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Headteacher's News

It has been wonderful to share your child's learning and progress with you this week at our parent evenings. We hope you found them helpful in how you can be helping your child too at home but mostly just to celebrate your child's successes in school.

It is at times like this that we really consider our vision and is it truly at the heart of all we do at Sissinghurst? I am sure that you can see how your child's light is shining brightly and of course areas we need to focus on to be even better. School and education is so much more than subjects, our wider curriculum offer, personal development and how we live out our vision and values is in many ways more important to us. This is all about the kind of little people (and big people!) we are and how we are learning to show courage, kindness and forgiveness in all we do. Service too of course and making a difference to others is also a big part of our school. From our buddy system, to friendships, Opal play leaders, School Council, Planet Defenders, House Captains and Ethos leaders – there are so many ways the children play a part in letting their light shine and for that we are truly grateful.

Our website makes clear our intention for every member of the school community and we continually celebrate where we do this well and reflect on areas we need to focus on.

At Sissinghurst Church of England Primary School in partnership with the Church, parents, and wider community, we offer an inclusive learning environment to nurture potential that enables all to be successful. Vibrant, rich curricular opportunities equip everyone with knowledge and skills to question, discuss and challenge.

Everyone's talents are discovered and celebrated. We foster spiritual growth and reflection to find wonder and joy in the World together. As light bearers, our shared responsibility is to encourage each other to be compassionate and kind so we can all shine with integrity, humility and wisdom. We find courage to act when we know there is darkness, illuminating the World with God's light and hope.



Today we are sending out our annual surveys. It is a great chance for us to reflect on our offer at Sissinghurst, please do take the time to share your feedback to us – it means a lot to us.

Have a wonderful weekend when it gets here

From Sarah Holman and the team at Sissinghurst



[Click here for dates](#)

Is your child eligible for free school meals?

Even though Early Years and KS1 children are entitled to a free school dinner, it is never too soon to register eligible children for free school meals from Reception to Year 6.

This will result in extra funding being offered to schools to support your children with school resources and trips among other things.

We encourage you to [check your eligibility and apply online](#) as the school can benefit from the additional funding. If you need some help with this, please contact Mrs Branson, the School Business Manager.

If you apply and are eligible, even if your circumstances change, you will remain eligible for benefits-related free school meals until your child finishes their current phase of education (either Year 6 if they are in primary school or Year 11 if they are in secondary school).

If you think you might qualify, it is very easy to check using the Kent Free meals website.

[Free school meals - Kent County Council](#)

Reminder: Flower Show - Saturday, 21 March

Own clothes day - Friday, 20th March and the presentation assembly with Mitzi will be on Monday, 23rd March.

The entries are as follows:

- Greetings card
- A mixture of Spring garden flowers in a jam jar
- Handwriting: a Letter, any subject

Child's own work with minimal adult help. Entries from children at other schools are welcome. To be judged in school year age groups. Please mark your entries clearly with your name, class and age.

Please note: Friday, 20 March is also comic relief day. If you wish to donate to this also please do so via the link below: [Donate | Comic Relief](#)

Non-uniform Day - Friday, 27 March

The Y6 event planners want to hold a non uniform day for their chosen charity – Cancer Research.

Children are encouraged to wear their own clothes and make a donation here: [Click here to donate](#)

This is a charity that means a lot to our families and community so please feel free to give generously to make a difference.



FoSS Colour Run - Wednesday, 1st April

We will welcome in Springtime with a dash of vibrant colour with our third colour run! This event that can run whatever the weather and gets everyone involved. Prices start at £4 entry only and you provide a white t-shirt and glasses for your child to wear, £8 for the package to include a white t-shirt and glasses or £10 for the full package to include a white t-shirt, glasses and lovely medal. This is now available to pay on Parentpay.



Surveys

A Parent Survey link has been sent to you today via Arbor. The deadline for completing the survey is 9am on Wednesday, 25th March. You can find a copy of the link below.

[Spring 2026: Parent Survey – Fill in form](#)

Many thanks

Message from Caterlink:

The latest that school lunches must be ordered is 8am on the day the lunch is required.

It is your responsibility to book your child's lunch or notify us that they have a packed lunch on Parentpay.

If your child does not have a school lunch ordered or a packed lunch and we are only notified by them at lunchtime - we will try and call you to ask you to bring a packed lunch. If we are unable to contact you - we will do our best to provide a small lunch using our extended services food supply. Please note there will be a charge for this.

Thankyou.

Get Set 4 PE

We know how important it is for children to stay active, and being active as a family can make it even more enjoyable! Each newsletter I will be sharing one or two simple activity ideas that you can try together at home. These activities are designed to be quick, fun and suitable for all ages — a great way to build healthy habits, develop physical skills and spend quality time together.

We would love to hear/see how you get on!

Mrs Kidd

Alphabet Walk



Play: Outside

How to play:

- Head out for a walk.
- On the way, try to spot something beginning with the letter 'A', the Z the letter 'B' and so on until you get to 'Z'.
- Make this easier if there are some letters that are difficult to find by finding something that contains the letter instead of 'starts with the letter...'



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7 Minute Workout



What you need: 1 clock or stopwatch

What to do: complete each exercise for 30 seconds:

- Jog on the spot
- Star jumps
- Lunges
- Tuck jumps
- Press ups
- High knees
- Squats
- Plank
- Burpees
- Side plank
- Mountain climbers
- Side plank on the other side
- Sit ups
- Heel flicks



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Kent Music Summer School

Anyone who is keen to participate in Kent Music Summer School can find the interactive brochure and booking details on the Kent Music Website via the links below:

Website: www.kent-music.com/kmss

Online brochure [Welcome to KMSS 2026 - Interactive Brochure](#)

Applications are **now open** through the Kent Music website and are **first-come-first served**.



BUG HUNT

Discover the hidden world of bugs with your child!

Join us in a fun and interactive outdoor workshop, where you will go on a bug hunt, identify and learn about nature's tiny wonders in your area.

Where:
Cranbrook Library

Date:
Wednesday 15 April, 2026

Time:
10am – 11:30am

To book a place please contact:
cranbrooklibrary@kent.gov.uk



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<p>Pied Piper Holiday Camps are fun, friendly, & child-centred</p> <p>Embark on an exciting journey with Pied Piper multi-activity camps, the ultimate experience for children aged 4 to 12 during their Easter and Summer holidays!</p> <p>Book online at: piedpiperactivities.co.uk</p>	
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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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