



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SHEPHERDSWELL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

5TH SEPTEMBER 2025



It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week, and an extra special hello to our new starters!

Our new Antarctica Class have begun their school journey: Ahana, Holly, Alexandra, Freddie, Sonny, Connie, Henry, Jenson, Lyra, Penelope, Leo, Florence F, Kanan, Teddy G, Colette, Hallie, Robyn, Archie, Millie, Lottie, Xandro, Florence L, Remy, Teddy M, Lando, Rosie, Joss, Jude, Matilda, Nate & Daisy. They've had a great start with some part-time sessions and will be with us full time from Monday.

We're also delighted to welcome Fifi to South America Class and Cady to North America Class. We know they'll make lots of new friends and soon feel right at home.

We're pleased to have everyone together again and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

A gentle reminder to please drive no faster than 5mph on the school site.

With children crossing, your care helps keep everyone safe!



## Ready for All-Weather!

To make sure children can enjoy their OPAL playtimes whatever the weather, please ensure they have named wellies and waterproofs in school every day. This way, they can take full advantage of outdoor fun, rain or shine!

## East Kent Ploughing Match

The East Kent Ploughing Match will be held at Quex Park on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

As in previous years, if parents wish to take their children to this event, this absence will be authorised as an educational visit.

Please give your consent through the payment section of the app so that it can be recorded as an authorised absence.

## Clubs

Great news! Our new clubs will be announced next week and these will begin w/c 15th September.



## MEET THE TEACHER



Our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held next week (except for Y6, which will be held the following week), these will be held straight after school until 4:00pm (except Year 5, which will be at 5:30pm). During these sessions, children are welcome to go to CAS for quiet colouring or cartoons.

**Mon 8th Sept - Year 3**

**Tues 9th Sept - Year 2**

**Wed 10th Sept - Year 1**

**Thurs 11th Sept - Year 4**

**Thurs 11th Sept - Year 5 (5:30pm)**

**Thurs 18th Sept - Year 6**

We look forward to seeing you there!



We would like to remind all parents and carers that we are a nut-free school. Some members of our school community have severe nut allergies, so we kindly ask that you do not send any products containing nuts in your child's packed lunch. This includes items such as hazelnut spreads (e.g. Nutella).

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.



THANK YOU!



No parking

We kindly ask parents and carers not to drive into the school car park in the mornings, unless you have a blue badge or a special agreement with the school to do so.

For everyone's safety, please use the following alternatives:

- **Park around the green or on neighbouring streets and walk in.**
- **Use the mini-roundabout for a quick drop-off.**

Thank you for helping us keep our school site safe and accessible for staff and children.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September

Hudson (Y1)  
Honey-May (Y4)  
Darwin (Y6)



JEANS  
FOR  
GENES

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
September

Children are welcome to wear jeans to school in exchange for a minimum £1 cash donation to the Jeans for Genes charity. Normal school tops and shoes/trainers must be worn.

❄️ ICE PACKS ❄️

If your child brings home an ice pack after a bump or knock, please return it to school the next day. Our stocks have been running low, and replacing them comes at a cost to the school. Thank you for your support!



## PTA UPDATES



Our PTA AGM is happening on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall at 4:30pm.

We'd love to see new faces and welcome anyone interested in getting involved.

Please come along, meet other parents, and have your say in making our school even better!

## DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

SEPTEMBER 2025

- ☒ CEREAL
- ☒ UHT MILK
- ☒ FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- ☒ TINNED FISH
- ☒ TINNED MEAT
- ☒ JAM AND SPREADS
- ☒ NOODLES
- ☒ CUSTARD
- ☒ TINNED VEGETABLES
- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ MALE & FEMALE DEODORANTS
- ☒ SHAMPOO
- ☒ LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- ☒ CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE NOTE  
We have plenty  
of pasta & pulses

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Join us in the school hall on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 9–11am for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It would be great to see as many of you as possible! It's a wonderful opportunity for new parents to meet each other, enjoy some tea or coffee, and share a slice of cake and all for a great cause!



Please click on the Facebook logo to take you to our Facebook page, please follow for news and updates.



## TERM 1- DIARY DATES

Date	Event
8th-12th September	Meet the Teacher Sessions
Thursday 11th September	Kent Test
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Folkestone Triennial - KS2 Trip
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	East Kent Ploughing Match
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9-11am World's Biggest Coffee Morning (Macmillan Cancer Support)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA AGM - 4.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	All Sorts Music Concert (for private music lesson pupils)
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Family & Individual Photos
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term 1