

# East Stour Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10 May 2024



## Message from Mrs Blackmore

It's lovely to see the sun has finally come to join us. With the warmer weather please remember to send your child in with a named sun hat, water bottle and sunscreen already applied.

Each term I have the pleasure of organising a Language of the Term assembly for the school. Over the last year we have celebrated many different languages and cultures.

Languages that we have covered so far are:

- Tamil
- Lithuanian
- Yoruba and Igbo
- Malayalam
- Turkish
- Polish
- Romanian

We have already had over 30 children contribute to these assemblies sharing songs, greetings, counting and telling us all about traditions. I couldn't do these assemblies without my wonderful helpers - it really is a delight to watch them teach the rest of the school.

The children love listening to these assemblies and we feel so lucky to be able to celebrate such diversity within our East Stour family where we have 28 languages spoken!

We have many language assemblies left to do and plenty of keen children ready to deliver them. If any parents or carers would like to contribute to a Language of the Term assembly then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Emma Blackmore  
Head of School

# Best Class Attendance YTD

Oboes - 96.1 %



Ukuleles -96%



The class with the best overall attendance at the end of term will receive a reward!

# Tubas and Trombones

This term year 2 are learning all about being Eco-warriors. We are exploring how we can help the planet and are looking forward to our local litter pick at the end of the term.

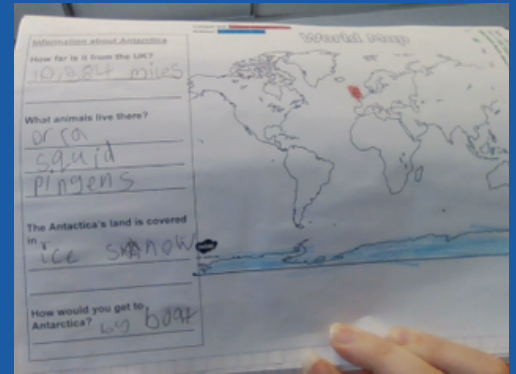
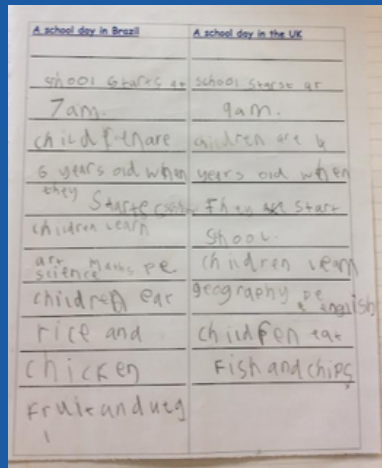
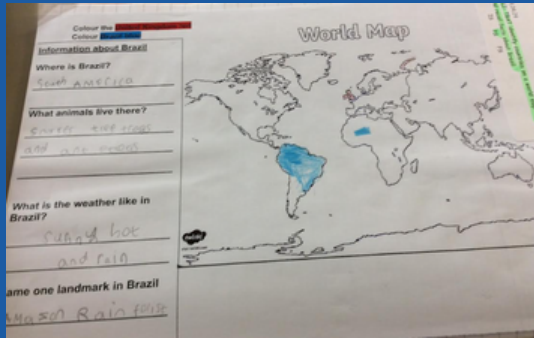


On earth day we used our old t-shirts and turned them into reusable bags.

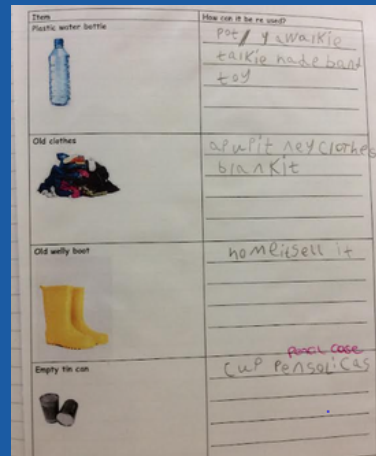


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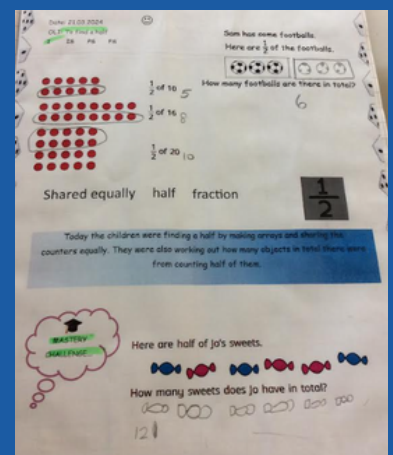
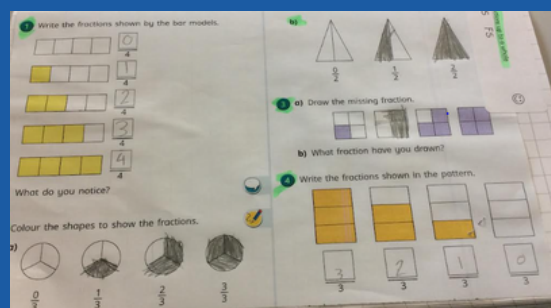
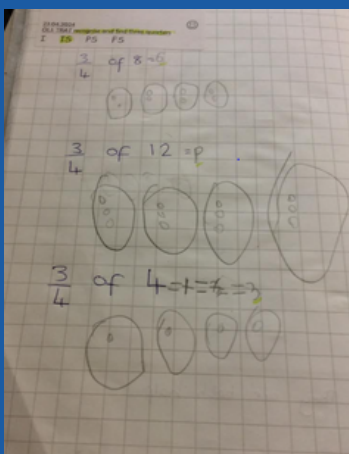
In Geography we have been exploring Brazil and Antarctica and comparing these countries to where we live.



In Science we have been exploring what materials are used for and how we can reuse or recycle them into something new.



In Maths we have been learning all about fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$





# Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2025

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest)

Registration opens on 3 June 2024 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2024

## Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2025 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

## How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest) and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

## What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 12 July 2024.

## What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

## How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

## If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school.

Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

## Key dates

<b>Monday 3 June 2024</b>	Registration opens at <a href="https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
<b>Monday 1 July 2024</b>	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your allocated test centre.
<b>Thursday 12 September 2024</b>	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
<b>Saturday 14 September 2024</b>	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 17 October 2024</b>	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

## Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at [kent.gov.uk](https://kent.gov.uk). If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk).

For help registering please email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk). Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.





The poster features a vibrant illustration of a carnival scene. At the top, a red and white striped tent canopy is visible. Two acrobats in red and blue costumes are performing stunts; one is diving horizontally while the other is hanging upside down by a pole. Bright blue and red fireworks burst in the background. The title 'Carnival Festival Menu' is written in a large, bold, blue serif font. Below it, a red ticket-shaped box contains the date '16TH MAY 2024'. The menu items are listed in red and black text. On the right side, a large Ferris wheel with colorful gondolas is partially visible. At the bottom, there are illustrations of red and white striped tents and a red slide.

# Carnival Festival Menu

16TH  
MAY 2024

**Ham French Bread Pizza**

**Or**

**Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza**

Chips

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

**Mini Doughnuts & Fruit**

Also available Jacket Potato & Filling, Bread,  
Salad Bar, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit





# COFFEE

## Morning

### WITH THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS



**28TH  
JUNE**

MEET US

Drop in and  
meet our  
School  
Governors

**8.45AM  
-  
9.15AM**

Venue - Community Room



# Kingsnorth After School Club Holiday Club

## 'Superheroes'

*May Half Term Holiday Fun*

*Tues 28<sup>th</sup> - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024*

Open every day from 8am – 6pm



£25.00 per day or £15.00 per ½ day

(Limited spaces available – Book early to avoid disappointment)

Enrolment forms available from the Senior Club Co-ordinator

on **07749 280043** or via E-mail

**Kingsnorth@kentplayclubs.org.uk**

**Bookings accepted until Friday 17th May**

Payment must be made at time of booking

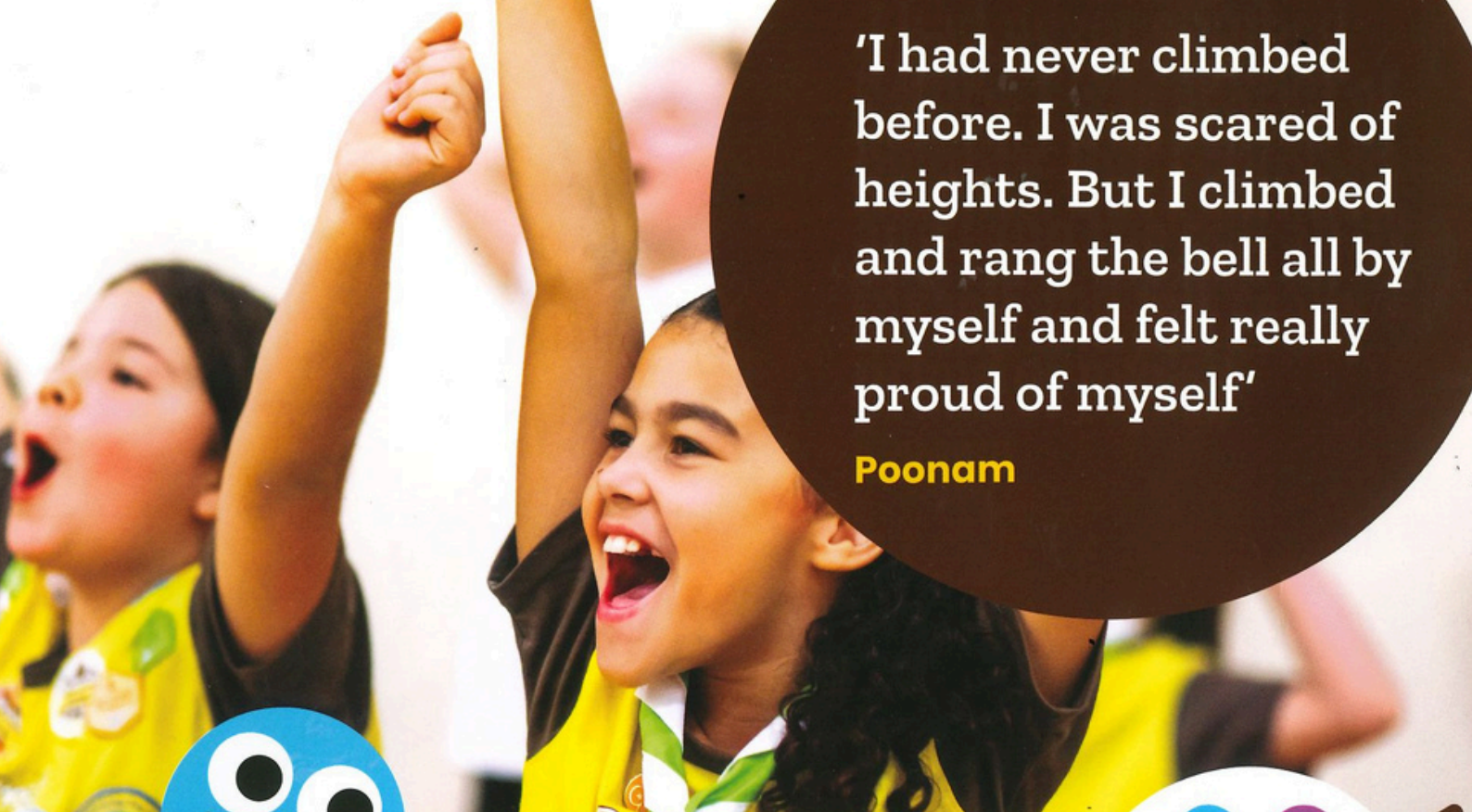
Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare payments Accepted



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'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam



# Brownies






**Girls have nonstop fun,  
learning and adventure**  
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: 306016



Join a local Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)



# Year 5 Open Events



THE NORTON  
KNATCHBULL  
SCHOOL

[NKS Prospectus](#)

## Open Mornings:

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Thursday 6 June 2024 at 9:15-10:30  
Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 9:15-10:30

## Open Evening:

Thursday 6th June 2024 from 6pm

These will consist of speeches in the Hall followed by a tour.



Please follow the link below or scan the QR code to sign up.

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/NKSOPENEVENTSJUNE2024>

# School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2023 - 2024

## School Term and Holiday Date Academic Year 2023/2024

TERM 1 Staff Training Day Friday 1st September 2023 School closed to pupils

Start Monday 4th September 2023

Finish Friday 20th October 2023

### TERM 2

Start Monday 30th October 2023

Finish Wednesday 20th December 2023

Staff Training Day Thursday 21st December 2023 School closed to pupils

### TERM 3

Start Monday 8th January 2024

Finish Friday 9th February 2024

### TERM 4

Start Monday 19th February 2024

Finish Thursday 28th March 2024

Bank Holiday Friday 29th March 2024, Monday 1st April 2024

### TERM 5

Start Monday 15th April 2024

Finish Friday 24th May 2024

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May & Monday 27th May 2024

### TERM 6

Staff Training Day Monday 3rd June 2024 School closed to pupils

Start Tuesday 4th June 2024

Finish Friday 19th July 2024

Staff Training on Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July 2024 School closed to pupils



# School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024 - 2025

## TERM 1

Staff Training Day Monday 2nd September 2024 and 25th October 2024 School closed to pupils

Start Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Finish Thursday 24th October 2024

## TERM 2

Start Monday 4th November 2024

Finish Friday 20th December 2024

## TERM 3

Start Monday 6th January 2025

Finish Friday 14th February 2025

## TERM 4

Start Monday 24th February 2025

Finish Friday 4th April 2025

Bank Holiday Friday 18th April 2025

## TERM 5

Start Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Finish Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holiday Monday 21st April 2025

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May & Monday 26th May 2025

## TERM 6

Staff Training Day 2nd June 2025

Start Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Finish Friday 18th July 2025

Staff Training on Monday 21st July & Tuesday 22nd July 2025 School closed to pupils.

