Newsletter

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Friday 16th October
Term 1 Week 7



(PC) = Parents & Carers are invited

SCHOOL DATES For your Calendar

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER	Parent/teacher meetings 3.30-5.30pm (PC)
TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER	Teddy Bears' Picnic – Badgers Class 2.15pm (PC)
WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER	Parent/teacher meetings 4.30-7.30pm (PC)
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER	Odd/Funky Socks Day & second hand book sale to support Tiny Toes
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER	October Birthday Celebrations – 9am WJS | 2.45pm WIS (PC)
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER	Last school day of Term 1
FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER	Staff development day
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER	Term 2 begins
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	Big Breakfast Quiz Years 1 & 2 8.20am (PC)
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	Big Breakfast Quiz Years 3 & 4 8.20am (PC)
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	Big Breakfast Quiz Years 5 & 6 8.20am (PC)

An events calendar for Terms 1 & 2 is available on the school websites.

Message from Mr. Head!

Wow, we have just finished week seven - where has the time gone? We have one more week before we have a well-earned half term!

Hello Yellow Day was a great success. We were so proud to see so many children wearing all kinds of yellow in support of Young Minds UK and we can confirm that over £407.56 was raised! Thank you all for your generous support.
The EYFS teddy bear picnics have been an absolute joy. It's been wonderful to see so many parents joining us, sharing in the lovely songs and enjoying a biscuit with their little ones. We really have been so impressed with how our EYFS pupils have settled into life at Willesborough. These moments between home and school are truly precious, and we're grateful for your participation. There is a lot going on in the next week including parent and teacher meetings, more Teddy Bear Picnics and October Birthday assemblies!

Parents Evening Appointments
Parents evening appointments are now live on Arbor. Thank you to those who have already booked an appointment to meet your child's teacher. If you haven't, there is still time to do so. The parents evening appointments are as follows:
Monday 19th October, 3:30-5:30pm: **all classes**
Tuesday 20th October, 4:30-7:30pm: **Badgers only (due to staff availability)**
Wednesday 21st October, 4:30-7:30pm: **all classes except Badgers and Rabbits**
Thursday 22nd October, 4:30-7:30pm: **Rabbits only (due to staff availability)**

Staff Development Day
An important date for your diaries: Friday 23rd October is a staff development day, so the school will be closed for all pupils. Unfortunately, we are unable to run holiday provision on this date. The last day for our pupils will be on Thursday 22nd October.

Prospective EYFS Parent Open Sessions – Book Now!
We're excited to welcome prospective families to our open sessions taking place throughout November. If you know someone with a child starting school in September 2026, please encourage them to contact the school office to book a time to come and see us in action. We'd love to show them what makes our school so special!

Pupil Premium
Did you know that checking your child's eligibility for Free School Meals could help us receive additional funding to benefit every child at Willesborough? By updating your details in Arbor, you're helping us make sure our school receives the funding we're entitled to, so we can continue providing valuable support and opportunities for our pupils.

Simply add your date of birth and National Insurance number to Arbor, and we'll check whether your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and additional support. Even if you don't think you'll be eligible, it's always worth checking. If you'd prefer to check your eligibility yourself, you can do so by clicking here.

Have a lovely weekend!
Tom Head

Willesborough Junior School
Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk** **Juniors** Telephone: 01233 620405
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk

Willesborough Infant School
Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk** **Infants** Telephone: 01233 624165
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

Notices

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Hello from a SENCO



Hi everyone!

As many of you already know, I have been teaching here for the past 6 years, but I am absolutely thrilled to be stepping into my new role as the infant SENCO! To give you a little more background, I've been teaching for 15 years across a huge variety of settings, ranging from the smallest to the largest schools. Outside of the classroom, I am a busy mum to two children of my own, and when I get a spare moment, you can usually find me playing netball or curled up with a good book. I am really passionate about working together to support our families, and I'm delighted to be working with Mr Luckhurst at the junior school. Together, we will be planning regular coffee mornings throughout the year—it would be wonderful to meet as many of you in person as possible!

Speaking of inspiration, my youngest son was recently shown a video at his school and came home eagerly explaining to me how adults could connect better with children. It led me to watch **this incredible TED Talk by Molly Wright**, a very young speaker who shares powerful ways to help your child thrive. I was just as inspired by her message as my son was, and I highly recommend giving it a watch!

With the half-term break just around the corner, here are a few quick and easy ideas to build play into your day:
To build imagination and empathy: Try a game of "People Bingo" or role-playing while you walk. Pick a passerby or a neighbour and gently wonder out loud together what their day looks like, what job they might do, or how they might be feeling. To build vocabulary and attention: Play a focused game of "I Spy" but with a twist. Instead of just letters, use descriptive adjectives and rich vocabulary—like looking for something "crimson," "microscopic," "brittle," or "weathered"—to make them really pause and scan their environment. To build memory and trust: Try a classic trust walk! Have your child close their eyes while you safely guide them by the hand or give them clear, step-by-step verbal directions to navigate a safe path. Afterward, swap roles and let them guide you, which builds amazing mutual confidence and requires them to recall the safe steps you just took.
I look forward to seeing you all around the school gates and at our upcoming coffee mornings!

School emails next week

During the first few days of next week, we are transitioning to a different email system. While we don't anticipate that any emails will be likely not to get delivered, it may be that they are delayed in arriving with us by a few hours to a day or two at most. If you need to contact the school about an urgent matter, please consider doing so by telephone to ensure it can be dealt with promptly.

We will be doing our best to minimise any potential disruption this may cause, and our IT team will be focusing heavily on this process to ensure it runs as smoothly as possible with minimal impact on communications.

Willesborough Junior School
Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk** **Juniors** Telephone: 01233 620405
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk

Willesborough Infant School
Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk** **Infants** Telephone: 01233 624165
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

Notices

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Charity Council

We are incredibly proud of our brand-new Charity Council! Following an amazing response of **226** pupils expressing an interest in joining, our eight founding members have thrown themselves into their new roles.

The children have been learning about different charities, sharing creative ideas, listening to different viewpoints and working together as a team. After researching a range of causes and holding their very first democratic vote, they chose Tiny Toes as the first charity they would like to support, a cause with a very special connection to one of our council members.

Now they are turning their ideas into action! **On 22 October, the Charity Council will be holding an Odd/Funky Socks Day alongside a second-hand book sale to raise money and awareness for Tiny Toes.**

If you have any unwanted children's books in good condition, please send them into school by 21 October. Books will be available at the sale for a suggested donation of 50p–£1, and don't forget your brightest, funniest or oddest socks on the 22nd! We couldn't be prouder of the compassion, enthusiasm and teamwork our founding members have already shown. They are proving exactly what Charity Council is all about: looking beyond our own experiences, noticing where others may need support and asking, "How can we help?"

What a fantastic start from a fantastic group of children!

New school gates

We would like to remind families of the following important information:

- **Please note that vehicular access to the site for parents/carers is not permitted before 4.30pm except by prior agreement. This includes breakfast club dropoff.**
- **Do not attempt to follow other vehicles through the gates, as this risks damage to your own vehicle and to the gates. The schools cannot be held responsible for this if it happens.**
- **The site has a posted 5mph speed limit. Please abide by this limit even if you cannot see any adults or children walking around – it only takes a split second for someone to appear and for their life to be changed by a serious injury. The speed limit is there to help keep your children and our community safe.**
- The Highfield Road gate will remain closed to **all** vehicular access/egress between the existing signposted times of 8.25am-9am and 2.45pm-3.30pm. This is for the safety of staff, families and children.
- The pedestrian access at both ends of the site will still be kept open as usual during the normal school drop off and pick up times – there will be no need to use the intercom to request access.
- Driving in to the site to collect your child from After School Club after 4.30pm is permitted and the vehicle gates will be open.
- To exit onto Church Road, simply press the green button on the pedestal near the gate to unlock it and pull the gate open.
- The pedestrian gates do not open automatically. Please be careful when pulling and pushing these gates as they are metal and the locking system protrudes from the gates. **Improper use risks injury.** We have taken measures to reduce this, but please be aware when leaving through these gates.
- The intercom on the Church Road gate is not currently working, so this gate is being left open. The Highfield Road gates are unaffected and will continue to remain closed with intercoms in operation. We anticipate the intercom being repaired next week.

Willesborough Junior School
Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk** **Juniors** Telephone: 01233 620405
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk

Willesborough Infant School
Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk** **Infants** Telephone: 01233 624165
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

Attendance

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Attendance Update

We are delighted that both the Infant and Junior Schools are currently exceeding our attendance target of 96%. This is a fantastic start to the school year and reflects the commitment of our pupils and families to making every school day count. Good attendance has such an important impact on children's learning, wellbeing and progress, so thank you for your continued support in getting children into school every day and on time. Let's keep this positive start going! As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties with your child's attendance, please contact us. We are here to support families and work together to overcome any barriers.



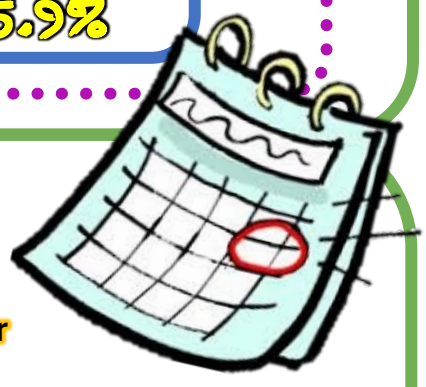
THIS WEEK:

JUNIORS: 96.1%
INFANTS: 95.2%

Attendance Matters ...every school day counts!

THIS YEAR:

JUNIORS: 96.6%
INFANTS: 95.9%



Term Dates for 2026 / 2027

Autumn Term 1 (T1):
~~Start: Wednesday~~ 2nd September
End: Friday 23rd October
Half Term: 26th October – 30th October

Autumn Term 2 (T2):
Start: Monday 2nd November
End: Friday 18th December
Christmas Holiday: 21st December – 1st January

Spring Term 1 (T3):
Start: Monday 4th January
End: Friday 12th February
Half Term: 15th February – 19th February

Spring Term 2 (T4):
Start: Monday 22nd February
End: Thursday 25th March
Easter Holiday: 26th March – 9th April

Summer Term 1 (T5):
Start: Monday 12th April
End: Friday 28th May
Half Term: 31st May – 4th June

Summer Term 2 (T6):
Start: Monday 7th June
End: Wednesday 21st July

Staff Development Days for 2026/2027

~~Tuesday 1st September~~ Friday 23rd October Friday 18th December Friday 28th May Wednesday 21st July

Staff Development Days for 2027/2028

We know some families like to plan well ahead, so we will add the staff development days for the next school year here when they are finalised at a later date.

Willesborough Junior School
Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk** **Juniors** Telephone: 01233 620405
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk

Willesborough Infant School
Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk** **Infants** Telephone: 01233 624165
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

THE WILLESBOROUGH SCHOOLS

'Wonder Inspire Shine'

OPEN SESSIONS

WILLESBOROUGH INFANT SCHOOL

Monday 9th November 9-10am

Tuesday 10th November 9-10am

Wednesday 11th November 9-10am

Thursday 12th November 9-10am

Thursday 19th November 6-7pm

Come and see what Willesborough can offer your child starting EYFS in 2027!

Call 01233 624165 to book your place.

Wonder - Inspire - Shine

Leadership, Aspiration, Determination, Responsibility, Respect.

Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

THE WILLESBOROUGH SCHOOLS

'Wonder Inspire Shine'

Willesborough Schools - Food & Nutrition Guide

Healthy Meals & Snacks



4 Main Food Groups



Varied Menus



Water Accessible

Strictly NO NUTS or Sesame

STRICTLY NO NUTS OR SESAME



Healthy Packed Lunches

Include these:

- ✓ Starchy Carb
- ✓ Protein Source
- ✓ Dairy Item
- ✓ Portion of Fruit & Veg

NO these:

- ✗ Fizzy Drinks
- ✗ Sweets & Chocolate
- ✗ Crisps
- ✗ Nut Spreads (e.g., Peanut Butter, Nutella)

Allergies & Safety



14 Allergens Tracked

(e.g., 🥚, 🐟, soy)



Safety Lanyards



Individual Healthcare Plans

'Wonder Inspire Shine'

Sign of the Week

(Makaton)

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Just not enough, I need...



Can you practice together at home?

Click here to watch a short video showing this week's sign.

You can also find interesting information about Makaton on our website by clicking here.

What is Makaton?

Makaton is a way of supporting communication using signs and symbols alongside speech.

Using signs can help make spoken language clearer and give children another way to express themselves while they are developing their communication skills.

Using Makaton does not stop children from talking. In fact, using signs alongside speech can help support communication and speech development.

Makaton can be used by everyone, not just children who have communication difficulties.

Using Makaton can help us to:

- Communicate with one another
- Express feelings and emotions
- Support spoken language
- Make communication easier to understand
- Build connections with others
- Help everyone feel included

Willesborough Junior School
Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk** **Juniors** Telephone: 01233 620405
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk

Willesborough Infant School
Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk** **Infants** Telephone: 01233 624165
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

Celebrating OPAL

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

As part of our OPAL Platinum Award celebration, children decorated a log slice to be contributed to this celebratory display at the Infant School, in the corridor outside the hall. After an absolutely enormous effort by Mrs Bingham to coordinate this taking place and then prepare and make the display, this is now finished! It's safe to say that you can see the sheer amount of effort put in by both her and the children.

We're immensely proud of the amazing work put into OPAL as a whole and we're sure you will agree that this is a fitting tribute to the impact that OPAL has had here at Willesborough. If you are attending parents evening or another event at the Infant School, please look out for it!


CLIMB
DEEP
SOCIAL
digging
Excellent
Nice
fun
Best
friends
Amazing
calm
amazing
jumping
EXPLORE
lovely
CHAT
excellent
games
Wellies
play
exciting
OPAL
happy
adventure
friend
CREATE
muddy
Happy
blocks
Joyful
Calming
Colouring
dens
Joyful
imagining
Creative
exciting
running
amazing
happy
playful
dancing
exciting
Field
Fun
wonder
music
safe
design
playing
sticks
The best
hopeful
stage
water
singing
brave
creating
fantastic
wow
FANTASY
ROUGH AND TUMBLE
SOCIAL
CREATE
great
joyful
DEEP
CREATE
muddy
fun
Happy
SOCIAL
CREATE
BRAVE
ROUGH AND TUMBLE
SOCIAL
SOCIAL
CREATE
TRUE PLAY
SOCIAL
ROUGH AND TUMBLE
SOCIAL
ROUGH AND TUMBLE
SOCIAL
ROUGH AND TUMBLE
SOCIAL
SOCIAL
SOCIAL

Karate Kid 2

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Last week we told you about Sophie from Turtles Class in Year 2 going to represent GREAT BRITAIN at the World Union of Martial Arts Federations' 4th World Championship! You must be wondering how she got on! Well we're very happy to announce that Willesborough has its very own WORLD CHAMPION KARATE KID!

Sophie proudly represented Great Britain, England and her karate club, Kojin-Kai Karate Club, competing alongside over 1,000 athletes from 30 countries. It was an amazing, overwhelming and probably one of the most tiring weekends she has experienced, but she absolutely loved it!

🥇 **Gold Medal– Kata**
6 years and under female category, competing against 7 other competitors on Saturday.

🥈 **Silver Medal– Jureken (Kickmaster)**
6–9 years female category, competing against 15 competitors on Sunday and showcasing her techniques across four rounds.

🥉 **Bronze Medal– Jureken (Kickmaster)**
6–9 years female category, competing against 28 girls across four rounds.
Sophie also took part in her very first light-contact Kumite (fighting) tournament. Although she sadly lost her fight against a competitor from Poland, she showed fantastic bravery, courage and determination by stepping onto the mat and giving it her best.

Kojin-Kai Karate Club's incredible overall results
Sophie was part of a fantastic team of 26 Kojin-Kai athletes competing at the World Championships. The club achieved an amazing 5 gold medals, 11 silver medals and 23 bronze medals, finishing 8th out of 95 teams!
This was alongside over 1,000 athletes from 30 countries, making the club's achievements even more special.

Mum Vicki said "We are incredibly proud of everything Sophie has achieved, especially at just six years old. She has worked so hard in training, and it was wonderful to see her confidence grow throughout the weekend."

Sophie isn't the only one in her family to be a martial arts expert – her brother Harry also won bronze in Jureken at the same event! Both are pictured below with their incredible coach, Millie Knight.

Everyone at Willesborough is incredibly proud of Sophie, and we hope you'll join us in congratulating her for her incredible achievements. If your child has done something fantastic outside of school, please feel free to let us know so we can share it with the community. We want everyone at Willesborough to feel that their successes are celebrated, even when they happen outside of school. Vicki did exactly this, to allow us to celebrate Sophie's amazing work and results.







Willesborough Junior School
Willesborough Infant School

Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk**
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk
Juniors Telephone: 01233 620405

Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk**
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk
Infants Telephone: 01233 624165

WOW Badges

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Willesborough Outstanding Work (WOW) badges are awarded in recognition of an excellent piece of work in any area of learning. The work is framed and displayed in 'The Hub' at the Junior School and in the corridor at the Infant School.



Here is a list of this week's worthy winners!

WEEKLY WOW AWARDS

Year R Badgers	Tomi	Year 3 Fletcher	Charlie
Year R Rabbits	Samaira	Year 3 Potter	Charlene
Year R Owls	Elody	Year 4 Monet	Ronnie
Year R Robins	Richen	Year 4 Doodle	Oscar
Year 1 Lions	Hadeezah	Year 4 Kahlo	Race
Year 1 Giraffes	Jacob H	Year 4 Turner	Reuben
Year 1 Elephants	Max	Year 5 Franklin	Tommy
Year 1 Pandas	Tommy	Year 5 Hepburn	Harrison
Year 2 Turtles	Brianna	Year 5 Turing	Lilly
Year 2 Penguins	Dominic	Year 5 Earhart	Frankie & Joshua
Year 2 Leopards	Aston	Year 6 Thunberg	Marcus
Year 2 Tigers	Olivia	Year 6 Wolff	Myla
Year 3 Morpurgo	Nathan	Year 6 Obama	Vinci
Year 3 Dahl	Hanzalah	Year 6 Parks	Lily

Great job everyone!
Keep up the AMAZING work!

Awards

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Value Awards

Our core value awards are awarded in recognition of excellent behaviour, especially in relation to one of the school's core values. Well done to this week's students who have shown the following values...





Year 3 Morpurgo	Grace	ASPIRATION
Year 3 Dahl	Aubrey	RESPECT
Year 3 Fletcher	Matilda	LEADERSHIP
Year 3 Potter	Eddie	DETERMINATION
Year 4 Monet	Isaac	RESPECT
Year 4 Doodle	Ollie	RESPONSIBILITY
Year 4 Kahlo	George	RESPECT
Year 4 Turner	Brandon	ASPIRATION
Year 5 Franklin	Grace	LEADERSHIP
Year 5 Hepburn	Daisy	LEADERSHIP
Year 5 Turing	Isla H	RESPECT
Year 5 Earhart	Elaine	RESPECT
Year 6 Thunberg	William	DETERMINATION
Year 6 Wolff	Sidney	DETERMINATION
Year 6 Obama	Tori	ASPIRATION
Year 6 Parks	Ralph	DETERMINATION

Shine Awards

The 'Shine' award is presented to children who have shown an exceptional commitment to behaviour throughout the week. They may have been excellent listeners who have supported their peers; they may have shown empathy towards their peers or may have shown a great commitment to behaviour for learning. It could be a multitude of reasons! The children receive a special 'You Shine' badge which they wear with pride.



Year R Badgers	Mitchelle
Year R Rabbits	Hallie
Year R Owls	Diya
Year R Robins	Aiden
Year 1 Lions	Kene
Year 1 Giraffes	Elliot
Year 1 Elephants	Dashwin
Year 1 Pandas	Cooper
Year 2 Turtles	Tapelo
Year 2 Penguins	Lucie
Year 2 Leopards	Aaliyah
Year 2 Tigers	Neilon

Willesborough Junior School
Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk** **Juniors** Telephone: 01233 620405
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk

Willesborough Infant School
Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk** **Infants** Telephone: 01233 624165
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

Book Battles

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World

Reading Challenge!

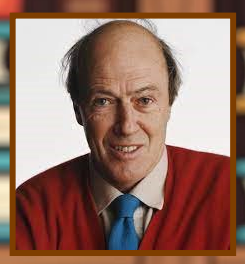
At Willesborough Junior School, we have the exciting reading challenge! Children are required to read their library books **4 x 20 mins each week**. Each 'read' needs to be signed into their reading record book. This 'four or more' challenge allows the children to compete weekly in the 'Book Battle' against the other classes in their year group, and this is celebrated each week in our celebration assembly.

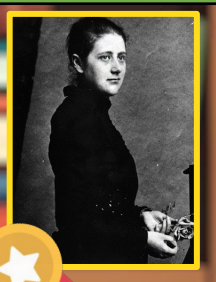
Find out below which class have had the most children read four or more times this week!

YR 3 BATTLE

This week's winners are **POTTER**

MORPURGO VS DAHL VS FLETCHER VS POTTER

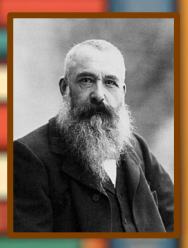



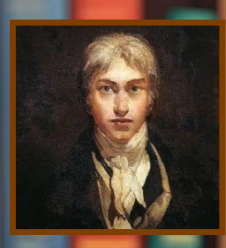


YR 4 BATTLE

This week's winners are **KAHLO**

MONET VS DOODLE VS KAHLO VS TURNER



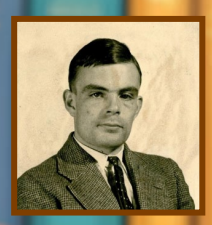



YR 5 BATTLE

This week's winners are **HEPBURN**

FRANKLIN VS HEPBURN VS TURING VS EARHART

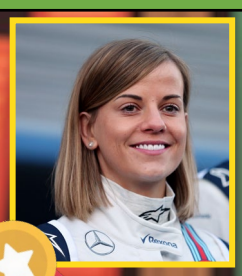





YR 6 BATTLE

This week's winners are **WOLFF**

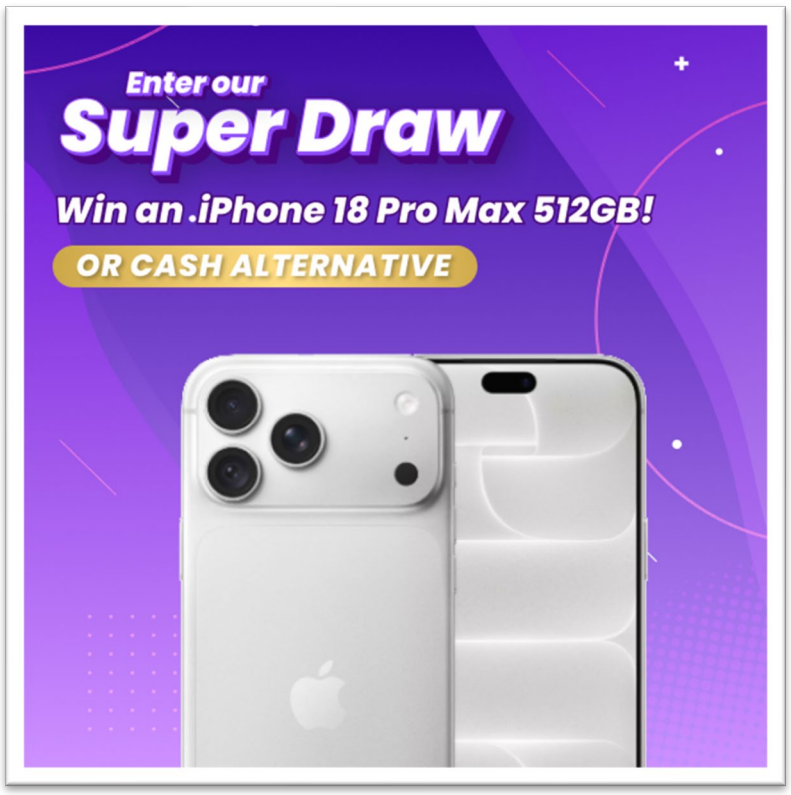
THUNBERG VS WOLFF VS OBAMA VS PARKS



Support Us

Wonder - Inspire - Shine
Shaping Minds, Shaping Our World



[Click here to buy tickets for our school lottery!]

For every ticket you play, 40% goes directly to our schools.

There are smaller cash prizes, or you could win the £25,000 cash jackpot! They also have the Super Draw prize of an iPhone 18 Pro Max 512GB or £1,000!

Congratulations to Mx C from Ashford who won £12.75 in the last draw!

The more people enter, the higher the guaranteed win is!



octopus energy

If you're thinking of changing energy suppliers to Octopus Energy, you can get £50 for yourself and £50 for the schools if you use our referral link:
https://thewillesboroughschools.octopus.energy

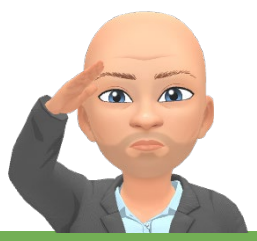
Please note that this is not a recommendation or endorsement, it is just a way to support the schools.



Don't forget, you can donate unwanted clothes, shoes, textiles, bed linen, soft toys, scarves and more at our clothing banks!

This helps to raise money for the schools, too!

THANK YOU



Willesborough Junior School
Juniors Website: **willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk** **Juniors** Telephone: 01233 620405
Juniors Email: office@willesborough-js.kent.sch.uk

Willesborough Infant School
Infants Website: **willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk** **Infants** Telephone: 01233 624165
Infants Email: office@willesborough-infant.kent.sch.uk

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at *kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions*

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.

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

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.

Need help?

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

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



BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

Our school has signed up with national charity the Children's Book Project to receive donations of good quality, gently used books from local families. These will be used across the school. Books can be dropped at reception.

Spread the word and look for us on their map!
childrensbookproject.co.uk/donate-books/

Registered charity 1183092

Children's Book Project

ORGANISED BY
North Willesborough Community Forum

LOCAL RESIDENTS WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday 18 October
11:00am to 2:00pm
Willesborough Rec.

Wednesday 21 October
7:00pm
OPEN MEETING

"Have-A-Go" Sports include:
- Pickleball
- Outdoor Gym

NEW WELLS (Baptist Church)
Talk about:
- New facilities on The Rec
- Town Council - how it will affect YOU!

Date & Time:

Address:

RSPCA
ASHFORD & DISTRICT

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



Saturday 25th October

11 -2

visit the cats. free entry but cat food donations always welcome

Games, stalls, refreshments

Ashford Garden Cattery,
34 Station Road, Ashford,
Kent TN23 1PH

Made with PosterMyWall.com



kae Family Learning
kent adult education

Calm Together – Emotional Regulation - You and Your Child

This course aims to help with empathy, understanding, and acceptance. By fostering a deeper appreciation for our own and our children's experiences, participants will emerge with the knowledge and tools to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for their family, and society as a whole.

Where:

Willow Family Hub

Halstow Way

Ashford TN23 4EY

Date::

21/10/2026

Time::

10am – 12pm

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



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

Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE entry



MOTORCYCLE



DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES



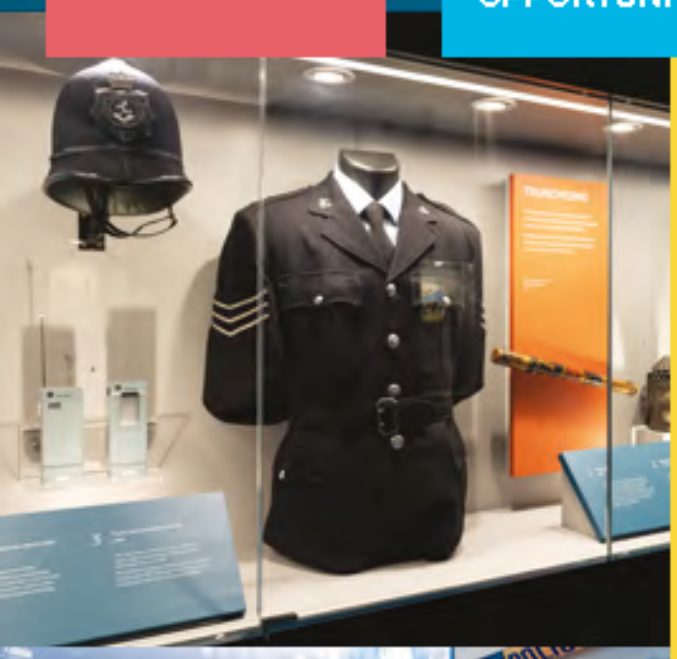
INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS



HISTORIC EQUIPMENT



REAL STORIES FROM KENT'S PAST





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.



Bringing Our History to Life

kentpolicemuseum
@kpolicemuseum

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



The 1st Ashford Boys' Brigade and girls' association are inviting you to try something new and meet other children and young people.

The group provides opportunities for children and young people to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun, and caring environment. There are opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, make friends, work towards awards, make a difference in the local community and of course have fun.

The Brigades **meet at Ashford Baptist Church, St Johns Lane, Ashford TN23 1PS**, the groups meet every Thursday, the ages and times are:

Anchors **4 – 8 yrs old: 6:15 – 7:30pm**
Juniors **8 – 11 yrs old: 6:15 – 7:30pm**
Company **11- 14 yrs old: 7:30 – 9:15pm**
Seniors **14 – 18 yrs old: 7:30 – 9:15pm**

We are back for the new academic year this Thursday 19th September. Any Thursday is open to new members. So, we hope to see you this Thursday or sometime soon. Please spread the word

Find out more about The Boy's Brigade at www.boys-brigade.org.uk

Kent Wildlife Trust



FREE Wilder Wellbeing for adults at RSPB Dungeness, TN29 9PN.

Enjoy gentle walks, tap into your senses and learn relaxation techniques to experience the benefits of nature in a small group setting.

WILDER WELLBEING:
For Parents and Carers of SEND children and young people

Every Thursday 24th September to 29th October, 11 am-1pm

WILDER WELLBEING:
For adults healing from grief.

Every Thursday 24th September to 29th October, 2-4pm

To find out more visit kwtg.uk/wellbeing or email wilderwellbeing@kentwildlife.org.uk

We ask that you commit to attending as many of the six sessions as possible. Speak to us if you need support with funding transport, we may be able to assist

nature's way to wellbeing

Kent County Council

RSPB Dungeness

Kent&Medway recovery&wellbeing College

WILD CATS

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

ENGLAND FOOTBALL | #LET GIRLS PLAY

Scan me to book your first session!

KENNINGTON JUNIORS FC
KENNINGTON FC
ESTABLISHED 1888

Kennington Juniors FC is teaming up with England Football to give girls the chance to play, make friends and have fun playing football.

FIRST SESSION FREE

Saturdays 9-10am | Ball Lane, Kennington TN25 4EB