# Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 4

### 23 October 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final day of term, it is lovely to look back on the many opportunities our children have enjoyed over the last couple of weeks. One of the things we are particularly proud of as a school is the range of experiences we offer beyond the classroom. Recently, the children have taken part in cross-country, our Year 6 pupils have completed their Challenger Troop sessions, and our Reception children have welcomed their grandparents into school to share in their play. We have also been rocking out with Rocksteady, alongside all our fantastic after-school clubs where children have the opportunity to sing, dance and take part in a range of sports. FOWSA have added to the fun with a wonderful cake sale and a disco, bringing our community together while raising valuable funds to help us continue providing these extra opportunities. A huge thank you to everyone who makes these experiences possible!

October is Black History Month, and we have been exploring this in both worship and our classrooms. This year's theme, *Honouring Our Communities*, encourages us to recognise and celebrate the people whose ideas, experiences and actions make a positive difference to the communities around them. With the Black British Book Festival taking place in London this October, we have been sharing books that celebrate Black authors, poets, illustrators and their contributions to literature and culture. Through these stories, we hope to broaden the children's understanding of the world, celebrate different voices and experiences, and encourage them to recognise the positive impact individuals can have on their communities.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break together. Take time to enjoy each other's company, explore somewhere new, go for a walk in the woods or along the beach, or visit a new park. Perhaps find a new book to enjoy and remember to keep up with your reading challenge! A little practice of maths facts over the holiday is also a great way to keep those skills ticking over (please see our previous newsletter for some home learning ideas). Most importantly, enjoy a well-deserved rest, make some lovely memories and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Ridley

# Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

## Learner of the week:

- Hedgehog Class: Lillie-Anna & Amber
- Rabbit Class: Oliver & Reggie
- Woodpecker Class: Elsie & George
- Blackbird Class: Freddie &Whole Class
- Fox Class: Zara & Emma
- Squirrel Class: Freddie
- Owl Class: Freddie & Missy

## Vision & Values awards:

- Hedgehog Class: George & Evie
- Rabbit Class: Tommy, Betsy & Whole Class
- Woodpecker Class: Daisy-May
- Blackbird Class: Jaxson & Florence
- Fox Class: Oliver & Tom
- Squirrel Class: Beatrice & Olive
- Owl Class: Blossom & Pippa

# Dates for Your Diary

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|---|---|
| Monday 2 November | First Day of Term 2 |
| Wednesday 4 November 6pm | EYFS Open Evening |
| Sunday 8 November | Rememberance Service - All Saints Church |
| Friday 20 November | Children in Need |
| Friday 4 December | FOWSA - Own Clothes Day in Exchange for a Christmas Raffle Donation |
| Friday 11 December | Whole School Panto & Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 16 December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 18 December 3.30pm to 4.30pm | FOWSA - Christmas Movie |
| Friday 18 December | Last Day of Term 2 - Christmas Holidays! |
| Monday 4 January 2027 | Inset Day - No Children |
| Tuesday 5 January 2027 | First Day of Term 3 |

# SALT Update

The Balanced System®

Some children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) may need a little extra help—and that's where targeted support comes in as part of the **Balanced System®**.

This could be things like:






Small groups to pre-teach new topic words




Following a speech sound programme to learn how to say new sounds



A visual checklist to support changes during the day

Parents can support their child with similar activities at home – speak to your school to find out how.

Specialist or individualised support is also available for children who need this.

You can learn more about the **Balanced System®** on the **SEND** information hub:

**kent.gov.uk/balancedsystem**

*Better communication opens up brighter futures*

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# CHRISTMAS MENU

**Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings**
**1,3,6**
**Yuletide Vegetable Wellington 1 VG**

**Peas & Carrots**
**Brussel Sprouts**
**Roast Potatoes**

**Santa's Cookies 1,3 VG**
**Elf's Chocolate Cake 1,3 VG**
**Fruit Pot VG**

**Wednesday 16 December**

**Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:**
**1** Wheat Gluten **2** Crustaceans **3** Soybean **4** Mustard **5** Sesame **6** Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide **7** Milk **8** Fish **9** Egg
**10** Peanuts **11** Molluscs **12** Celeriac/Celery **13** Nuts **14** Lupins **15** Oat Gluten **16** Barley Gluten **V** Vegetarian **VG** Vegan

## 👕 School Uniform Reminder 👟

We would like to remind all parents and carers of our school uniform expectations. We are noticing an increasing number of children wearing items that are not part of our school uniform, particularly on PE days.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing the correct **school PE kit**, rather than their own sportswear.

**Our PE kit expectations are:**

- White ankle socks
- Black shorts
- A plain T-shirt in their house colour (blue, red, purple or green)
- Plimsolls or trainers. Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children during indoor PE.
- Black jogging bottoms and/or a school red sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan for outdoor lessons in colder weather.

**A few other important reminders:**

- Long hair should be tied back for school and PE.
- No jewellery should be worn, apart from small stud earrings and a watch.

Our full uniform expectations can be found on the school website:
🔗 School Uniform Information

The website also includes details of our **second-hand uniform shop**, which is a great way to find uniform items.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all children wear the correct uniform and PE kit. 😊

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS, EVERY MINUTE MATTERS

**Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date):**

| EYFS (R) | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 96.2% | 93.6% | 97.4% | 95.4% | 94.9% | 94.8% | 90.7% |

**Whole school attendance: 94.8%** (All Above)

The DfE has asked schools to share the following guidance with families. Please do ensure you have a read through as it might help you in the future:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/




## WHAT WE ENCOURAGE...

We believe it is vitally important for children to attend school regularly and punctually. This will give them the best opportunity to progress and achieve their full potential. Good attendance and punctuality will also encourage children to become responsible and resilient individuals, which will serve them well in their future working lives.

Every child, in line with the Government's expectations, is expected to maintain a high level of attendance (at least 95%). We hope that you appreciate how crucial good school attendance is to your child's progress, achievement and chances in life and we look forward to working with you to ensure that your child's attendance is the very best it can be.



## BENEFITS OF GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Children with good attendance:

- Feel happier and gain in confidence
- Achieve more academically and keep up with work more easily
- Develop well socially and find it easier to make and keep friends
- Establish good educational habits and routines at an early age
- Are able to make a positive contribution to school life in general
- Are much more settled into school life
- LEARN!




**All of these are important life skills for your child**

# My Run – What an Achievement!

Our children showed fantastic enthusiasm, resilience and determination at My Run at Spearpoint Recreation Ground in Kennington!

Our Year 3 and 4 children tackled the 1km route, while our Year 5 and 6 children took on the 1-mile challenge.

We were so proud to see everyone giving it their best and encouraging one another along the way. The team spirit was wonderful!

A special shout-out to **Etta**, who came 10th in the Year 3 girls' race, and **Jennifer**, who achieved an amazing 2nd place in the Year 4 girls' race!

**Well done to all our runners – you should be incredibly proud of yourselves!**



# Year 6 Challenger Troop Awards

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school to celebrate our Year 6 children completing their Challenger Troop sessions. The children have worked incredibly hard, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, determination and commitment throughout their sessions.

## A huge well done to our special award winners:

| Top Trooper | Most Improved | Top Fitness | Best Effort | Best Drill |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Freddie | Pippa | Florence | Polyanna | Macey |

Congratulations to all our Year 6 children for completing the sessions and living out those amazing values. You have done yourselves proud!

We hope you enjoyed celebrating your achievements with your families.



We are really excited to share the PE and new Forest School session information for Term 2.

On PE days, children may come to school in their PE kit. On Forest School days, children should wear clothes and shoes they do not mind getting dirty and which are appropriate for the weather. Please also send their school uniform in a bag on Forest School days in case they get wet or muddy and need to change.

Below is the timetable for Term 2:

| Class | Hockey | Forest School | PE |
|---|---|---|---|
| EYFS | | | Tuesday |
| Year 1 | Monday | | Thursday |
| Year 2 | | | Thursday |
| Year 3 | | | Monday & Wednesday |
| Year 4 | | Wednesday | Monday & Tuesday |
| Year 5 | | Wednesday | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 6 | Monday | | Wednesday |

We will remind you of these days via Class Dojo and will inform you of any changes due to weather or staffing as needed.

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# ✨ EYFS Tours ✨

## Is your child starting School in September 2027?

## Come and discover Woodchurch CE Primary School.

A small, family-friendly school with a calm and caring feel, where every child is valued, encouraged and inspired to let their light shine.





Experience what makes Woodchurch such a special place to be.

🌟 Book your personalised tour

📞 01233 860232

📧 office@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

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# Woodchurch CE Primary School

**EYFS Open Evening**

**For September 2027 prospective families**

**An opportunity to find out about our school and what makes it so special. Meet our EYFS teacher and the leadership team.**

## Wednesday 4th November at 6pm

Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2027

## KCC residents apply online at *kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023,** Transferring to Primary school in **September 2027**

### What to do

#### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.***

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

#### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027.** Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

#### Receiving your offer

On offer day **(Friday 16 April 2027)** an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Friday 30 April 2027.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

**Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.**

### Key dates

| | |
|---|---|
| **Friday 6 November 2026** | Online application process opens. Go to ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*** to register and apply. |
| **Friday 15 January 2027** | Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to ***kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk*** |
| **Friday 16 April 2027** | Offers of school places sent to parents via email after **4pm.** |
| **Friday 30 April 2027** | Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application. |
| **Monday 17 May 2027** | Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at ***www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals.*** You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form. |

### Need help?

Email ***primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at ***kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions***

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2027

## Common misconceptions

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023,** Transferring to Primary school in **September 2027.**

### MYTH #1

Attending a nursery or pre-school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the associated school.

### TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ Nurseries and primary schools are not linked for admissions purposes.

### MYTH #2

A sibling attending the school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the same school.

### TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ If eligible, your application may be considered under a school's 'sibling' oversubscription criteria.

### MYTH #3

Attending an infant school will automatically guarantee a space for your child at the linked junior school.

### TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ Children do not automatically transfer to a junior school. Admissions are ranked according to the school's admission criteria, including any linked school arrangements.

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

### Need help?

Email ***primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at ***kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions***

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

# Governor Meeting Round-up



Our governors recently gathered for our first Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting of the new academic year. It was a productive session focused on how we can continue to support and challenge our schools to achieve the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

We were pleased to welcome Leon Hackling as our new Chair of Governors, along with our other new governors joining the team this term.

During the meeting, governors reviewed actions from previous discussions and agreed the structure of the governing body and its sub-groups, as well as the Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference. We also approved the Governing Body Action Plan and the Federation Improvement Plan, setting out clear priorities for the year ahead.




Safeguarding remains a top priority across both schools. Governors reviewed essential safeguarding data to identify areas for support and further challenge, discussed key monitoring reports, and reviewed and agreed vital school policies.

It was a valuable opportunity for governors to collaborate, ask key questions, and ensure that our children remain at the heart of every decision made across the Federation.

NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2027

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# THE NOURISH MENU

BANG IN SOME BEANS! DISHES WITH ME NEXT TO THEM CONTAIN BEANS

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **WEEK ONE**<br>2 November<br>23 November<br>14 December<br>18 January<br>8 February<br>8 March | Chicken Pie **1**<br>Pesto & Pea Pasta **1 VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Crushed Potatoes<br>Cauliflower<br>Carrots<br><br>Ice Cream **7**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** | Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake **1,3,7**<br>Vegetable Chilli Skins **VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Garlic Bread **1,3**<br>Seasonal Vegetables<br><br>Bananas & Chocolate Custard **7**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** | Roast Gammon & Gravy<br>Cheese & Potato Pie **1,3,7 V**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Rustic Roast Potatoes<br>Cabbage<br>Peas<br><br>Fruit Jelly **VG**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG** | Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**<br>Black Bean Jambalaya **VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Sweetcorn<br>Broccoli<br>Rainbow Pasta **1**<br><br>Beetroot Cake **1,3 VG**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG** | Chicken Nuggets **1**<br>Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel **1,7 V**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Chips<br>Peas<br>Baked Beans<br>Carrot Sticks<br><br>Oaty Biscuit **1,3,15 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** |
| **WEEK TWO**<br>9 November<br>30 November<br>4 January<br>25 January<br>22 February<br>15 March | BBQ Chicken<br>Pesto Pasta Bake **1,7 V**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Rice,<br>Carrots<br>Peas<br><br>Jam Tart **1,3 VG** & Custard **7**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** | Tomato & Broccoli Pasta **1 VG**<br>Buffalo Cauliflower Wings **VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Cheesy Wedges **7**<br>Seasonal Vegetables<br><br>Strawberry Panna Cotta Milky Jelly **7**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** | Roast Chicken & Gravy<br>Vegan Cowboy Hotpot **1 VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Rustic Roast Potatoes<br>Broccoli<br>Carrots<br><br>Crispy Cake **1,7,16**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG** | Beef Stew & Dumpling **1,3**<br>Herby Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Herby Bread **1,3**<br>Green Beans<br>Cauliflower<br><br>Apple Crumble Bar **1,3 VG**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG** | Salmon Fish Cake **1,8**<br>Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Chips<br>Peas<br>Baked Beans<br>Coleslaw **9**<br><br>Banana Bread **1,3 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** |
| **WEEK THREE**<br>16 November<br>7 December<br>11 January<br>1 February<br>1 March<br>22 March | Macaroni Cheese **1,3,7 V**<br>Red Pepper & Bean Masala & Rice **VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Garlic Bread **1,3**<br>Cauliflower<br>Green Beans<br><br>Peach Crumble **1,3 VG** & Custard **7**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** | Chicken Noodles **1,3**<br>BBQ Wrap Stack **1,7 V**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Potato Wedges<br>Carrots<br>Peas<br><br>Caramel Mousse **7**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** | Pork Sausage **1,3,6**<br>Quorn Sausage **1 VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Rustic Mashed Potatoes<br>Baked Beans<br>Broccoli<br><br>Fruit Jelly **VG**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG** | Minced Beef Cobbler **1,3**<br>Herby Tomato Pasta **1 VG**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Herby Bread **1,3**<br>Seasonal Vegetables<br><br>Chocolate Sponge Cake **1,3 VG**<br>Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG**<br>Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG** | Fish Fingers **1,8**<br>Cheese & Bean Burrito **1,7 V**<br>Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**<br><br>Chips,<br>Peas<br>Baked Beans<br>Cucumber sticks<br><br>Crispy Cookie **1,3,7,16**<br>Yoghurt **3,7**<br>Fruit Pots **VG** |

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10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

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# Woodchurch CE Primary School
# Community Notice Board

## Rotary Club of Tenterden
## Christmas Story Competition 2026

Pupils from year 1 to year 6 are asked to write an original story with a Christmas theme, or a Winter theme, unaided and in their own handwriting.

The story should be neatly presented on A4 paper if possible, comprising of around 150 words and may be decorated.

The pupil's name, year group, together with the name of the school, should be included on the reverse side of their story.

**Entries need to be in by Wednesday 2 December** to the school office.

Prizes for the winner for each year will be awarded

| Winner | Runner-up | Third | |
|---|---|---|---|
| £25 book token | £20 book token | £15 book token | £10 book token |

In addition some "Highly Commended" £10 prizes will be awarded.

**Good luck!**

## Sam Carlton Tennis Coaching

*Junior Coaching Programmes at Bethersden, Pluckley & Woodchurch Tennis Clubs*

LTA

Sessions running on weekdays and Saturday mornings
All levels welcome from beginner to advanced

Group & individual lessons for all ages

Please contact me if you're interested in joining the next term!




Adult coaching also available through the week.

**Sam Carlton**
LTA Level 3 Licensed Coach
07564 859007
samcarlton777@gmail.com

## Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE entry




Follow clues, explore real crime stories, discover fascinating police equipment, and enjoy interactive displays.

Learn how crimes were solved in the past and see unusual objects from more than 200 years of Kent Police history.

**Looking for something to do this October half term?**

The museum will be open from **Tuesday 27 October** to **Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm**. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.

Kent Police Museum

Bringing Our History to Life

kentpolicemuseum
@kpolicemuseum

www.kent.police.uk/kent-museum
Email: museum@kent.police.uk
Telephone 01795 433028

## 2026 Smarden Christmas Fair

**Smarden Charter Hall**

**Sat 31 October**
**11am to 3.30pm**

FREE ENTRY

Accessible toilets

**Buy your Christmas gifts**

- HOME MADE CRAFTS
- UP-CYCLED ITEMS
- LOCAL JEWELRY
- OILS & SOAPS
- JAMS & CHUTNEYS
- TEAS & CAKES

& MUCH MORE...

*Bring cash; not all stallholders can take cards*

- Compassion
- Hope
- Forgiveness
- Thankfulness
- Love

❤ Let your light shine... Matthew 5:16



# The Yoga Man

Yoga lessons for children aged 5-11

Contact Simeon Wright

The Yoga Man_ The Yoga Man

simeonwright91@gmail.com

A place where children can

• Be positive • Feel Calm • Grow • Have Fun

Wednesdays after school 3:15pm - 4:15pm

£8 per session, paid termly directly to Simeon.



kae Family Learning

kent adult education

# HAPPY THOUGHTS JAR

Positive thinking with your child in this fun and creative workshop.

Join us for some crafty family fun time, where you can remember positive and happy thoughts and memories together.

**Where:**

**Ashford North Family Hub**

**Mabledon Avenue**

**Ashford TN24 8BJ**

**Date:**:

**30/10/2026**

**Time:**:

**1.30pm – 3.30pm**

**To book a place please contact:**
03000 418600 or
Ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

Kent Adult Education is part of Community Learning and Skills

**For more information scan the QR code**

**kentadulteducation.co.uk**

**FREE, Fun & Informal**

# WHY I LOVE ASHFORD COMPETITION

## WHAT IS THE MAIN REASON YOU LOVE ASHFORD?

Ashford Borough Council is inviting school children and students to show what they love about Ashford. This can be by drawing a picture or taking a photo of a special place, activity or memory, with a short explanation of why it is special.




### AGE CATEGORIES

- Primary school children: under 11s
- Secondary school children: 11–16 years
- Further education students: sixth form and college students

### HOW TO ENTER

Email your entry to competition@ashford.gov by 5pm on Friday 30 October, or post it to: Ashford Borough Council, Communications Team, International House, Dover Place, Ashford, TN23 1HU. Include the child's name, age, school or college, and a parent or guardian's contact details.

### DATES

Opens Friday 25 September
Closes 5pm Friday 30 October

### PRIZES

Three winners (one from each age category) will each receive £100 of Love2shop vouchers.

Winning entries may also appear on hoardings across the town centre as well as on the Love Ashford website, Ashford For You magazine, and Ashford Borough Council and Love Ashford social media channels.

### COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Your entry must fit one of the age categories.
- It must be your own original image, not created by someone else.
- It must be landscape format and A4 or A3.
- Submit it as a JPEG or PDF attachment, not embedded in the email body.
- Submit a high-resolution file of at least 300 dpi.

Good luck!

## Ashford Borough Council – Why I Love Ashford competition

**What is the main reason you Love Ashford?**

Ashford Borough Council (ABC) is launching a competition with school children and students to find out the best reasons why we Love Ashford!

Is there something you love doing, a place you like to visit, a special memory you have? To enter our competition either draw a picture or take a photo of that location, activity or moment along with a short explanation of why it is special to you.

**Entries can be submitted via email to competition@ashford.gov.uk by the end of October.**

There will be three age categories:

- Primary school children (under 11s)
- Secondary school children (11- to 16-year-olds)
- Further education students (six form, college students).

ABC also asks that the name of the child, their age and their school/college are included with every submission, as well as a parent or guardian's contact details, so we know who to contact if they win.

Winners will receive £100 of Love 2 Shop vouchers. (There are three prizes in total – one winner per age category).

The winners will also have their submissions included on hoardings displayed around the town as well as on the Love Ashford website and in a future edition of Ashford For You magazine. They will also be shared on Ashford Borough Council and Love Ashford's social media channels.

**The competition opens on Friday 25 September and the closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 30 October.**

Entries can be submitted via email or by post: Ashford Borough Council, Communications Team, International House, Dover Place, Ashford, TN23 1HU.

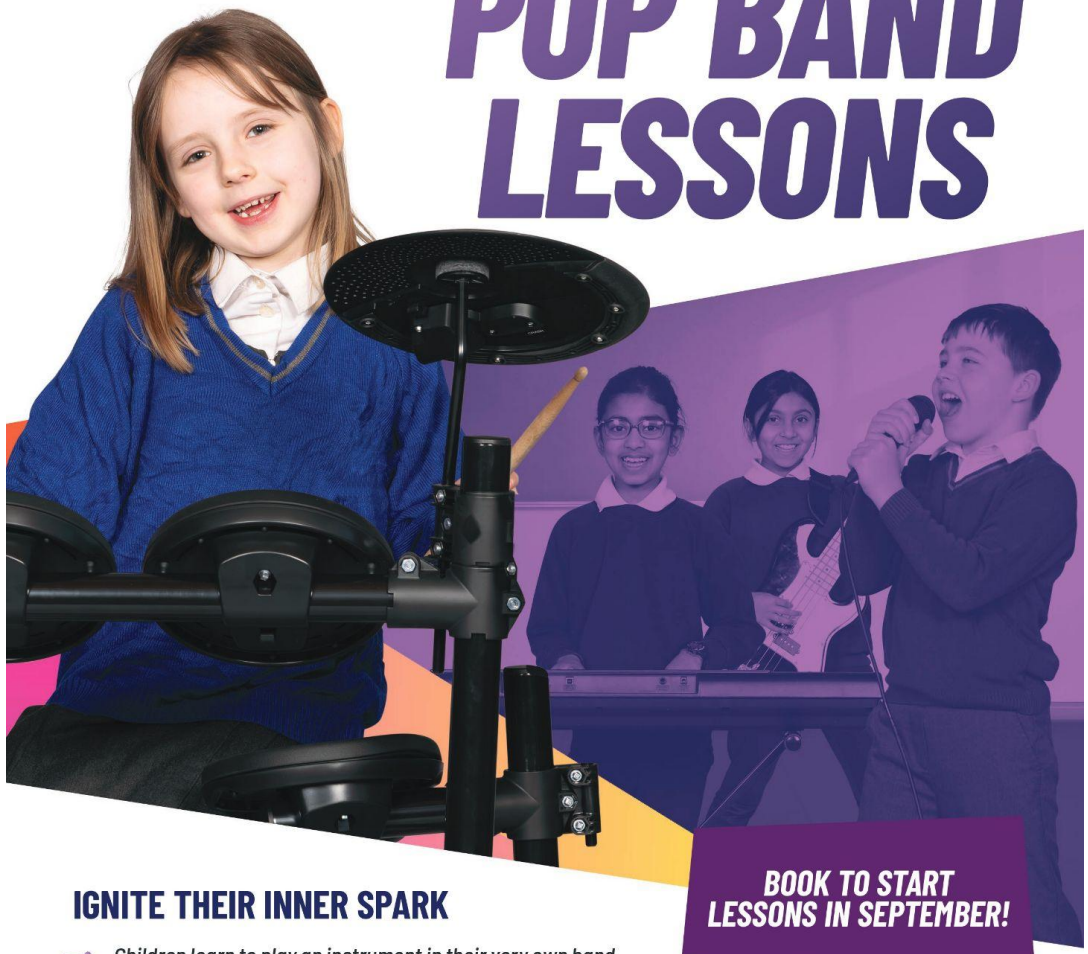
**Competition guidelines**

- Entrants must be within the specific age categories set out above
- It must be their own original image (no cheating parents!)
- It must be in landscape format and either A4 or A3
- It must be a jpeg or pdf attachment (not embedded in the body of an email)
- It must be supplied as a high resolution (at least 300dpi)
- ABC staff or direct family members cannot enter the competition

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