

# Newsletter Issue 18



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## Headteacher's News

Teachers are currently making plans for the last month of the school year to ensure it is successful for your children whilst preparing for September too and handing over to your child's next teacher. We were pleased to share the staff list with you for September earlier this term so you can too start to talk about the new school year with your child.

Pencil cases and school equipment – reminder -

We want to encourage children to take responsibility for their own equipment and so from September (or now if you wish) we would like to ask that children in KS2 especially have a pencil case with a few named items in them. A clear, small, plain pencil case is ideal (eg <https://amzn.eu/d/2MgBtuD> ) not a large furry smiggle type that is actually a toy or one with flying out compartments, calculators and other distracting parts please!

Ideally children will have a blue Berol handwriting pen [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Berol-Handwriting-Pens-PACK-DARK/dp/B00M1WDTKS/ref=asc\\_df\\_B00M1WDTKS/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=226557293237&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=4683249198825720262](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Berol-Handwriting-Pens-PACK-DARK/dp/B00M1WDTKS/ref=asc_df_B00M1WDTKS/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=226557293237&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=4683249198825720262)

[&hvppone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmidl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=1006483&hvtargid=pla-421402804001&pssc=1](#) (no black pls), a HB pencil, a plain rubber and sharpener and a pritt stick.

We of course have all these items in school should you prefer not to purchase your own for your child, but we wish to enable children to be more responsible for their own things and learn to take care of them. All items should be named with a small sticker or however you wish to identify them, so they are clearly identifiable to your child and others.

Sports Day – Wednesday 24 June (reserve day – Tues 30 June) - afternoons

This will be in the same format as in previous years where we invite families to come to school from 12 o'clock for a family picnic on the playgrounds before the events start as soon after 1pm as we can be ready! Please bring your picnics, blankets and seating with you. We will open the gate for you to set up from 11.45am. Please note the equipment for the races will be set out on the field so this area should be avoided for lunchtime. The playground and ball court area are available for you to choose your picnic place. Children will be brought out in classes for their lunch to join you from 12 o'clock and will be asked to go back to class for a quick toilet break and register at 1pm before we begin the sports day at around 1.15pm. At the end of sports day children will be able to leave with you if we finish before 3pm but note, for safeguarding purposes you will need to sign them out with their class teacher before you leave the site. We will aim to let you know by 10 am on the day if the field is too wet for races and we need to use the reserve date.

Open afternoon

We will hold our final open afternoon again on Tuesday, 21 July. Open afternoons are on the last day of each longer term.

This means we are 'open' for parents and families to visit school, catch up with teachers and staff and look at your children's work. Your child is your tour guide to the school so the tour can be as long or short as you wish!

You will need to sign out your child from their classroom at any time between 2 and 3pm and they will be given a coloured sticker to identify this clearly. I will be on the main gate to check children leaving have a sticker if before the end of the school day. If you are unable to attend the school day finishes at normal time.

### *Parents and Carers of Year 6 - Leavers Service*

*This will take place on Tuesday 21 July at 09.30 in Trinity Church. Due to space in the Church, we are only able to invite Year 6 Parents to this service. The service starts at 09.30. If you are able to help by walking down with us, please email the Office or speak with your child's class teacher.*

We are looking forward to welcoming our SIAMS inspector visit on Friday – we cannot wait to show her what an amazing school we are and how brightly our lights are shining!



Have a lovely weekend when it gets here

Sarah Holman



[Click here for dates](#)

### **Arbor School Communication**

Communication from the school will come in two forms. Shorter messages will be sent as in-app messages to the app, longer messages will be sent to the email address registered to your Arbor account. Please ensure that your email address on the Arbor app is kept up to date.

If you are experiencing difficulties receiving Arbor emails, please see the help guide on our website, 'Receiving Arbor emails' [Sissinghurst \(VA\) Church of England Primary School - Arbor](#)

## Wraparound Club - Policy from May 2026

Please find below a link to the updated wraparound club policy - this includes new pricing from September. **Please note the credits and refunds section, this details that refunds/credits will not be given for short periods of illness, and at short notice. This will be applied going forward.**

Please also note if you wish your child to have breakfast at breakfast club, you do need to drop off at 7:45am. Dropping off after this time does not guarantee your child breakfast.

## OPAL Platinum Award

We are delighted to share that after our OPAL assessment last week; we have been honoured with the OPAL Platinum Award. Michael Follett, the Director of OPAL and our assessor, was so impressed with our play offer and the wonderful play that he witnessed. We are told that our score puts us in the top 2% of OPAL schools in the UK!

We are incredibly grateful for this recognition and it is a true reflection of the dedication, passion and hard work of our entire Play Team. Their commitment to creating engaging, nurturing and inspiring experiences for the children in their care is what has made this achievement possible.

Most importantly, we would like to thank our wonderful children. Their enthusiasm, creativity, curiosity and joy are at the heart of OPAL. They inspire us every day and make our setting such a special place to learn, grow and play.

Parents and families, your continued support through coming in on our OPAL days, donating resources and engaging with our OPAL surveys allows us to provide the very best opportunities for your children, so thank you too.

We look forward to officially celebrating this award sometime over the coming weeks, but as it was World Play Day last week, we made the most of our amazing grounds and play resources and let every class have an extra playtime as a well done for such a fantastic achievement.

Thank you!

The OPAL Play Team

## Summer Reading Challenge

### ***Join the "Read to the Beat" Summer Reading Challenge 2026!***

***Dates: 4 July to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026***

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge invites children aged 4-11 to enjoy reading through the exciting theme *Read to the Beat!* - a celebration of music, rhythm, and storytelling, illustrated by Harry Woodgate and delivered in partnership with Universal Music Group UK.

#### **What is *Read to the Beat!*?**

This year's challenge explores how music and stories connect, encouraging children to discover rhythm, melody, and narrative through books and creative activities. Children can read any six library books—including audiobooks, eBooks, and graphic novels - to complete the challenge.

#### **How to Take Part**

##### **How to Participate:**

- **In-Person:** Visit any Kent Library for a joining pack.
- Children sign up to receive a free starter pack, set their own goals, and collect stickers, cards, medals, and certificates as they reach their reading targets.
- **Online:** Sign up at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).



#### **Rewards**

Children who complete the challenge receive:

- A *Read to the Beat!* medal
- A personalised certificate
- Stickers and incentives along the way

These rewards help build confidence and keep children motivated throughout the summer.

#### **Events & Activities**

Libraries will host free events such as:

- Music-themed workshops
- Creative arts sessions
- Storytelling and rhythm activities
- Performances like **The Legend of Heart Library**

These sessions bring the theme to life through movement, sound, and imagination.

#### **Why It Matters**

Reading for pleasure is one of the strongest predictors of future success. By combining reading with music's benefits for creativity and wellbeing, *Read to the Beat!* helps children stay engaged, confident, and curious throughout the summer.

## 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 few from the last couple of weeks:

We really enjoyed the RDA pony visit. Thank you to Charlie for sharing his knowledge and for setting up the visit and fundraiser so we can all consider the impact the ponies have, the great work RDA offer and what a difference they make to so many. Over £500 raised 🙌🙌🙌





Working together in Lions





## Skiathos Dog Sanctuary

Mr Humberstone is going out to help at the sanctuary for the day in August and has asked if anyone would like to donate any dog treats for him to take with him. Please no meat items. Many thanks

## 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!

## Add it on



Get Set 4 Education

**What you need:** Music

**People:** 2 or more

**Play:** Inside



**How to play:**

- One person shows everyone else a dance move.
- The others copy the move.
- The next person shows everyone a dance move.
- Everyone does the first move and then adds on the next move and so on.

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## 10-1 Workout



Get Set 4 Education

**Complete the exercises below:**

- 10 x Burpees
- 9 x Tuck jumps
- 8 x Lunges
- 7 x Star jumps
- 6 x Press ups
- 5 x Touch your toes and jump up
- 4 x Sit ups
- 3 x Squats
- 2 minute run on the spot
- 1 minute plank

Now have a go at making up your own exercise for 10-1!



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER  
INFORMATION**

Last order date for free delivery into school  
is **12th June** then service switches to  
\*home delivery until **11th September**.  
(\*Place your home delivery order by  
**17th July** for delivery before  
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## HOW TO MEASURE YOUR CHILD

Measure the actual body measurements as this is far more accurate than measuring over clothes.

**CHEST:** Measure around the chest at the fullest part, placing tape close up under the arms.

**COLLAR:** Measure around the base of the neck where the collar sits, inserting two fingers between the neck and tape to allow growth.

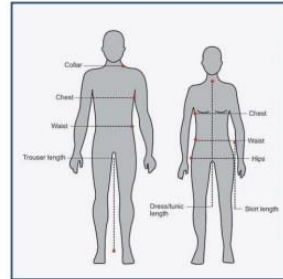
**WAIST:** Measure around the natural waistline.

**TROUSER LENGTH:** Measure the inside leg from crotch to floor without shoes on.

**HIPS:** Measure around the hips, 20cm (8") below the natural waistline.

**SKIRT LENGTH:** Measure from the waist down to where you would want the hem.

**DRESS & PINAFORE LENGTH:** Measure from nape of neck to length required.



## HOW TO USE THIS SERVICE

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log onto [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)
2. Click on the 'parents click to order' button
3. Enter your child's school name
4. Select the school from the drop down list provided
5. Follow the online instructions to place your order

PLEASE SUBMIT SCHOOL ADDRESS ONLY IN THE DELIVERY FIELDS AND INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME INTO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS

Please note that the last order date for delivery into school before the summer break is 12th June.

Orders place from 13th June - 11th September will be processed through our home delivery service and standard shipping costs will apply (order before 17th July for delivery before the start of term)

Orders are placed in a queue until 15th and 30th of each month and delivered into school up to 14 days after.

## PRIMARY UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

### Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"
Age	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	9-11	11-12	13-14

### Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"
Age	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16

### Blazers

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"
Age	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12

### PE Shorts

Waist	14/16"	18/20"	22/24"	26/28"	28/30"	30/32"
Age	2-4	5-7	8-10	11-13	XS	S

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
The sizing guide is a guide for our standard products only and measurements may vary within the British Standard textiles tolerance of +/- 5%. Substitutions may also be provided with a different sizing structure matched to our standard sizes

## SENIOR UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

### Blazers

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"
Age	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16							
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Male				XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL

### Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"
Male	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24

### Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"	36"	38/40"	42/44"	46/48"
Age/Size	7-8	9-10	9-11	11-12	13-14	S	M	L	XL

### PE Shorts

Waist Size	22/24"	26/28"	28/30"	30/32"	34/36"	38/40"
	54cm	56cm	58cm	60cm	66cm	76cm
Leg Length	33cm	37cm	40cm	42cm	46cm	48cm

### TIES (For Primary and Senior Schools)

Tie Style/Size	Elastic	9"	Clip on	12"	14"	16"	Tie	39"	45"	52"
School Age		Inf/Jnr		Junior	Junior	Senior		Junior	Juni/Sen	Senior

# IMPORTANT WASH CARE INSTRUCTIONS



Always refer to your garment care label to ensure that your uniform looks as good as new for as long as possible. We produce tough, hardwearing uniform, however it is important that you follow the care labels correctly to ensure you get the best out of your purchase.

- Turn garments inside out to wash and dry
- Fasten any buttons before washing
- Do not overload machine
- Iron inside out on a cool setting to avoid heat damage, which can cause a shiny surface on fabrics (do not iron knitwear or cuffs and welts on sweatshirts)
- Bobbling/Pilling is caused by friction and excessive heat. It is also known within the British textile industry that fabric softeners are a major cause of bobbling/pilling of the fabric. Bobbling/pilling often disappears over time and is not a reflection on the quality of the garment.

## Washing symbols and their meaning

Always check the label!!



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## Premier Football Club - Summer camps

### Premier Football School – summer break football camps

Getting the kids World Cup ready! Premier Football School is delighted to be offering three football camps over the summer forthcoming summer break. These activity camps will take place at: Saint Ronan's School, Hawkhurst (Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July); Marlborough House Vinehall School, Robertsbridge (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August); Dulwich Cranbrook School (Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August). Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm (a free 9.00am early drop off is available). *Our fee is just £13 per day* and all children who attend receive a trophy at our awards presentation! The children experience taking part in a kids World Cup tournament and a Penalty Shootout competition, delivered by enthusiastic coaches. We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. To reserve a place for your child or find out more, please visit our website [www.premierfootballschool.co.uk](http://www.premierfootballschool.co.uk) or call 07821 573837.

## 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:

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