



Dear Parents and Carers,

Charity

Firstly, a reminder that the Trust Cancer Research Charity Day takes place on Friday, 11th July, where children are invited to wear clothes in the colours of the CRUK charity, and place donations in buckets. This is a charity very close to many of us and we are grateful for your support.

Our caring Year 6 children are also raising funds this week for Shelter, selling a range of goodies at break time.



Enrichment

The Trust Speaking Competition finalists had the good fortune to spend the day in London visiting sites such as The Houses of Parliament, Downing Street and Westminster Bridge. They also had a Thames River cruise with a commentary highlighting the key sights, Monty, our school winner, then took part in the final at St George's. He did us proud, and although not the overall winner, definitely a winner in our eyes!



Festival of Sport

A huge thank you to Mrs Weir, Mrs Watson, Mrs Hatton, and all our wonderful staff for making our Festival of Sport such a success. Given the extreme heat, it was not an easy decision to proceed, but we hope that our careful adaptations — condensing the event and ensuring the children were outside for no more than an hour — allowed everyone to celebrate sport and enjoy fantastic teamwork in a safe and enjoyable way.



Diversity

We are proud to celebrate and support the diversity within our school community. At our most recent SEND coffee morning, we were delighted to welcome an organisation, Understanding Me, <https://understandingme-uk.org/> that supports families in Medway with neuro-diverse children. They shared valuable information about the local support available to help families thrive, and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure every child feels included and understood.

Support and Resources from the Medway Health Team

We're pleased to share some helpful resources and upcoming opportunities for parents and carers, provided by the Medway Health Team:

- Positive Behaviour Course for Parents/Carers
- This course offers an introduction and overview of the positive behaviour approach, along with proactive strategies to support children's behaviour. (Flyer attached)
- New Parent and Carer Video: Children's Healthy Weight
- A recorded workshop designed to help parents and carers understand childhood obesity and learn how to encourage healthy eating and lifestyle choices within family life. Watch it here: [Children's Healthy Weight Workshop](#)
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Drop-in
- A friendly coffee morning for parents and carers to explore the support available for young people facing mental health and wellbeing challenges. (Flyer and picture attached)

We encourage you to take advantage of these valuable resources and support networks.



SEND

Just a quick reminder, if your child is on the SEND register and has a School-Based Support Plan, the reviewed plans will be emailed out to you over the next few days. Please check your junk folder in case they end up there.

PTA

Tote Bag Competition – Ocean Day

The children worked really hard on World Ocean Day to produce some lovely posters. These are being printed on to tote bags which can be used to reduce plastic waste.

Prizes for the best design in each class were awarded, and the winners received a goody bag full of art resources and other treats. Thank you to the PTA for organising this opportunity, and well done to the following children who were our class winners:



Josh in Goslings



Avaya in Puggles



Oliver in Hedgehogs



Layla in Squirrels



Henri in Panthers



Arthur in Pandas



Amya in Crocodiles



Sophie in Hippos



Sophia in Sharks



Ivie in Dolphins



Ellie-Rose in Elephants



Katie in Lemurs



Lily in Springboks



Janet in Tigers

We'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to our amazing PTA for organising two fantastic treats for our school community. The fun circus event was enjoyed by so many families and brought everyone together for a memorable evening. As an extra end-of-year surprise, the PTA also arranged for all the children to have a try of various circus skills, which was a huge hit and lots of fun for everyone.

These events, along with the PTA's tireless fundraising, allow us to offer a wide range of extra experiences for our children — from subsidising trips and providing end-of-year treats to buying new books for our book vending machine and adding exciting new playground equipment, to name just a few. We are so grateful to have such a supportive and dedicated PTA making these special opportunities possible.

Safeguarding

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a named water bottle, a sun hat, and suncream applied before they arrive. As the weather warms up, these small steps really help keep our children safe, comfortable, and ready to learn.

We also ask that scooters are wheeled, not ridden, once children are on the school site. This helps to keep our pathways safe and avoids accidents during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

A gentle reminder too that dogs are not allowed on site, except for assistance dogs. We appreciate everyone's support in keeping our school grounds safe and welcoming for all.

Please remember that cars are only allowed on the school site for Blue Badge holders or taxis/minibuses dropping children off. Parents should not drive onto the site, even if there is no one on the gate at the time. This rule is in place to keep our children safe and our grounds as traffic-free as possible.

Finally, please continue to be mindful of our neighbours when parking near school. Where possible, we encourage families to park a little further away and walk the last part of the journey. This helps ease congestion and keeps everyone safer at the school gates.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and support in putting our children's safety first.

Parent Online Safety Booklet

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe online, we are pleased to share the updated **Parent Online Safety booklet**. This booklet includes an overview of key parental controls and helpful guidance for supporting your child's online safety.

The booklet is updated annually, with the next update scheduled for July 2026. You can access the latest version via the link below:

[Parental Controls Booklet 2025](#)

Walking and Wheeling

We're thrilled to share that an impressive **83.1%** of our pupils travelled to school by walking, wheeling, scooting, or cycling during the recent five-day challenge. We're proud to have finished **3rd overall** in the competition and are extremely grateful to all our families for your fantastic support.

Last year, we received a Halfords voucher for our efforts, which we used to purchase a new gazebo. This year, we're delighted to have been awarded another **£200 Halfords voucher**. Mr Wrobel will be working with the Communications Team to decide how best to use it.

A big thank you to Mr Wrobel for his dedication and hard work in making this scheme such a success!



Music

Summer holiday music fun is available, see below. This comes with a cost but we have been told that no child will be turned away because of cost. Several reduced cost (pay what you can) and a limited number of free places are available.

Mrs G.-T.'s Pop-up Band!

**Summer holiday music fun with Mrs G.-T!
One-day workshops, each one different.
Join as many workshops as you like.
No previous experience necessary.
Learn about & play Pop, Rock & Blues.
Join in a fun sound recording.**



Venue: Fairview Community Primary School

Dates: 29 July, 6, 14 and 22 August Timings: 10am to 3pm Cost: £27 per day

Contact: [Kerys Gutsell-Thompson](#) kerysgts@hotmail.co.uk 07530474504

Parent Surveys

Thank you to all our families for taking the time to share your thoughtful and constructive comments in our recent parent survey. We are delighted to hear how much you value our dedicated staff, who work so hard to ensure every child feels supported and cared for. We've noted your feedback about wanting more advance notice for events — we do try to keep our calendar updated up to a year in advance on our website, but we will continue to do our best to improve this.

Some comments mentioned our enrichment and after-school offer. As some of you may know, in response to previous survey feedback, we employed a specialist sports coach several years ago to help expand these opportunities. There are also a small number of paid-for clubs available, such as dancing and kickboxing. These school-led and externally-run clubs naturally have limited spaces to ensure that every child taking part receives more adult interaction and high-quality coaching.

There were also some comments relating to parking. As you may know, Medway Council are consulting on setting up a School Street, but have not updated us yet on the progress of this plan. Can we ask you again to please help us keep our school safe for everyone by parking considerately during drop-off and pick-up times — we really do need your support with this ongoing issue.

Thank you for working with us to make Cliffe Woods the best it can be for all our children.



Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club and After School Club are now becoming extremely busy, therefore please ensure that you pre book any sessions that you require before the cut off times to guarantee your child's space. Also if you no longer require a session please email or telephone the school office to cancel.

Achievements

We are very proud of Sadie & Mia in year 2, who competed in The MEAPA Gymnastics Championships on Sunday 29th June, demonstrating their floor routine and vault. They both worked extremely hard with the judges awarding Mia first place with Gold and Sadie second with silver!

Well done to both of them!



Finally

Just a quick reminder, children are not permitted to bring toys or trading cards in from home, as this invariably causes arguments, and we know some of these items can be quite valuable.

We hope your children enjoy the final weeks of this year, and make the most of the lovely weather and the end of year activities.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Connolly
Head of School

Dates for the Diary

Please take a careful look at the following dates, all of which can be found on the Events Calendar on the school website, and make a note of any that may affect your child.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 11 th July	Trust Charity Day - Cancer Research Non Uniform Day
Monday 14 th July	Rock Steady Assembly (parents of children performing) - 9.30am PTA Sustainable Shop open - 3.00pm Parent Drop in (current teacher)- 3.30pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 3 Trip to Odeon Puggles Class Woodland Adventure Stay & Play-2.00pm PTA Meeting (Cliffe Village Club) -7.30pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Gosling Class Woodland Adventure Stay & Play-2.00pm
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' party - 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 10.00am Last Day of Term - Finish 2.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd September	First Day of Term
Friday 12 th September	PTA AGM -9.00am
Monday 15 th September	EYFS Parent Lunch - 11.30am
Tuesday 16 th September	Medway Test
Wednesday 17 th September	Medway Test
Tuesday 23 rd September	Parent Drop In - 3.30pm

Have Your Say Meetings:

Monday 3rd November at 9.00am
Tuesday 3rd February at 2.30pm
Friday 24th April at 9.00am
Wednesday 17th June at 2.30pm



Dear Headteacher,

As the summer holiday approaches, Kent Police would be grateful for your assistance in notifying parents of a current concern over children using catapults, possibly in response to social media. There has been an increase in the number of reports received relating to animals and wildlife being targeted, injured or damaged by objects fired from catapults.

While carrying a catapult is not a criminal offence, its use may lead to criminal liability depending on the circumstances, for example under:

- Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (intentionally killing or injuring any wild bird);
- Section 4 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (causing an animal to suffer);
- Section 1 of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996 (causing unnecessary suffering to any wild mammal);
- Section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (unlawfully having any offensive weapon in a public place, meaning any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to a person, or intended to do so); and
- Section 1 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971 (intentionally or recklessly damaging property)

Kent Police would like the following advice to be passed on to parents.

1. Dissuade your children from leaving home with a catapult.
2. Explain to your children that using a catapult to cause damage or harm is a criminal offence.
3. If you wish to dispose of a catapult, contact your local beat officer who will be able to assist (details can be found at www.kent.police.uk).

Please forward this letter accordingly.

We are grateful for your assistance in this matter.

Kind regards,

Kent Police



Find support if you need it this summer

We all need a bit of extra help from time to time.

Knowing where your child or young person can seek help for their mental wellbeing, should they need it, is always worthwhile, particularly when schools are closed over the holiday period.

To support you, we've pulled together services in Medway who can support children and young people across the year.

Scan here



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**

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Get set for the
**LOVE GILLINGHAM
WEEKEND**
18 – 20 July 2025

Friday, 18 July

Medway Mile

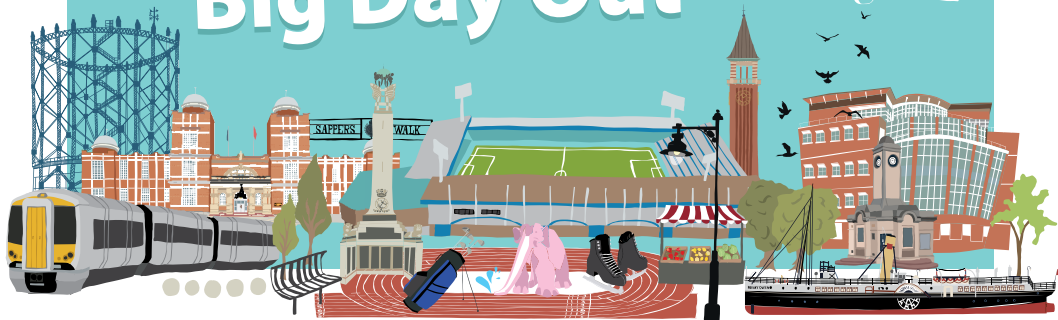


Saturday, 19 July

Gillingham Market

Sunday, 20 July
Big Day Out


Gillingham



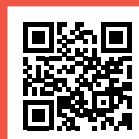
A WEEKEND OF FREE EVENTS

to bring the Gillingham community together

Medway Mile: Friday, 18 July: from 5pm

Great Lines Heritage Park

- A free, one-mile fun run for all ages and abilities – walk, jog, or race at your own pace.
- Children's races at Medway Park
- Club and relay races, mascot dash, and live entertainment



Register online now: [Medway.gov.uk/MedwayMile](https://www.Medway.gov.uk/MedwayMile)

Gillingham Market: Saturday, 19 July: 9am – 4pm

Gillingham High Street

- Several stalls including food, clothes, homeware & more
- A high street tradition for 30+ years
- Support local and bag a bargain

Big Day Out: Sunday, 20 July: 10am – 4pm

Gillingham High Street

- Wrestling, street performers and creative workshops
- Live music
- Fun for all ages



Further details available at: [VisitMedway.org/BigDayOut](https://www.VisitMedway.org/BigDayOut)



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Medway Emotional Support Teams

We are known nationally as the Mental Health Support Teams.

Please see our website for more information or email us on:

EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk





Mental health and well-being coffee morning

July 18th 10am

Chatham Children and Family Hub, Magpie
Hall Road, Chatham, Kent

Join us to talk about the various support available for your child/young person. We will be joined by Hannah Christie, Programme lead for CYP Mental Health and Emotional Well-being at Medway Council and North Kent MIND.