

# NEWSLETTER

Term 6, Issue 6

10 JULY 2026

## Key term dates

24 July 2026 - End of Term 6  
(Students leave school site at 12.55pm)

## Stay Up to Date

For a full breakdown of daily activities and club timings, please visit our website.

## TWS School Calendar

## TWS Extra-Curricular Clubs- Term 6

Note: For detailed weekly event schedules, please refer to the section later in this newsletter or check the school website

For our new school meals menu, please visit our website:

## School Meals



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Option 4 - Main Reception

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**NEXT WEEK - B TIMETABLE**

## Events Schedule (July 13 – July 17, 2026)

<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Physical Fieldwork 10:50 - 13:00</li> <li>• Year 12 Career Drop Down Day (Post 18 Pathways) - 08:40 - 15:10</li> <li>• Duke of Edinburgh Award Information Evening 17:00 - 18:00</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axiom Maths Rising Mathematicians Festival 09:30 - 15:00</li> <li>• Presentation Evening 17:45 - 19:00</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Geography Fieldwork 08:40 - 15:10</li> <li>• Hampton Court Palace Trip 08:00 - 17:30</li> <li>• Year 10 Mock Food practical 08:55 - 12:55</li> <li>• Shakesfest 15:10 - 16:30</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Geography Fieldwork 08:40 - 15:10</li> <li>• Addams Family all day dress rehearsal 08:55 - 15:10</li> <li>• Bluewater Reward Trip 09:00- 15:00</li> <li>• Stage Academy 15:10 - 16:30</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Geography Fieldwork 08:40 - 15:10</li> <li>• Addams Family Rehearsal 08:55 - 15:10</li> <li>• Year 10 Mock Food practical 08:55 - 12:55</li> <li>• Canterbury Cathedral Trip 09:00 - 15:10</li> <li>• 6th form Celebration afternoon 13:30- 15:10</li> <li>• Addams Family show 17:00- 18:30</li> </ul>

## TRACK Winner: Stanley (Year 7)

Congratulations to Stanley for an exceptional week! By consistently demonstrating our **TRACK** values and earning a fantastic number of positive points, they have set a brilliant example for their peers.



## Important Notices

### Lost Property

Parents and carers, please take a moment to check our lost property cabinet if your child is missing any items.

All items must be collected from our main reception by Monday, 20th July.

What happens next: Any items left uncollected after this date will be kindly donated to a local charity.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us clear out the cabinet!

### Restaurant Notices:

- If your child's fingerprint is not working or registered on the school till system, we will be updating these next week. To make sure everyone can still get food, the till will be open every morning at breakfast next week until the last day of term. During this time, we will scan and update students' fingerprints on the system so everything is ready for September.

### Please note the revised menu for the week commencing Monday 20th July:

- Monday 20th July: Beef bolognese pasta served with a green salad.
- Tuesday 21st July: Chicken curry with traditional trimmings.
- Wednesday 22nd July: Sausage and mash with seasonal vegetables.
- Thursday 23rd July: Choice of chicken goujons or pizza, served with chips and baked beans.
- Friday 24th July: Food will be available at breaktime only. There will be no lunch service.



# THIS WEEK

## Congratulations to Everyone on a Fantastic Sports Day!

Last Friday was our annual Sports Day and what a fantastic day it was!

It was brilliant to see all of our students giving it their absolute best, showing great sportsmanship and cheering each other on.



## Brooklands and Mercedes Benz World Trip

The D&T department took 50 students to Brooklands Museum and Mercedes-Benz World on Monday to learn all about design in aviation and motoring. Students were able to take part in flight and Formula 1 simulators and were given a tour around Mercedes-Benz World amongst a whole load of other interactive activities! The trip was a huge success and Mercedes-Benz were very complimentary on how the students behaved, so well done everyone!



## What an incredible day at the STEM Conference!

Our students dived headfirst into the future with this year's theme, **"STEM for a Changing Planet."**

They got a true taste of a professional real-world conference, experiencing inspiring, fast-paced TED-style talks from an amazing lineup of industry leaders. A massive thank you to our incredible guest speakers who shared their invaluable insights and solutions for tomorrow:

- Philip Lennard – Retired Director of BT
- Phil Doyle – Senior Engineering Manager at Flagstone
- Mike Bedford – Project Director & AV/Acoustic Consultant at Experience Studios
- Dr. Helen Frost – Senior Lecturer at Canterbury Christ Church University
- Evan Bedford – Young Innovator from our very own STEM Academy, who blew us away sharing his solutions for the future of ways to generate electricity.

The day offered an exceptional window into the professional world, including masterclasses in Technology and Workplace skills that left our students inspired to shape the future.

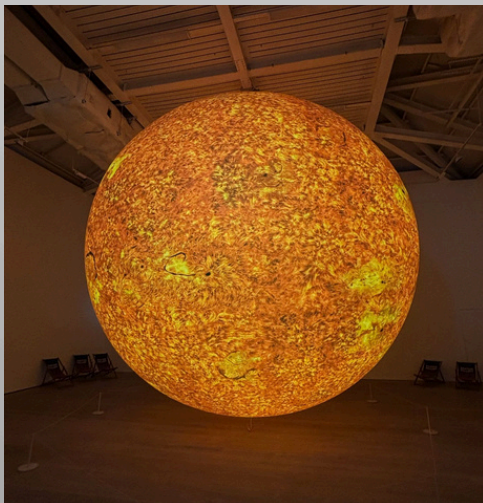


### Year 10 Art & Photography Trip: Student Reflection

"The Art & Photography trip we took on Tuesday was an incredibly educational and inspirational experience for all of us. We visited three galleries: Saatchi Gallery, Serpentine North Gallery and the Victoria and Albert Museum. At Saatchi, we explored 'The Sun and The Moon: Art Inspired by the Celestial', which illustrated how artists captured light and time. Over at the Serpentine North, we explored David Hockney's digital and traditional work. However, a personal highlight was the Photography Centre at the V&A. The work on display broadened my creative outlook, giving me inspiration and a fresh perspective for my project going forward."

— Naima, Year 10

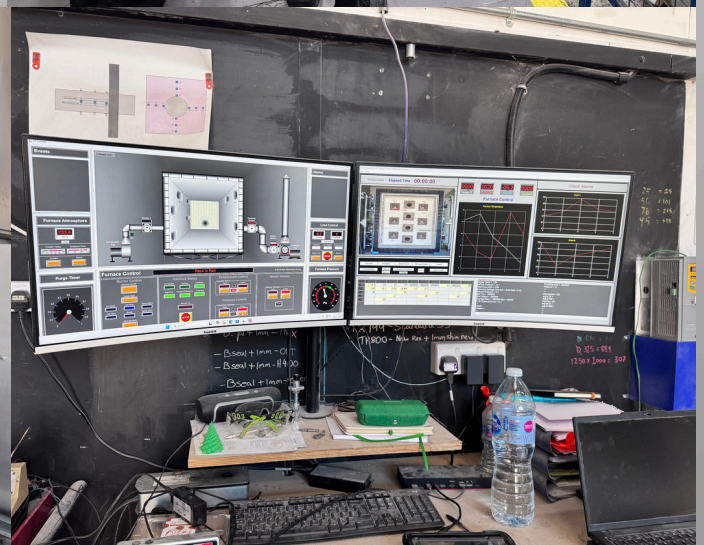
Pictures by: Amelia P (Yr10) & Mrs H Wells



## Year 10 Construction Students Visit Swegon Actionair

Our Year 10 Construction and Design Technology students recently visited the Swegon Actionair manufacturing facility to see building regulations and structural safety in action.

Students toured the factory floor to watch advanced robotics build fire and smoke control dampers, learning how rigorously these life-safety systems must be tested to meet UK regulations. They also spoke with engineers, technicians and project managers about their daily roles and industry career pathways, including digital design (BIM) and mechanical engineering.



## STEM Academy Explores Food Science with "Galactic Preserves"!

Our Year 7 STEM Academy students turned into food scientists this week, launching into the world of preservation with a brilliant, hands-on project called "Galactic Preserves"! The students explored the fascinating mechanics of food safety, discovering how altering a food's pH (acidity) and water activity can completely stop spoilage in its tracks. Putting their new knowledge to the test, our Year 7s created their own custom jars of "Galactic Pickles" using red cabbage, white vinegar, sugar and salt. The absolute highlight of the lesson was working with a natural pH indicator: red cabbage! Students witnessed "chemical camouflage" in real-time as the purple cabbage instantly transformed into a vibrant pinkish-red the moment it touched the acidic mixture.



## Whitstable Town FC Academy Shine at Costa del Sol Cup

In June 2026, 26 scholarship players traveled to Málaga, Spain, to compete in the prestigious Costa del Sol Cup. Splitting into two squads, the Reds and the Yellows, the Academy delivered outstanding performances against top European opposition while showing exceptional professionalism and teamwork throughout the tournament.

The Reds topped their group on day one, highlighted by a thrilling 3-2 comeback win with nine men, and advanced to the Main Cup semi-finals. After a 2-2 draw, they narrowly missed out on the final after an agonizing 3-2 penalty shootout loss to Athletic Puerta. Meanwhile, the Yellows bounced back from tough group matches to reach the Plate Final, defeating CD Guadalmar 2-0 before finishing as proud runners-up. Both teams can be immensely proud of an unforgettable tour that showcased the continued growth of the Academy.



## Safeguarding during the summer holidays:

During the school holidays, the safeguarding team only monitors their email address periodically. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact Kent County Council Children's Services directly on 03000 41 11 11 rather than waiting for a school response.

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111.

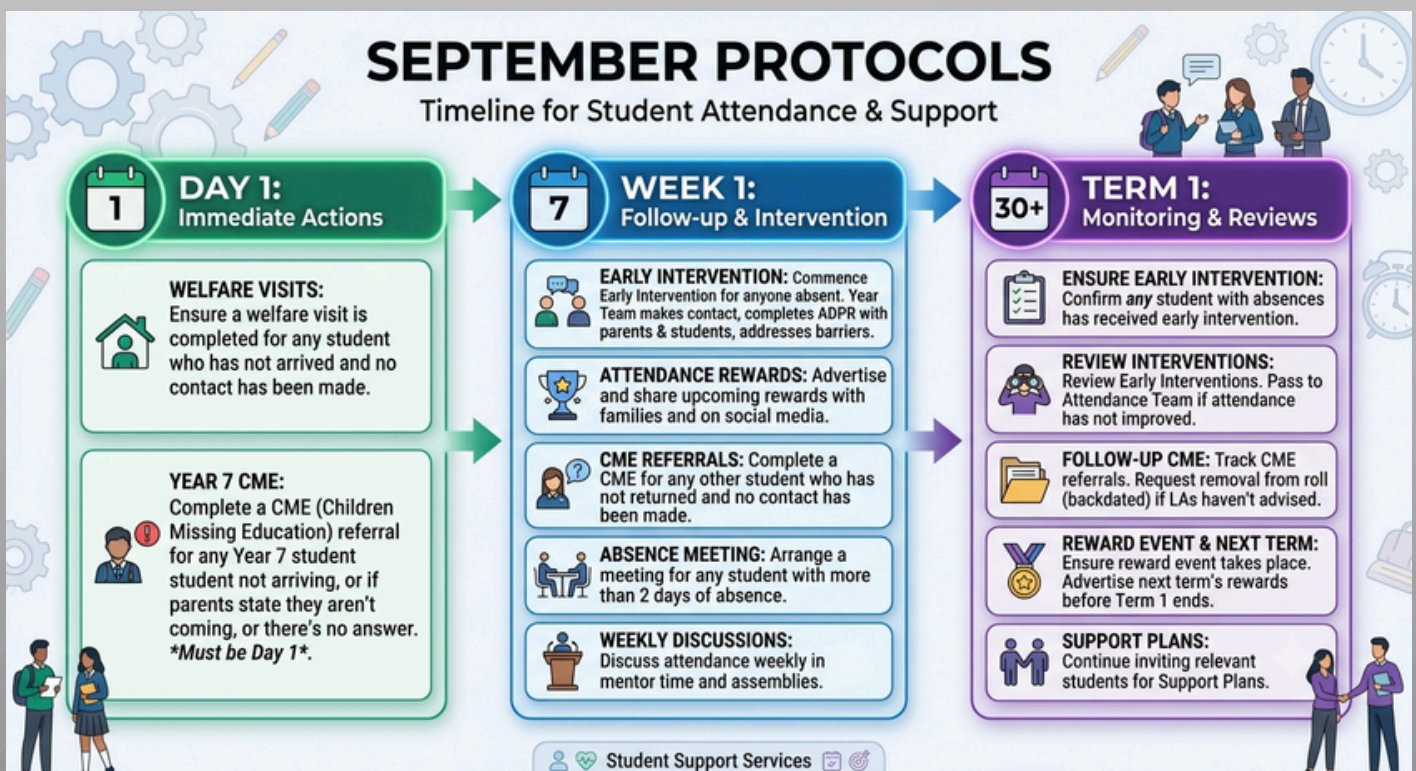
Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 crisis support. Parents wanting advice can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544. If a young person is in mental health crisis you should attend The Crisis Team at QEQM Hospital in Margate.

Children's Images Online Parent Guidance:

The National Crime Agency and the Internet Watch Foundation have now issued guidance for parents. AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried.

The parent's guidance can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### School Calendar & Key Dates

For our detailed school calendar and a full list of upcoming events, please visit our website for more information: [TWS School Calendar](#)

Get ready for a night of brilliant, spooky, and spectacular performing arts! The Stage Academy is thrilled to invite you to our summer production of 'The Addams Family'. Our talented students have been working incredibly hard to bring this creepy, kooky, and altogether wonderful musical to life. They would absolutely love to see you in the audience cheering them on.

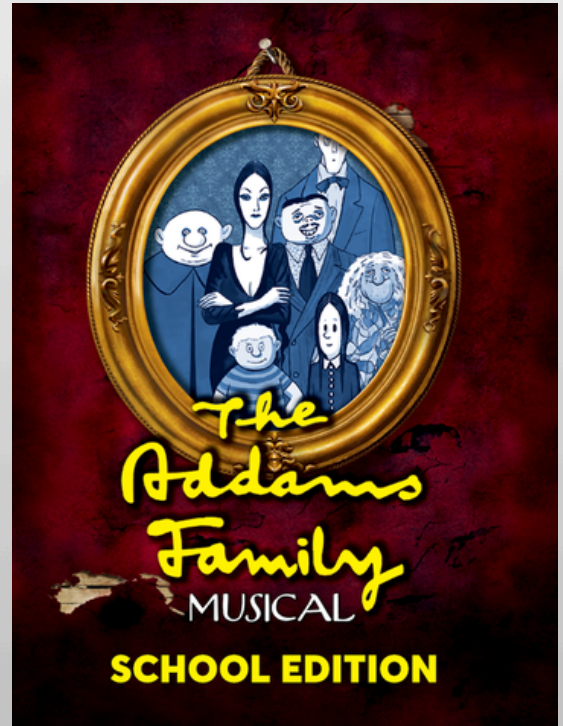
#### Showtimes:

Friday, 17th July, 5:00PM – Year 7 Production

Tuesday, 21st July, 6:00PM – Senior Stage Academy Production

Wednesday, 22nd July, 6:00PM – Senior Stage Academy Production

Get yours now via [TicketSource](#)



**The Whitstable School**

# CHARITY FUN DAY

RAISING MONEY FOR  
**WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK**

**DATE**  
21 JULY 2026

**SUGGESTED DONATION**  
£5 (pay via ParentPay)

**BIG WIN**  
PRIZES TO BE WON  
1x adult and 1x child  
Wingham Wildlife Park tickets

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**ASSAULT COURSE**

**FANCY DRESS - DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL (PRIZES TO BE WON)**

**WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK RUNNING WORKSHOPS IN THE SCHOOL**

**SUPPORT WILDLIFE. MAKE AN IMPACT. BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG.**

**HELP PROTECT WILDLIFE. MAKE AN IMPACT.**

Join us on Tuesday 21st July 2026 for a day of fun to raise money for Wingham Wildlife Park!

Students can enjoy a bouncy castle, an assault course, and animal-themed workshops run by the park team. There are also prizes for the best animal fancy dress and a chance to win Wingham Wildlife Park entry tickets!

Fancy dress: Dress as your favourite animal.

Suggested donation: £5 via ParentPay.

Help protect wildlife and make an impact

## What's Next & What's New

### WHAT'S NEW?

#### We're on Instagram! 📸

We've got a brand-new Instagram page dedicated to keeping you updated every single week.

👉 Click [here](#) to check it out or scan the barcode below to follow us!



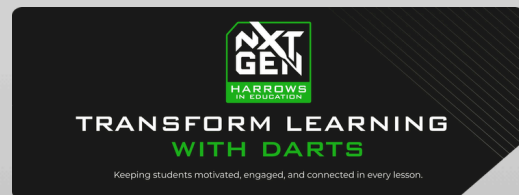
#### What's New: 🎯 TWS Darts Club!

We are thrilled to launch our brand-new Darts Club in room GZ3, featuring three competition-standard lanes funded by the Harrows Next Gen for Schools Darts Programme.

**When: Thursdays, 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Start Date: Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

**Where: Room GZ3**



Students will learn throwing techniques, how to keep score ("chalk") and compete in a fun "ladder" league to prepare for our first-ever TWS Darts Open Tournament.

**Club Membership & Benefits:**

After attending three sessions, students earn official Darts Club Membership. This unlocks lunchtime access to the lanes for a weekly sub of £2 (payable termly via ParentPay to cover equipment and prizes).

**Bonus:** Members get an exclusive 10% discount on Harrows Darts equipment. The link to the discount will be emailed to parents directly.

#### What's Next:

Join Mrs Rosa this summer for free creative writing sessions themed around the history of Faversham.

The workshops will take place at the Fleur de Lis, offering a fantastic opportunity for students to explore local history and develop their writing skills over the holidays. More details on dates and times will follow soon..



### August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
 Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
<b>FREE - Raising Self-Esteem</b>	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



### September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long  
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Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
<b>FREE - Masking Awareness</b>	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

**Enter our FREE family competition**

Enter at Prize Draws on our home page - good luck!

A great activity for the summer holidays!  
 We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Kent Quiz Trails!  
 They live up a healthy family walk!

*Let the adventure begin with*

We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Kent Quiz Trails!

**LOW - COST!**  
 Clues for adults PLUS clues for juniors which are made for 5 to 11 year olds!

**FREE TO ENTER!**

**WIN**

We've teamed up with **What's On In Kent** to give away a 'The Kent Summer Holiday Adventure Pack'!

Top Prize: One lucky winner will win a wicker picnic hamper with plates, cutlery and glasses, a picnic blanket, one each of the Quiz Trails short stories books, three Quiz Trails of your choice PLUS a selection of sweet treats!

Three runner-up winners will each win 3 Quiz Trails of your choice!

Enter on our website [www.QuizTrail.co.uk](http://www.QuizTrail.co.uk)

\*Closing date 31st July 2026 at 11:59pm. Free to enter - no purchase necessary.

**WHAT'S ON? IN KENT.COM**

Download the app to discover hundreds of activities and events going on in Kent!

Special offers too!

[www.QuizTrail.co.uk](http://www.QuizTrail.co.uk)

Quote Discount Code **DISCOUNT10** at our checkout

**Whitstable**  
 Quiz Trail & Local History

A history-hunt with a fun twist - an educational, healthy and FUN activity that entertains all!

Quiz Trails are written for adults and packed with local history. As well as a set of clues for adults - there are another set of clues for juniors! Quiz Trails are a fabulous activity for adults and children to do together - **great for grandparents to share time with their young ones!**

You can take as long as you like to complete the trail, making it the perfect activity for a relaxed trip out making happy memories together

**At just £5.99 a copy for a group to share**, Quiz Trails are the perfect way to spend time outdoors in the fresh air with loved ones. ALL trails are accessible.

**Trustpilot**  
 ★★★★★  
 Quiz Trail Reviews - Excellent

We've created Quiz Trails for ALL these great Kent locations. Where will you explore this summer?

[www.QuizTrail.co.uk](http://www.QuizTrail.co.uk)

Quote Discount Code **DISCOUNT10** at our checkout

Quiz Trails are an 'Approved Activity' for The Children's University



# SUMMER 2026 AT THE RESERVE

**BIG BUG HUNT** Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

**BOGGARTS**

Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

**FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES** Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

**GROW A GARDEN** in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

**POND DIPPING** Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

**STORY TIME** Free nature stories read by local authors and our volunteers.

**STORY WALK** Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

**WILD CLASSROOM:** Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

**WORM COMPOSTING:** Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY				AUGUST			
	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs		Story	Pond	11th:	Worms	Story Folklore
23rd:	Bugs			Pond	13th:	Pond	Garden
24th:	Bugs			Pond	14th:	Bugs	Boggarts
28th:	Pond W.C'rm	Story	Folklore		18th:	Bugs	Story Walk
31st:	Bugs			Boggarts	20th:	Walk	Pond
					21st:	Bugs	Folklore
4th:	Boggarts		12PM	1PM	25th:	Folklore	Story Garden
6th:	Bugs		Story	Pond	27th:	Bugs	Walk
7th:	Folklore		Walk	Garden	28th:	Pond	Boggarts



**HOW TO BOOK**

[www.monkton-reserve.org/events/](http://www.monkton-reserve.org/events/)

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

**MORE INFO:**

[education@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@monkton-reserve.org)

**PRICE PER CHILD**

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

**WHERE**

Monkton Nature Reserve  
Canterbury Road

**WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG**

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST  
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

# BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU IN **2025!**  
EXCLUSIVE PARENT DISCOUNT

USE CODE **SCHOOL20** FOR AN EXTRA £20 OFF YOUR BOOKING!

\*Minimum 2 days. \*Not to be used in conjunction with other offer codes

- ⦿ 4 to 14 year olds!
- ⦿ 80+ Activities!
- ⦿ Choice each session!
- ⦿ Specialist Courses!
- ⦿ Flexible bookings!



HIGHLY RATED School Holiday camps!!!



OFSTED REGISTERED

[barracudas.co.uk](http://barracudas.co.uk)  
01480 467 567



 **Important School Updates & Reminders**

- **Parking & Student Safety**

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, please adhere to our site parking and driving guidelines. We ask that parents avoid using the staff car park and ensure all entrances remain clear of vehicles at all times. Please reserve disabled bays strictly for Blue Badge holders and maintain a slow, vigilant speed while driving on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

- **Community Respect & Litter**

We have received reports of littering and disrespectful behavior toward local residents. The School takes these reports very seriously; any students identified behaving disrespectfully or dropping litter, inside or outside of school grounds, will face appropriate sanctions and negative behavior points. We expect all students to represent our school with pride and respect for our neighbours.

- **Allergen Awareness**

The safety of our students is our top priority. While it is impossible to guarantee a 100% allergen-free environment in a busy school, we strive to be as allergen-aware as possible. We kindly ask for your support by ensuring packed lunches and snacks do not contain:

- Packaged nuts (peanuts, tree nuts, etc.)
- Nut-based bars (cereal, granola or chocolate bars)
- Spreads (Peanut butter or chocolate-hazelnut spreads like Nutella)
- Sauces (Peanut-based sauces like satay)
- Sesame (Seeds, hummus or sesame crackers)

- **Investing in Excellence: Support TWS**

We are launching a community initiative to modernise our facilities in Technology, Sports and Literacy. Every donation directly impacts our pupils' daily experience.

If you would like to support our students, please complete and submit our donation form. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

**[TWS Donations Form](#)**



*Thank  
You*