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Headteacher's News

What a few weeks we have had! We have survived through some of the hottest days we have ever experienced and learnt that learning is fun in cool places, corridors, other classrooms (definitely the hall and Eagles with aircon!) and how to be safe in the sun and in hot weather – all life skills we need for the future that are not necessarily on our formal curriculum offer! Sometimes the best learning is of this kind, in the moment and unplanned! The children were amazing and showed such resilience and took it all in their stride – they never fail to impress me.

Sports Day

We enjoyed a wonderful, cooler day on Tuesday – we hope you enjoyed it too – the racing was superb and we love our afternoon and the fact that so many of you can join us too for the picnic. A great afternoon of family time. Congratulations to Scotney – winners this year.

SIAMS

We of course had our SIAMS inspection at the end of June too. We are hopeful that the report is published before the end of term and we look forward to sharing it with you. The inspector was very complimentary about our school, as are all visitors, commenting on how articulate our pupils are, how polite, kind and how wonderful their handwriting and presentation is too. We love having visitors to our school as a fresh pair of eyes lets us reflect and identify things to work on and also things to be proud of.

Have a lovely weekend when it gets here

Kind regards

Sarah Holman

Click here for dates

Free School Meals - Update

From September 2026, the government has removed the income cap for families receiving universal credit. **This means that every child whose household receives Universal Credit is now eligible for a free school lunch, regardless of your household earnings. Please apply now if you think you may be eligible, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.** Please click on the link below for full details from the school website.

Sissinghurst (VA) Church of England Primary School - School Dinners

Report on Summer Flower Show - 20th June 2026

The Flower Show Society's Summer Show was held on Saturday 20th June in the School Hall.

The Junior entries more than made up for the rather disappointing number in the adult classes.

The judges were completely amazed by the imagination and quality of the entries of a playground as they were so good, exciting and inspiring. There were slides, swings, seesaws, a basket ball net, sandpit , a game, a castle to climb and even a zip wire and one had a safety surface.

Free choice for the painting entries covered unicorns, cats, trees, leaves, wild flower garden, sunflowers, meadows, forests, seaside and a sunset. All carefully thought through and designed.

Handwriting of the School Prayer and a poem on Ducks showed the School's excellent standard of handwriting throughout all the year groups and were also carefully illustrated too.

There were touching photographs of "Best of Friends" on a variety of pets, grandparents, favourite toy and a Handicraft entry of a cross stitch bumble bee.

The judge asked for her message of Very Well Done Everyone to be passed on to everyone.

Junior cup winners were Blessie, Jack, Audrey, Delphi and Amelia from the Learning Tree.

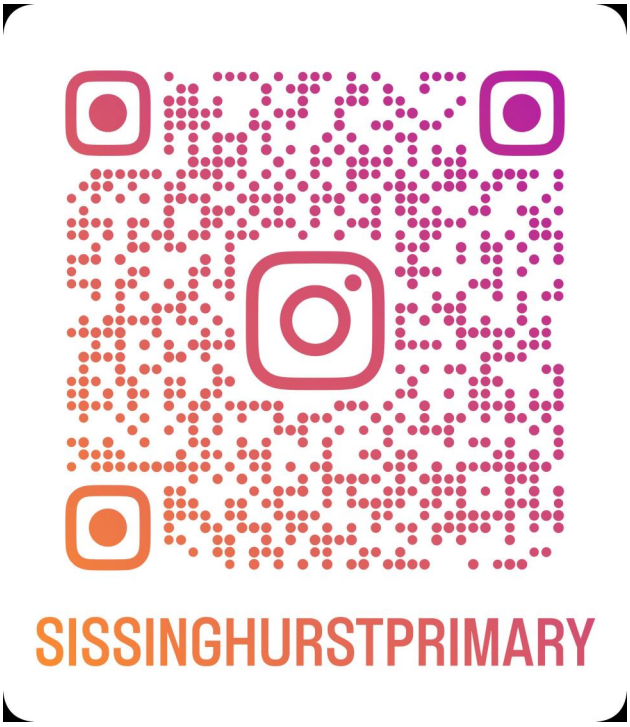
The Show was well attended during the afternoon with children enjoying the sideshows, adults relaxing with tea and cakes and everyone waiting with anticipation for the Raffle to be drawn.

Online Safety

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a part of everyday life. Whilst it has many benefits, it can also be misused – including by those who use it to make, manipulate and share images and videos of children. Hearing about this as a parent or carer can feel alarming, but you are not alone. It's important to know that there are steps you can take, many of which you may already be doing, to help better protect your child.

We have included some current information here https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=71&action=saved and this includes the current guide (last in the list of documents on this page) from the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) to help you to understand more about how AI can be misused, why it matters and what steps you can take to keep your child safe. Remember we are here to help - You can always ask to speak to a teacher or safeguarding leader should you need help with anything regarding keeping your child safe.

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:

Keeping cool in the corridors during the heatwave last week:

Great fun, superb talent, determination and skill in our sports day.

Pet Services in Church

Pet Services are taking place in July. The first will be held on **Sunday 5 July at 4pm** at All Saints Church, Biddenden, where pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome. A second service will follow on **Sunday 19 July at 4pm** in the churchyard at St Michael's, Smarden. Everyone is welcome, with or without a pet.

Parking

Just a reminder to please ensure that you are parking safely and non on zigzag lines.

Also, we understand that the residents of Carpenters Meadow have employed a parking attendant who will ticket cars from next week. We are aware some parents park here and walk through as it is close by with the alleyway for picking up / drop off so wanted to make you aware.

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

All Four, I Score

What you need: four socks and a partner

How to play:

- Tuck two socks into your waistband, one on either side, so that they hang down.
- Stand facing your partner.
- Try to take your partner's socks. If you manage to get one, hold it in the air and shout 'tag'. At this point, the game stops so that you can tuck the additional sock into your waistband.
- Restart the game. To win, you need to get all four socks tucked into your waistband.

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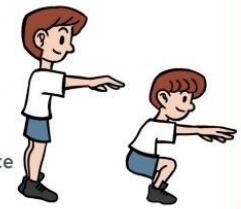
5 Minute Challenge

What you need: A little space and a stopwatch or clock.

How to play:

- You have 5 minutes - how many times can you complete this circuit?

- 10 x Star Jumps
- 10 x Burpees
- 10 x Press ups
- 10 x Squats



How many times did you complete the circuit?

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Iden Manor
Nursing Home
IDEN MANOR
Summer Fete
THEME
SEASIDE
SATURDAY 18 JULY 2026
12-4
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
CAKE STALLS
TEA TENT
ICE CREAM
ENTERTAINMENT
SINGER VINCE, TOMBOLA ★ RAFFLE PRIZES
STALLS
ICE CREAM VAN
BOUNCY CASTLE
AND MUCH MORE!

CALYPSO
SUMMER
CRICKET CAMPS
KINGS SCHOOL ROCHESTER
LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CC
BUXTED PARK CC
EGERTON CC
HIGH HALSTOW CC
BORSTAL CC
BEARSTED CC
MERSHAM CC
LINTON PARK CC
ORPINGTON CC
+ OUR FIRST CLUB CALYPSO CAMP
10% OFF: CODE CAMP10
ENDS JUN 30TH

LCA Tactical Titans Summer Chess Camp 2026.

The camp is designed to give children a fun, structured and meaningful activity during the summer break, combining chess coaching, tactical challenges, friendly games and tournament experience in a positive and professionally run environment.

Camp Details

Dates: Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July 2026

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Venue: Kings Hill Primary School, Crispin Way, ME19 4LS

Ages: 5 to 17

Ability: All levels welcome, from complete beginners to experienced junior players

LEARNCHESS ACADEMY'S
TACTICAL TITANS
SUMMER CAMP 26
WHY JOIN TACTICAL TITANS?
SUMMER 2026
LEVEL UP YOUR GAME

LEARNCHESS ACADEMY'S
TACTICAL TITANS
SUMMER CAMP 26
STRUCTURED COACHING
CLEAR LESSONS AND PRACTICAL CHALLENGES
SUMMER 2026
BUILD STRONG FOUNDATIONS

LEARNCHESS ACADEMY'S
TACTICAL TITANS
SUMMER CAMP 26
TACTICAL THINKING
LEARN TO SPOT THREATS, OPPORTUNITIES AND PATTERNS
SUMMER 2026
SMARTER DECISIONS

LEARNCHESS ACADEMY'S
TACTICAL TITANS
SUMMER CAMP 26
TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE
MORE GAMES IN A POSITIVE COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT
SUMMER 2026
PLAY. LEARN. COMPETE.

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

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