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2026

Who is the Kent Test for?
The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2027 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Beesley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

What happens after I register?
If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I register for the Kent Test?
Go to kent.gov.uk/kentfest and create an online account for yourself as parent / guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk / spam folder for the email before contacting us)

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?
You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

What if my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?
No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

What if my child has access requirements?
If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2026.

Key dates

Monday 1 June 2026	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kentfest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Wednesday 1 July 2026	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
Thursday 10 September 2026	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Thursday 15 October 2026	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?
Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.education@kent.gov.uk.
For help registering please email kenttestadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



Getting Ready for School Transition - New Year R September 2026

Kent School Health will be hosting an online *Getting ready for school transition* webinar for parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September 2026.

The session will cover:

- What school readiness looks like
- How to access help and support from the health visiting team
- What you can expect from the Kent school health service once your child has started school

To book a place please click on the session you wish to attend and register.

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Tuesday 2nd June 10-10.30am

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Thursday 4th June 2-2.30pm

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Monday 8th June 9.30-10am

[Getting ready for school transition](#) Tuesday 9th June 2-2.30pm



Letter from Kent County Council

Please find letter attached regarding arrangements moving forward and the end of the supermarket voucher scheme from Kent County Council.



Children, Young People and
Education
County Hall
Sessions House
Maidstone ME14 1XQ
Date: 5th May 2026

Dear School/Provider/Parent / Carer / Guardian,

Changes to support for families with children eligible for Free School Meals

We are writing to let you know about an important change to the support available to families with children who are eligible for free school meals during school holidays.

End of supermarket vouchers funded by the Household Support Fund (HSF)

In recent years, families of children eligible for free school meals have received supermarket vouchers during school holidays. These vouchers were funded by the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF).

The HSF ended on 31 March 2026. As a result, no further supermarket vouchers will be issued for school holiday periods after Easter 2026.

Easter 2026 vouchers, where issued, remain live and can still be redeemed if families have not yet used them. Please ensure that these are downloaded fully as soon as possible.

We understand that this change may be difficult for families.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Support continues to be available through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

The HAF Programme provides children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals with:

- Free holiday activities and experiences
- A healthy meal on the days they attend.

HAF activities run during the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays. The council is also proposing to complement this existing support through the use of Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) monies, with appropriate governance arrangements currently being progressed.

Families can find out more and view local HAF activities by visiting: [Holiday Activities and Food Programme \(HAF\) – Kent County Council](#)

[kent.gov.uk](#)

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

The Government has announced a new Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), which is replacing the Household Support Fund.

The CRF will provide one-off support to individuals and families experiencing a financial crisis and aims to help build longer-term resilience.

Kent County Council is currently finalising how the CRF will operate locally. The fund is intended to complement existing support, including the HAF Programme, rather than replace it.

Further information will be shared on our website once arrangements are confirmed.

Further help and support

Additional national and local support may also be available to families:

- [Cost of living support: Overview - GOV.UK](#)
- [Universal Credit: What Universal Credit is - GOV.UK](#)
- [Child Benefit: How it works - GOV.UK](#)
- [Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK](#)
- [Citizens Advice](#)
- [Free and impartial help with money, backed by the government | MoneyHelper](#)
- [Kent Family Hub - Kent County Council](#)

Yours sincerely

FSM Enquiries Team
Kent County Council

Calling all Young Artists!

Calling all young artists! Maidstone Borough Council is running another exciting Mote Park art competition, with a prize for under 18-year-old entries. Please click on the link for full details on how to enter and all the terms and conditions. Good luck!

<https://arts.maidstone.gov.uk/home/news-and-opportunities/articles/mote-park-art-competition-2026>

Below are last year's U18 winner and runner up pictures.



Could You Help Inspire a Love of Reading?

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At our school, we believe that reading opens the door to imagination, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning. One of the most powerful ways children develop as readers is by simply having someone sit with them, listen to them read, and encourage them along the way.

We are looking for volunteers from our community to become **Reading Ambassadors** in school. Just a little of your time each week can make a big difference to a child's confidence and enjoyment of books.

We would especially love to hear from retired members of the community, grandparents, or anyone who enjoys spending time with children and sharing stories.

As a Reading Ambassador, you will:

- Listen to children read and celebrate their progress
- Chat about stories and favourite books
- Help children feel proud and confident in their reading

No teaching experience is needed — just patience, encouragement, and a love of books.

All necessary training will be provided.

If you feel you could spare a little time and would like to be part of something truly special, please contact the school office to find out more.

Together we can help our children discover the joy of reading.



We can't wait to hear from you!

Mrs Friend – championing a love of reading in our school.

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You could win a supermarket voucher or free milk for a year!

FOR SCHOOLS:
Your school could WIN:
 • £750
 • £250 for learning resources
 • £250 for School trip
 • £250 for Sports/arts fund
 • A visit from Cissie the Mr Bloom and more!

Cool Milk

Facebook: @coolmilkuk, Instagram: @coolmilkuk, Twitter: @coolmilkuk

Art Donations

Mrs Planck would greatly appreciate any clean spare takeaway tubs that you may have at home, as they are very useful for storing art resources. If you are able to donate any, please send them into the office.

Spring/Summer Dinner Menu

LUNCH Week 1

W/C 23/02, 16/03, 13/04, 04/05, 25/05, 15/06, 06/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Creamy Mac n Cheese (V)	Chicken Burger in a Bun & Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Sausage Pasta, Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
MAIN 2	Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Southern Bakes Halloumi Burger & Wedges (V)	Summer Quiche, Roast Potatoes (V)	Veggie Sausage Pasta Bake (V)	(N) Pizza Pinhead, Chips (V)
VEG	Garlic Bread & Peas (VE)	Sweetcorn (VE)	Carrots and Cabbage (VE)	Broccoli (VE)	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
AND OUTSIDE	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Freshly Baked Shortbread (VE)	Jelly (V)	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (V)	(N) Peachies & Meringue Yogurt Foll (V)	Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (not or whole), flavoured yogurts as well as freshly baked bread & seasonal salad bar. This option includes vegan and vegetarian items.

MENU KEY: V Vegetarian, VE Vegan and Peas, N Non-Dairy, Quorn

LUNCH Week 2



W/C 02/03, 23/03, 20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Veggie Burger with Wedges	BBQ Chicken & Rice	Roast Gammon & Roast Potatoes	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Sausage & Chips
MAIN 2	Veggie Sausage Rolls with Wedges (V)	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry & Rice (VE)	Sticky Tomato Tart & Roast Potatoes (VE)	Hearty Spaghetti & Meatballs, Focaccia (V)	Beans & Cheese Party with Chips
VEG	Baked Beans (VE)	Broccoli (VE)	Fresh Carrots & Cabbage (VE)	Roasted Vegetables (VE)	Carrots & Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
ADD OPTION	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Freshly Baked Cookie (VE)	Fruity Jelly Crunch Pot (V)	Peach Crumble & Custard (V)	Lime & Coconut Sponge (VE)	Fruit Cheesecake (V)

AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole), flavoured yoghurts as well as freshly baked bread & seasonal salad bar. Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.

MENU KEY

LUNCH Week 3



W/C 09/03, 30/03, 27/04, 18/05, 08/06, 29/06, 20/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Chicken Steaks with BBQ Sauce & Wedges	Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes	Pasta Bolognese Focaccia	Fish Fingers & Chips
MAIN 2	Gnocchi Shells with Tomato Sauce (VE)	Chili Bean Tortilla Stack (VE)	(N) Summer Veg Tacos (VE) & Roast Potatoes	Tomato Pasta Bake	Crispy Quorn Nuggets & Chips (VE)
VEG	Green Beans (VE)	Sweetcorn (VE)	Fresh Carrots & Peas (VE)	Broccoli (VE)	Peas or Baked Beans (VE)
ADD OPTION	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Chocolate Cornflake Cake (VE)	Ginger Cake (VE)	Jelly (VE)	(N) Caramel Mousse (V)	(N) Lead School Cake (VE)

AVAILABLE DAILY: A selection of fresh seasonal fruit (cut or whole), flavoured yoghurts as well as freshly baked bread & seasonal salad bar. Third option includes vegan and vegetarian items.

MENU KEY

2026/2027 Term Dates



Term 1	
01.09.2026	Staff Training Day
02.09.2026	Start School
15.10.2026	Last Day of Term
16.10.2026	Staff Training Day
Term 2	
02.11.2026	Start School
18.12.2026	Last day of Term
Term 3	
04.01.2027	Staff Training Day
05.01.2027	Start School
12.02.2027	Last Day of Term
Term 4	
22.02.2027	Start School
25.03.2027	Last Day of Term
Term 5	
12.04.2027	Start School
03.05.2027	Bank Holiday
28.05.2027	Last Day of Term
Term 6	
07.06.2027	Start School
21.07.2027	Last Day of Term
Staff training days are dates when the children do not attend school	

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External Clubs held at Coxheath School

External Clubs

Gymnastics Club Monday

Sama Karate Club Thursday

Irish Dancing Friday

Make Time for Music During school hours

Rock Steady Thursday in school

Please see Coxheath school website or notice board for more information.

<https://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=External+Clubs&pid=315>

ROCK STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

TAKES PLACE AT SCHOOL

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BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri 8am-9pm, local rate) rocksteadymusicschool.com

Community News



Community News

BARRACUDAS
ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

IN THIS SPACE DRAW SOMETHING THAT INSPIRES YOU!

ACTIVE ANAGRAMS!
EXAMPLE: TIGER → WARRIOR

1. RENTISE
2. RHOISPHI
3. CAANTORHM
4. YLEKATIC
5. TIBRATV

LET'S SPRING IN TO ACTION!
LET'S GET ACTIVE TOGETHER!
HIGH 5'S FRIENDS
DRAW A SUG
3 SPRINTS
DANCE AROUND

ANSWERS

Match the ACTIVITY!

DRAWING
JAVELIN
PRINTING
SKIPPING
TENNIS
DANCE

LET'S BE ACTIVE
ATHLETIC • CREATIVE • RESPONSIBLE • HEALTHY • ENERGETIC

ACTIVE WORD SEARCH!

GYMNASTICS
LEAPFROG
SLEDDING
HOPPING
JUMP
EXERCISE
PLAYING
RUNNING
TAG
BASKETBALL
SWIMMING
POGROMPS
BASKING
SKATING
DANCE

ENTER OUR ACTIVE COMPETITION!
Submit your photos of you being ACTIVE for a chance to win!
Enter by 30th June, 2026
Scan QR code for full details

Prizes:
1st = Free gear
2nd = Free day
3rd = Camp kit

How many photos can you spot?

CRAFTERNOON

THURSDAY 28TH MAY

2 - 4PM

Holy Trinity Church,
Coxheath

Crafts and activities with cuppas
and cakes for all the family

No booking required

The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh,
Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh

The Salvation Army
Union Street ME14 1ED



Saturday 13 June 9am—11am

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North Borough
Loose
and many more



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Dads go free*

BUBBLE RUSH

2026

Maidstone

Sunday 21 June

Dive into a colourful, foam-filled family fun run at Mote Park this summer, complete with giant bubble stations and a lively event village packed with activities and entertainment for all ages.

*Dads go free: one free adult ticket with every paying adult for a limited time only.

Sign up today



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bubblerrush

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COXHEATH PRESCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOON

21/5/26

12:30pm-1:30pm

OPEN MORNING

2/6/26

11am-12pm

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026!

MORNING SESSIONS
9AM-12PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY
FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS

AFTERNOON SESSIONS
12PM-3PM
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
FOR SEPTEMBER 2027
SCHOOL STARTERS

Come along, have a look around, meet our friendly team and see what makes Coxheath Preschool such a special place to learn and grow!

MESSAGE US TO REGISTER INTEREST AND BOOK YOUR PLACE!

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FOR ALL ABILITIES

NINJA CLASSES

PRESCHOOL CLASSES FOR UNDER 5's

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our Holiday Camps are jam-packed with loads of thrilling activities to keep kids active & entertained in the school holidays! Expect themed camps: from safari to **AI** around the world! Children will play games & learn skills, plus take part in craft challenges. Members & non-members welcome - book online today!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Make your child's birthday one they'll never forget! We offer Gymnastics and Ninja-themed parties to both members & non-members, plus various packages to help make the party as special as possible! Find out more online or call us today.



TRY YOUR FIRST CLASS FOR FREE



Scan here to book your **FREE** class today or visit gymfinitykids.com

Gymfinity Kids Maidstone
Newnham Court Shopping Village,
Bearsted Road, Weaving,
Maidstone, ME14 5EL
T: 01622 291410
E: info@gymfinitykids.com

Gymfinity Kids
CLUBS

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

Five Acre Wood School
VS
STAFF & VOLUNTEERS
*of Stones in the Community
& Maidstone United FC*

Scan for tickets

<p>Maidstone United Football Club Gallagher Stadium</p>	<p>Friday 12th June 2026 Doors 6pm Kick off 7.15pm</p>	<p>£10 Adult £5 under 16 £28 Family</p>
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DRINKS & FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Raffle prizes to be won, tickets £2 on the night or from FAW School.



For tickets visit Eventbrite & search Five Acre Wood School



COXHEATH
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Simply come along, choose your items and pay via the QR code at the Cake Shed

Opening times
Fridays 12pm - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm
Easter weekend

Open Sunday and Monday from 10am!

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Volunteers Needed

Ready to make a real difference?

Help us transform the lives of local young people by volunteering at our term-time Young Carer's Club!



In this role, you will:

- ✔ Offer Emotional Support
- ✔ Support fun & engaging activities
- ✔ Help to build confidence & social skills

Join our **Maidstone** Young Carers Club!

When: Mondays/Wednesdays
5 - 7pm or 5.30 - 7.30pm

Where: Shepway Community Centre, Cumberland Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 7JN

APPLY NOW

Please contact us at:
enquiries@crossroadskent.org

SUMMER NETBALL CAMP



Monday 17 August - Wednesday 19 August 2026

FREE GIFT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS! 09:30AM - 03:00PM | ages 8 - 16 **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT YOUTH@MMNL.CO.UK

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Maidstone

Half Term Timetable

May 26th - May 29th 2026

Our Activities

Stay & Play 0-11yrs

Parkwood, West Borough and South Borough

Baby Group & Little Book Worms

Greenfields



Contact Us
MaidstoneFH@kent.gov.uk

Find us on
Facebook or Instagram @
Maidstone Family Hubs



Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Greenfields

Greenfields Family Hub
Rutland Way, ME15 8DR

Parkwood

Parkwood Family Hub
Furfield Close,
ME15 9JR

Tues 26th May

Baby Group

A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0 - 12 months pre-walking.

10.30 - 11.30am

Tues 26th May

Little Book Worms

Step into the magical world of books! Fun sessions with stories and activities. sessions. 1-4yrs.

9.45 - 11.15am

Thurs 28th May

Stay & Play

A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children 0-8.

1 - 2.30pm

West Borough

West Borough Family Hub
Greenway, ME16 8TL

Tues 26th May

Health Visitor & NCT infant feeding Clinic

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the health visiting team. There will also be representatives from NCT available for any feeding questions or support you may need.

9.30 - 11.30am

Thurs 28th May

Stay & Play

A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and mess fun for children 0-8.

10 - 11.30am



South Borough

South Borough Family Hub,
Stagshaw Close, ME15 6TL

Tues 26th May

Stay & Play

A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and mess fun for children 0-8.

9.30 - 11am

Thurs 28th May

Health Visitor Clinic

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the health visiting team.

1.30 - 3.30pm

Fri 29th May

NCT baby feeding Clinic

Representatives from National Childbirth Trust will be available to help with any aspect of baby feeding you may need support with.

9.30 - 11.30am



OSI COULD HELP YOU

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!



HOW TO ACCESS OSI

If your child attends one of our schools and you feel OSI would be helpful for you and your child, please scan the QR code which will take you to our website and the OSI self-referral form.

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further with someone or would like to consider alternative support, please speak with the Senior Mental Health Lead in your child's school.

We are kind. We are respectful. We work together with our communities.

Kent Family Hub Maidstone Family Hubs
Timetable
1st June 2026 - 17th July 2026

All of our groups and services are free. For groups requiring booking at all Hubs, see our web site: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub>

Our Family Hubs:

- South Borough: 03000 417770, Stephanie Clay, Maidstone, ME15 6TJ, Mon: Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm, Southborough@kent.gov.uk
- Infozone: 03000 419470, 3 Palace Parade, Maidstone, ME15 6JF, Mon: Thu 9am - 5pm, Fri 9am - 4.30pm, infozone@kent.gov.uk

Day	South Borough	South Borough	South Borough	South Borough	Infozone
Monday	Young Parents 11.30-1.30	Stepping Up: 4.00-5.30 7-11 years			
Tuesday	Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	Baby Massage 1.30-2.30 2-6 months	Introducing Solids 1.30-2.30 2nd Tuesday of the month	Online Safety 4.00-5.00 7-11 years	Time to Shine Seniors 4.30-6.30 11-19 years
Wednesday	Baby Group 10.00-11.00 Pre-walking 0-12 months	NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 1.00-3.00	Time To Shine Juniors 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	Youth Peer Mentoring 4.30-5.30 14+	Speak Out (Youth) 5.30-6.30 14+
Thursday	Talking Walk Ins 9.30-11.30 2nd Thu of the month	Health Visitor Clinic 1.30-3.30	Time To Shine Juniors 4.00-5.30 7-11 years	Compass 6.00-7.30 For booking enquiries, please email: maidstone@kent.gov.uk	
Friday	NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 9.30-11.30	Baby Massage 10.00-11.00 2-6 months			

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts. www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub. Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council.

Information

Time to Shine Seniors

Small, supportive groups for children 11+ with neurodiverse needs to build confidence and social skills through fun activities.

Compass

A 10 session course helping children 11+ manage emotions and develop skills to cope with life's challenges.

Youth Peer Mentoring

Confidence Building, face-to-face training, learn new skills for life. 14+.

Young Parents

For parents and parents-to-be up to the age of 25 and is a great way to meet other families and build friendships in a fun, educational and stimulating environment to explore and play.

Introducing Solids

A workshop run by the Health Visiting team to guide you through the weaning journey. Book when baby is 4-6 months. Every second Tuesday of the month.

Stepping Up

A 6-week programme for 7-11 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends.

Speak Out (Youth)

Youth-led projects where young people design and deliver community initiatives and build leadership skills. 14+

Baby Group

A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0-12 months pre-walking.

Time To Shine Juniors

Small, supportive groups for children aged 9-11 years with SEND to build confidence and social skills through fun activities.

Online Safety

6 fun interactive sessions for children aged 7-11 years covering key online safety support.

Healthy Start Vitamins

Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?

Free Early Education

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week.

Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visiting Team
0300 013 2204

Please Note:

For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.

For more information

about opening times please call your local Hub & call

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Maidstone Family Hubs

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Our Family Hubs:		
Parkwood 03000 412700 Furlford Close, Maidstone, ME15 5JH Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm Parkwood@kent.gov.uk	Greenfields 03000 412867 Buckland, Maidstone, ME15 1DB Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm Greenfields@kent.gov.uk	West Borough 03000 419361 Gower, Maidstone, ME15 6TL Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm WestBorough@kent.gov.uk

Day	Parkwood	Greenfields	Greenfields	West Borough
Monday	Health Visitor & NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 9.30-11.30	Stay & Play 9.30-11.00	Understanding Your Child 10.00-11.00 <small>If interested please contact: maidstone@kent.gov.uk</small>	Closed All Day
Tuesday	West Borough Health Visitor Clinic 9.30-11.30	Greenfields Baby Group 10.30-11.30 0-12 months, pre-walking	Parkwood Little Talkers 10.00-11.00	Greenfields Little Bookworms 1.00-2.30 1-4 years
Wednesday	Parkwood Baby Massage 10.00-11.00 2-6 months	West Borough Closed From 12pm		West Borough NCT Infant Feeding Clinic 1pm-3pm
Thursday	Parkwood Stay & Play 1.00-2.30	West Borough Stay & Play 10.00-11.30	Greenfields Baby, Family & You 10.00-12.00	
Friday	Greenfields Twins Group 9.30-11.30 2 nd & 4 th Fri of the month	Greenfields Talking Walk Ins 9.30-12.00 3 rd & 5 th Fri of the month	West Borough Closed All Day	Parkwood Stay & Play Taster Session 9.30-11.00 12 th June and 10 th July 2026

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Information

Baby Group

A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are 0-12 months pre-walking.

Please note we have 3 Baby Group sessions: Greenfields & West.

Baby Massage

A 4-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 6-6 months.

Please note we have 3 Baby Massage sessions: Parkwood, Westborough & Southborough.

NCT Infant Feeding Clinic

Friendly, free infant feeding support from experienced through baby parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents.

Please note we have Infant Feeding Clinics each week: Parkwood, Southborough, Westborough & Westborough.

Understanding Your Child

A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions from toddler to teen years.

Talking Walk Ins

Play-based session where you can speak to a speech and language therapist. Only an adult who has parental responsibility can attend. 2-4 years.

Please note we have 10 Talking Walk Ins each 2 weeks: Greenfields & Southborough.

Little Talkers

A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills.

Health Visitor Clinic

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and spoken to by a member of the Health Visiting Team. There are 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

Please note we have 4 Health Visitor Clinics each week: Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.

Baby, Family & You

A supportive course for expectant and new parents to build positive routines and confidence in baby's first year.

To express an interest please email: Greenfields@kent.gov.uk

Twins Group

Group run by parents for families with multiple births. 0-5 years. 7-9 Fri of the month.

Little Bookworms

Step into the magical world of books! 3 Fun sessions with stories and activities. Free book packs included. For children aged 1-4.

Stay & Play

A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5.

Please note we have 4 Stay & Play sessions each week: Greenfields, Parkwood, Southborough & Westborough.

Mid-Kent MIND Baby Massage and Perinatal Wellbeing Course

Being a new parent is an incredible journey but it can also feel overwhelming at times. A supportive space for you and a chance to bond with your baby. For parents with babies aged 8 weeks to 6 months.

Booking Required <https://midkentmind.org.uk/health-visitor/perinatal-support/>

Healthy Start Vitamins

Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins? Call us on 0300 412700 or visit www.healthystart.gov.uk

Free Early Education

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. For more information visit www.gov.uk

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Support for Slide Away

Slide Away is very proud of the support it has offered to bereaved children, young people, their families and schools since 2004.

For a nominal annual subscription, schools can subscribe to access our free services. However, we could not continue our work without the generous support of individuals, groups, schools, businesses, funds and trusts.

It costs Slide Away about £300 to support every child referred to us. A donation of:

- £5 would pay for a photo frame for children to decorate,
- £7.50 would pay for the book chosen by each child at our workshops;
- £10 would pay for their snowy bear and all the crafting materials they use;
- £25 would fund the refreshments at a workshop

You can get involved and support Slide Away by:

- Volunteering
- Fundraising, by running a marathon or holding a Silly Socks day
- Donating by scanning the QR code below or by visiting our website for more options



How to refer a child or young person to Slide Away

Slide Away takes its referrals from schools. For further information please get in touch.

Home schooled children can be referred by a member of the KCC Home Education Team.

Contact us

www.slideaway.org
www.projecteileen.co.uk
info@slideaway.org
projecteileen@slideaway.org
07970 597715

Find us on social media
@slideawaycharity | @project_eileen_cic
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"I have learnt not to hide my feelings away."



Helping bereaved young people get back on their feet

Slide Away offers support to children and young people living in or attending school in Kent who have been bereaved of a family member or friend.



Slide Away is a registered charity
Charity No: 1136331
Company Registration No: 02246017

Slide Away was founded in memory of Daniel Ross

Support for bereaved children and young people

Following the death of a family member or friend, young people need to have their loss acknowledged and their feelings recognised and to be given opportunities to hold onto the memories of the person who has died.

To support children and young people and to help them understand and manage their grief, we offer Workshops for those bereaved of a parent or sibling and Memory Days for those bereaved of another family member or friend.

Please get in touch for further information on our one-to-one counselling service.



"Your workshops have always been at the right pitch level and support for our pupils. They have all gained so much from the range of activities you offer and the awareness that it is ok to talk openly about loss."

Pre-bereavement support for children and young people

When a child is facing the death of someone close to them, their needs will be similar to those of adults, but they may find it difficult to express what they are feeling.

Through consultation, Slide Away provides advice and guidance to help the School Bereavement Contact support pupils who have a parent or sibling with a life-limiting illness.

Support for the family

To help adults understand their child's grief and encourage communication within the family, Slide Away provides sessions for parents and carers. For more information, please get in touch.



"I loved making the memory jar to make memories of my mum."

Support for schools

Slide Away has always recognised the vital role the school community has in supporting bereaved pupils. All referrals to Slide Away must come through the school's appointed School Bereavement Contact, a staff member who has received training from Slide Away.

- To support schools Slide Away:
 - Offers "Tool Kit" induction training to newly appointed School Bereavement Contacts
 - Offers School Bereavement Contacts access to our British Psychological Society approved training
 - Is available for telephone advice and guidance
 - Offers regular online drop-in sessions to answer questions and offer advice
 - Project Eileen grief and loss resources for secondary school PSHE

Project Eileen

Part of the Slide Away family
Project Eileen offers free, flexible, multimedia lessons and resources to secondary schools to help teenagers learn about and cope with bereavement and grief.



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