



Lympe Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026



Let Your Light Shine

Friendship, Respect, Courage, Resilience

Dear Parents and Carers

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE award

Well done to this week's winners:

Shining Light	Spotted by	For
Maeve in Cherry Class	Miss Bell	Being the most wonderful morning helper! Her smile brightens my day and she helps Willow Class be ready for the day!
Nyla in Sycamore Class	Miss Jessop	Being helpful, considerate, kind and proactive

Well done to this week's attendance champions:

Willow	Maple	Cherry	Beech	Sycamore	Oak	Elm
91.8%	98.8%	91%	98.1%	99.1%	100%	91.8%

Attendance certificates will be coming home at the beginning of term 2 for all the children who have achieved 95%+ attendance this term.

Oak Class enjoyed an exciting and immersive Viking Day, bringing their history learning to life through a range of hands-on activities. Pupils



examined Viking artefacts and investigated their uses, learned to play the traditional Viking game *Nine Men's Morris*, created their own bags of runes, and took part in trading activities inspired by Viking trading routes across the world.

The children also sampled a traditional Viking stew, composed their own Kennings poems, and worked together to recreate a Viking longship and shield wall in preparation for a raid. The day was filled with enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent teamwork.

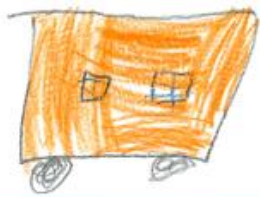
A special well done to Oak Class. Their fantastic costumes (thank you to the parents), positive attitude and eagerness to participate made the day a tremendous success. Mrs Clayton was incredibly proud of their engagement and enthusiasm throughout the experience.



Well done to Maple Class for being brilliant 'Agents of Change' and making a real difference, including teaching the children from Badger's Bridge nursery about road safety. We are so proud of you!

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can we please have
220 reflective arm
bands for our
school? Please help
keep us safe.
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From Henry



Key Stage 2 enjoyed a brilliant inter-house sports competition this week. Mrs Everitt writes: This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to consolidate the rounders skills they have been developing throughout the term in a fun and competitive environment. Representing their houses with pride, every child demonstrated excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and determination, while consistently showing our school values throughout the event. The matches were close, making for an exciting morning of sport. Congratulations to Respect House, who won the Year 3/4 competition, and Friendship House, who were victorious in the Year 5/6 category. With the combined scores from both age groups, Courage House were crowned the overall champions. We are incredibly proud of all pupils for their enthusiasm, resilience and positive attitude, making the event a great success.



Forest School Update from Rocky Richardson

Our Autumn inspired sessions continued this week and Cherry Class had a beautiful, bright, crisp day for it! We started with a competitive and action-packed game centred around a squirrel collecting nuts for winter!

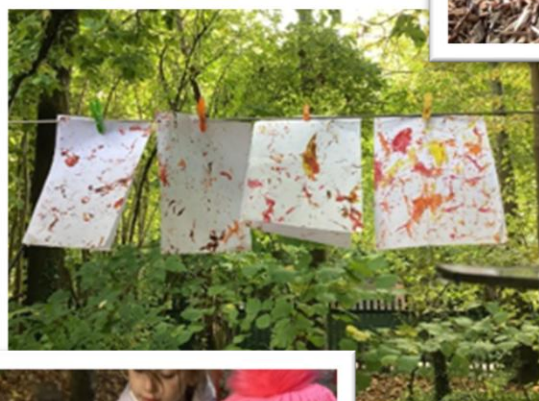
The children had the opportunity to make a variety of items using conkers and drills - there were pencil toppers, necklaces, a crocodile, spinners and more! Some children had a go at playing the traditional conkers game as well as using them to play conker boules and tic tac toe. We also used conkers, paint and lots of wiggling to create some fantastic autumnal modern art!

A particular highlight was cooking cinnamon apple slices on the fire - yum! Cherry Class were really safe and sensible. The mud kitchen produced some delicacies too - lasagne, chocolate brownies and more!

We did some beautiful autumn leaf Hapa Zome printing, made conker God's eye decorations and had a try at lighting mini fires with the flint and steel - this proved very tricky with small hands, so some assistance was needed, but the children showed great perseverance - particularly Kobe.

Cherry Class did a fantastic job of laying the remainder of our woodchip 'flooring' to stabilise the muddy ground as the weather changes - well done!





Maple Class were also lucky with the weather! We played the squirrel game again as Cherry Class enjoyed it earlier in the week and shared some of Maple class's newly adopted Forest School names - I particularly liked Cloudy Cleo!

The children really tested their tool and fine motor skills to make conker and log slice jewellery- using the bow saw, palm drills and 'the pokey stick' - essential for threading! Ezra became the teacher, helping her friends after she'd mastered it!

Lots of children made leaf/conker/pipe cleaner caterpillars as well as using our leaf shaped stamps on seasonal leaves to add autumnal colour to a painted tree outline. We also used the conkers in a variety of games - tic tac toe and boules!

A group of children built a theme park with two slide options - a water slide for children with waterproofs on and a dry slide for those without! Noellia used decorated leaves and string to make a beautiful kite while some serious catering took place in the mud kitchen courtesy of Maddox and Jesse - just 10 leaves for mashed potato!

In the afternoon, we continued with the creativity and celebrated our fabulous day with a fire, hot chocolate and a story - perfect! Well done Maple Class!





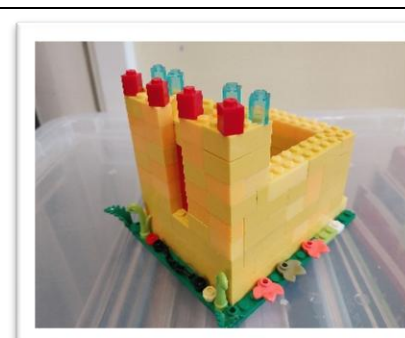
Term 1 Lego Club News

Well, it's been a crazy term of building! A full complement of 15 (+ one extra!) builders have been super-busy creating masterpiece after masterpiece each week, always with smiles on their faces, plenty of excited shouting and a great deal of never-ending enthusiasm!

It's been all about the accessories so, a few weeks into the term, I took a trip to the Lego Store at Stratford and stocked up on flora, fauna, fire, ice, brickly bricks, spider webs, towers and, most important of all.....more wine glasses/goblets and chains! I did also get the full set of Shrek Minifigures for myself, so a very fruitful trip indeed, and no more fighting over and reserving chains!

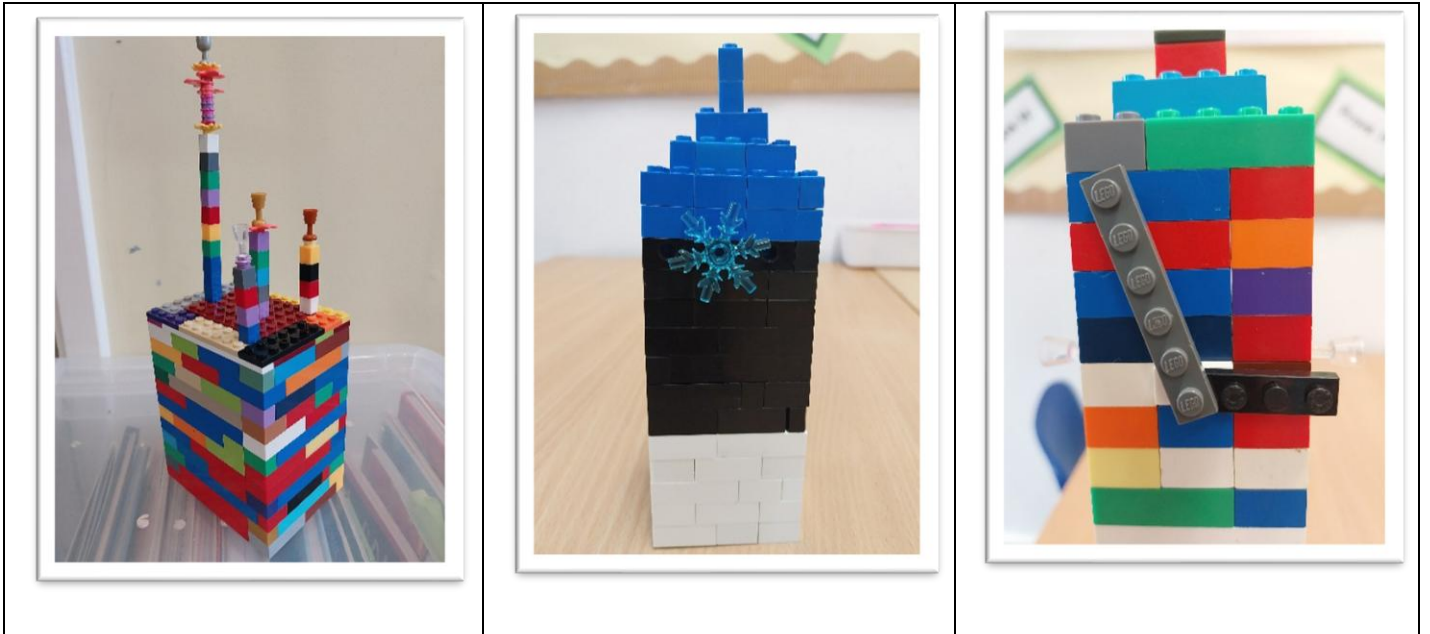


This term's theme has been all about the Fabulous History of Britain and we've built everything from Stonehenge to Cathedrals, Dinosaurs to Castles, Crowns to Big Ben and, my favourite week of all: Roman Baths.



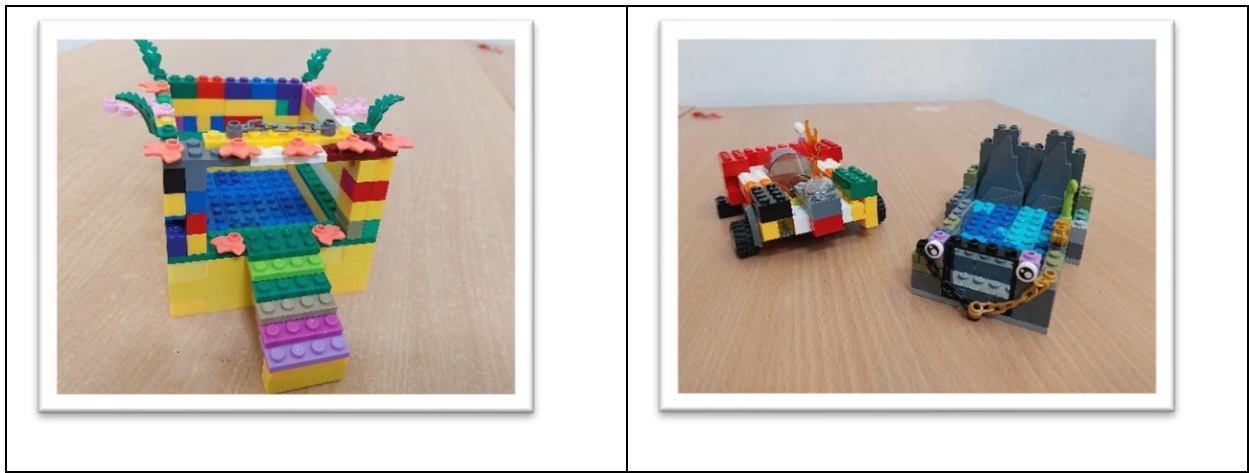
We've welcomed a number of new builders this term, mostly from Year 2, all of whom have worked so hard on their ideas and builds. Particular shout-outs to Sebby, whose imagination and creativity are out of this world and to Finn, who has really grown in confidence as the weeks have

progressed. Henry has been upholding his position as Chief Engineer and many thanks to him, Casey and Lydia for setting up the classroom each week – I couldn't be without you! Bruno keeps us motivated with his Club motto, "We can always do better!" and we do always outshine the Kids With Bricks example build every week! Ursula has really established herself in the Lego Team, often working with some of our longest-serving members Sebastien and William, who have come up with some fabulous creations together. Although not always on theme, William's builds are just the best, always with a crazy back story, covered in eyes and just brilliant! His wild enthusiasm is just so infectious and brings so much joy to us all!



Ruben, Luca, Kayden and Cody have brought different building techniques to the team, with Kayden creating some really well-engineered builds and Ruben using imagination and careful building techniques to create really solid builds. Luca has been loving the accessories and Cody has been so creative with his building.





Ezra often builds in miniature but still manages to add a huge amount of detail and Joe is our purveyor of moving parts and action-packed builds – if only he had many more hours to keep building! Last but certainly not least is Reef, whose science brain always thinks so deeply about his construction and the stories that accompany his builds, as well as the moving parts, explosions and hidden secrets are just incredible to hear! Another mention for Lydia too, as she is invaluable as my timekeeper.....although apologies that we're often late coming out, there's just so much going on and the builders do like to arrange their completed structures on the display shelves themselves!

Thursday afternoons are one of my favourite times of the week and your children bring me and each other so much joy and laughter each and every week! I can't wait for next term, to see what wonderful creations we can build in Lego Club.

Thank you for your continued support with the club and I wish you a happy and restful half term holiday.

Yours in Lego-ing,

Mrs Ransley

Water Bottles

Please remember to send children in with a named water bottle every day, ideally with a built-in straw or sports-type cap. Thank you!



Shred Club at F51

Through our partnership with The Sports Trust, pupils from our school are eligible for the Shred Club at F51 in Folkestone. If your child would like to join you will need to take along a printed letter, copies of which are available from the school office.

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CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE JOINED OUR SHRED CLUB!

Your school is eligible for our Shred Club membership for all your pupils aged 5 - 15 to access this academic year.

Pupils can access Shred Club one session a week during term time on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (excluding event days & weekends).

Please present this letter at the F51 reception with your parent or guardian to sign up. Upon sign up pupils will be charged at £12 for one year from the date of sign up for entry to Shred Club.

Hire of equipment such as helmets, scooters, skateboards and pads are an additional cost however pupils may bring their own.

Parking Reminder

- ✓ Blue Badge holders only to park in the disabled bay at the front of the school
- ✓ Please use the school driveway for quick drop-offs and pick-ups only
- ✓ Please allow those with limited mobility priority access to the few remaining spaces and park outside the school driveway wherever possible



PE Kit Days

Term 2 2026

Monday	Year 2 and 5
Tuesday	Year R, 2, 3 and 5
Wednesday	Year 6
Thursday	Year 1, 4 and 6
Friday	Year R, 1 and 4

Calendar – October / November 2026

26	27	28	29	30
Half term				
2	3	4	5	6
Staff training day	Term begins for pupils		Year R Forest School	Reception place 2027 - KCC applications open
Secondary school applications for September 2027 close at midnight			Year 3 swimming	Celebration Worship at 2:40 - all welcome
9	10	11	12	13
Year 6 Forest School			Year 1 Forest School	Celebration Worship at 2:40 - all welcome
			Year 3 swimming	Children in Need Day - wear your own clothes (and something spotty if you'd like to!) in exchange for an online donation to bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Have a great half term and thank you for all your support this term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Kind regards

Melanie Nash
Headteacher

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 kentonlinedmissions@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.



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.

MYTH #2

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

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 

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

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You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

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

TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

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



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Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2027

**KCC residents apply online at
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**Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes
at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026**

For children born between
1 September 2015
and **31 August 2016**,
Transferring to Secondary
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 Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary 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 **Tuesday 1 September 2026** and closes at midnight on **Monday 2 November 2026**. Other LA deadlines may differ.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

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

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 1 March 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 **Monday 15 March 2027**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If we have not offered 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 if your child is eligible for admission.

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Key dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15th March 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 eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13th April 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.

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Online Courses November 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
155536	Strategies to Support your Autistic Child Webinar	03/11/26	03/11/26	Tuesday	19:00	20:00
155893	Supporting your Child with Language (ESOL)	03/11/26	24/11/26	Tuesday	10:30	12:30
155898	Understanding your Teenager	09/11/26	30/11/26	Monday	19:00	21:00
154967	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	10/11/26	10/11/26	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
155531	Strategies To Support your Teen's Positive Friendships Webinar	11/11/26	11/11/26	Wednesday	19:00	20:00
155755	Self-Harm Awareness Webinar	11/11/26	11/11/26	Wednesday	19:00	20:00
155896	Family First Aid	11/11/26	11/11/26	Wednesday	10:00	12:00
155897	Strategies to Support your Child with English (7-11 years) - Webinar	20/11/26	20/11/26	Friday	11:00	12:00
155905	Fathers Matter	25/11/26	25/11/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
155894	Calm together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child	25/11/26	25/11/26	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
155900	Self-Harm Awareness Webinar	26/11/26	26/11/26	Thursday	19:00	20:00
155903	Strategies to Support your Autistic Child Webinar	26/11/26	26/11/26	Thursday	19:00	20:00



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Online Courses December 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
ONL/155895/R/PF	Supporting your child with Phonics	03/12/26	03/12/26	Thursday	12:30	14:30
ONL/155899/R/PF	Strategies to Support Your Child with Maths (7-11 yrs) - Webinar	09/12/26	09/12/26	Wednesday	11:00	12:00
ONL/155902/R/PF	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	07/12/26	07/12/26	Monday	19:00	20:00
ONL/155989/R/PF	Family First Aid	08/12/26	08/12/26	Tuesday	10:00	12:00
ONL/155806/R/PF	Supporting Your Teenager with their Mental Health	01/12/26	01/12/26	Tuesday	12:45	14:45
ONL/155901/R/PF	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	09/12/26	09/12/26	Wednesday	10:00	12:00
ONL/155904/R/PF	Navigating the Perimenopause & Menopause Workshop	09/12/26	09/12/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/155907/R/PF	Supporting your Neuro-Diverse Child to eat Healthily	17/12/26	17/12/26	Thursday	09:30	11:30



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