

# Newsletter Issue 4



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**15th October 2026**





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## Headteacher's News

Well what a term we have had and how time has flown by! I cannot believe we are at the end of term 1 and all our Lions are settled now at 'big school' The learning everywhere you go is so exciting with children desperate to talk about what they are learning in history, science, art and much more. October is Black History month and we, as always, used this month to promote this in each class and in worship and assemblies. The articulate responses in all learning is a real credit to your children, all visitors comment on this and how mature and thoughtful children are at Sissinghurst.

School vision

We have been thinking all term about our vision – ‘Let your light shine’ from the bible passage, Matthew chapter 5 where the story of the Sermon on the Mount tells us of when Jesus spoke about how people should live their best lives. Jesus taught Christian followers why it is important to be the light for the whole world and to shine in all we do. In school, we have also really considered why it is so important to shine when someone else is in darkness and it has been wonderful to share these times together and be thankful for a smile or support when we most need a friend who is there for us. Click here to read more on our school vision which drives all we do in school

<https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Christian+Distinctiveness&pid=42>

### Opal Play

We are very proud of our Opal play and lunchtimes. Children are reporting that playtimes are ‘so much fun’ with ‘so much to choose from.’ I hope you have had a look at Instagram to see some of the pictures – especially of dressing up, the bikes and scooters, mud slide, den building, mud kitchen and the sand pit – all firm favourites at Sissinghurst! We are trying to work out how to develop play into the winter months and this has been through a number of assemblies about playtimes, this week, a whole school discussion led by Leopards. The school field is such a great resource but in this wet weather, we definitely will be needing waterproof coats and wellies. Mr Humberstone has created storage so each class can have a wellie shelf so that the field and grounds can be accessed all weathers.

Click here for our policy and rationale for active playtimes at Sissinghurst

<https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Opal+Play&pid=78>

It is the last day of term on Thursday 22 October and we are all looking forward to the disco too on Friday 16 October – we hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend when it gets here and an even better half term break coming up.

Term 2 starts on Monday 2 November.

Sarah Holman

Headteacher



[Click here for dates](#)



## **Parents Evening - 17 and 19 November 2026**

Please remember to sign up to parents evening via Arbor, Tues 17 and Thurs 19 Nov 3:30-6pm. Click guardian consultation on the home page.

## **Wrap Around - Breakfast and After School Clubs**

You can now book wrap around club for the rest of the school year.

Breakfast club - 7:45am - 8:40am £6 (to guarantee a quick drop off please arrive for 7:45am).  
Your child must arrive before 8:15am to be offered breakfast)

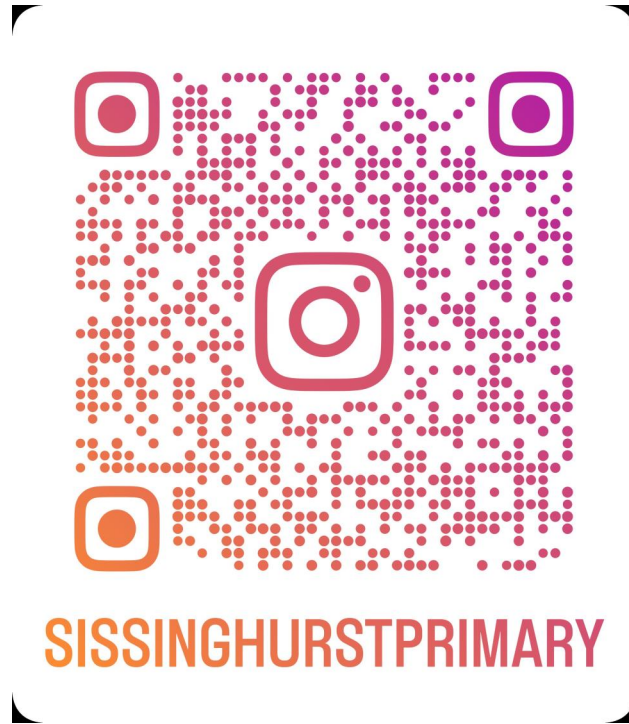
After school club - 3:10pm - 4:45pm £12, 3:10pm - 6pm £17

Please do book in advance to guarantee your child a place.

We're pleased to announce that the school phone will now divert to the school hall after 3:15pm making it easier for you to collect your child at the end of after school club session, Tel

01580 713 895. Other ways to contact on collection - school mobile phone 07598 261857 or press the door bell located on the school gate.

## Instagram



Do follow us on instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/sissinghurstprimary/>) to keep up to date on all the exciting activities/ lessons the children are taking part in. Here are a couple of recent pictures:

Superb singing tonight in our choir. Learning all the songs ready to perform at the O2 in 2027!



Everyone in lions loves the dough disco to get our fingers and hands working, strengthening our fingers and hands to help us be ready to write





## Are you a kinship carer?

*A kinship carer is someone who is raising a relative's or friend's child.*

**We're starting a group for kinship carers to come together. A chance to meet, listen, share and support one another.**

When: The Weald Support Group, last Friday of the month, 9am-10.30am

Where: Hawkhurst Primary School, Rye Road, Hawkhurst TN18 4JJ



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## Cranbrook Library is open!

### What you can do:

- Borrow books and enjoy reading
- Use free computers and WiFi
- Take part in library events and activities

- Find information and advice about local services
- Plus much more

### What's next:

**Kent Family Hubs** will also be joining us here in the near future bringing even more support for children, young people and families, all under one roof! | We'll share the date as soon as it is confirmed.

For more information visit: [kent.gov.uk/libraries](http://kent.gov.uk/libraries)



**Rural Restock:**

**Open to all:** At the Rural Restock you can choose up to £20 worth of items & only have to pay up to £6 (that's just £1.50 per £5 worth of items!). Plus free hygiene items. Please bring cash & a couple of shopping bags.

**Tenterden Leisure Centre (upstairs)**  
Monthly Tuesdays: 1st September, 13th October, 10th November:  
5.15pm-6.15pm

**St Michael's Village Hall**  
Monthly Wednesdays: 30th September, 28th October, 25th November:  
9am-10am

**Appledore Village Hall**  
Monthly Wednesdays: 16<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> November:  
10am-11am

**High Halden War Memorial Hall**  
Monthly Thursdays: 10th September, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November:  
2.45pm-3.45pm

**The Larder: emergency food support for people with children under 18 when needed:** Choose 1 bag of free food, toiletries & cleaning products suitable for your family.

**The Larder:**  
**The Family Hub, Tenterden**  
Fortnightly Friday mornings: 4th Sept, 18th Sept, 2nd Oct, 16th Oct, 30th Oct, 13th Nov, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov  
9am-10am

**Tenterden Leisure Centre (upstairs)**  
Fortnightly Tuesday evenings: 8th Sept, 22nd Sept, 6th Oct, 20th Oct, 3rd Nov, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov  
5.15-6.15pm

Would you like to support our services by volunteering? Please get in touch if you are able to commit some time, there's lots going on!



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# CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING TEAM



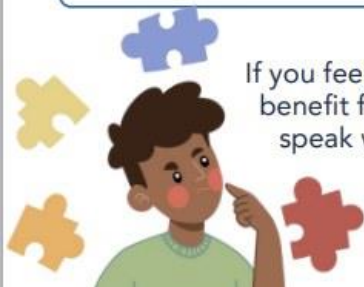
Our children health & wellbeing team is made up of health and wellbeing navigators and mental health practitioners. They support children/young people, and their families, with long term health conditions, neurodevelopmental conditions and mental health problems in many different ways!

## HEALTH & WELLBEING NAVIGATORS CAN:

- Provide support to children/young people and their families
- Coordinate care across services
- Support the child/young person and their family while waiting for referrals
- Make onward referrals to specialist services
- Provide information and guidance

## MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS CAN:

- Support with accessing appropriate services and support within the community
- Provide short term therapeutic intervention for mild/moderate mental health concerns
- Support with working towards important goals
- Coordinate care across services



If you feel you or your child would benefit from this service, please speak with your GP practice.



## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

HOSTED BY THE CHILDREN'S WELLBEING TEAM IN THE WEALD PCN

Parenting can be tough, why not join us for coffee and a chat to share struggles, find support and speak with likeminded people?

13:30 - 14:30 | Every Wednesday during term time

📍 St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3HA

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!



- SEN SUPPORT
- NAVIGATING SERVICES
- WELLBEING ADVICE FOR YOUR CHILD

# MODELFEST

AT THE MUSEUM 10am - 4pm

24TH OCT - 25TH OCT 2026

**Planes, Trains & Automobiles**  
A series of model displays including;



**& much more!**

Usual Museum entrance prices apply, see webpage for more information

@RAF Manston History Museum  
If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@rafmanston.co.uk](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)

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**October Half-Term  
Multi-Sports & Padel  
Sessions in  
Tonbridge**



**What's on Offer:**

**Multi-Sport Sessions at Racecourse  
Sportsground**  
**Tues 27th & Wed 28th Oct 9:30 - 12:30**  
 Tennis, pickleball, netball & basketball sessions  
 Pick and mix sessions for 5 - 13 year olds

**Junior Padel at Tonbridge Golf Centre**  
**Wed 28th & Thurs 29th October Afternoons**  
 Fast, fun, and easy to learn for 8- 15 year olds

**Contact Katie for more information:**  
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## Feedback

We welcome feedback. Please use the form  
 here <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=86&form=16> if you ever have any  
 suggestions for us to consider.

## News & Events

For upcoming local events in the parish of Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/>

Sign up to receive 'Be In The Know' emails from the parish council:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/>

Or follow the Parish Council Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CranbrookandSissinghurstPC>

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