

NEWSLETTER

Term 6, Issue 8

24 JULY 2026

Key term dates

13 August 2026 - A level results day

20 August 2026 - GCSE results day

Academic Year 2026 - 2027

01 September 2026 - Staff
Development Day

02 September 2026 - Term 1 Starts -
Year 7, 11, 12 & 13

03 September 2026 - Term 1 Starts All
Students

Stay Up to Date

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

TWS School Calendar

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

School Meals



CONTACT US

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Option 1 - Attendance

Option 2 - Pupil Admissions

Option 4 - Main Reception

To report an absence or other attendance
enquiries:

Email: tw_s_attendance@swale.at

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highlights.



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TERM 1 STARTS - A TIMETABLE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year draws to a close, I want to reflect on what has been a fantastic year for The Whitstable School and thank you for your continued support.

Year Highlights & Looking Ahead

- **Trips & Enrichment:** We ran nearly 100 educational visits this year! We will continue expanding these opportunities next year, including new leadership roles and activities.
- **Teaching & Learning:** Visitors have praised our engaging classrooms, dynamic group work and effective teaching approaches. Our departments continue refining the curriculum to make lessons memorable and impactful.
- **Careers Focus:** Next year, we are expanding our careers programme in partnership with CXK, embedding real-world connections into everyday subjects and bringing in more guest speakers and employers.
- **A Renewed Focus on Reading:** Reading is vital for academic success and wellbeing. In September, we are launching a renewed focus on reading across the curriculum to help students develop strong skills and a lifelong love of books.
- **Enhanced Pastoral Care:** Every year group will now have two dedicated, non-teaching pastoral staff members to support attendance, wellbeing, and student development. As always, regular attendance remains key to student success.

Staff Changes

Sadly, the end of the year brings a few goodbyes. We are bidding farewell to several valued colleagues—some who are retiring after many years of dedicated service, and others who are moving on to exciting new opportunities. We thank them all for their commitment and wish them the absolute best.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome a fantastic group of new teaching, pastoral, and support staff who will be joining us in September to further strengthen our school community.

Thank you to our students, staff, and governors

Mr Holmes
Headteacher

TRACK Winner: Amelia (Year 7)

Congratulations to Amelia 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.



Book of Commendation Term Winners

Each term, two names are drawn from our Book of Commendation to celebrate exceptional effort and achievement across the school. Huge congratulations to this term's well-deserved winners, **Poppy in Year 8 and Hugo in Year 7!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us for Our Careers Event!

When: Thursday 10th September

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Where: The Whitstable School, Bellevue Road, CT5 1PX

Contact: twc_careers@swale.at

Please let us know if you can make it by filling out our short RSVP form:

👉 Click here to [RSVP](#)

THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast to discover how local businesses can partner with The Whitstable School Careers Department.

- 📅 When: Thursday 10th September
- 📍 Where: The Stage, The Whitstable School, Bellevue Road, CT5 1PX
- 🕒 Time: 9:00am - 10:00am
- 📞 Contact for more information: twc_careers@swale.at



PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE
[RSVP HERE](#)

TWS Open Events

Open Evening:

Join us on Thursday, September 24th, 2026, from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

Open Morning Tours:

Our Open Morning tours will run from Monday, September 28th until Thursday 1st October 2026. We will have two tours each morning:

First tour: 9:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Second tour: 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM

Advance booking is required for all Open To book one of our Open Morning Tours please scan the QR code or go to: ticketsource.co.uk

We can't wait to welcome you!



ADMISSIONS OPEN
SEPTEMBER 2027
JOIN NOW!



Welcome to the Whitstable School, the highest performing non-selective school within the district recently graded **GOOD** in all areas by Ofsted.

The Whitstable School is a passionate, purposeful and progressive place to study: our pupils foster a deep love for learning and continually strive to reach their full potential.

For current Year 6 pupils for Admissions in September 2027, the school will hold an open evening and morning tours. Families and prospective pupils will have the opportunity to hear from the Headteacher, meet staff, current pupils, tour the school facilities and visit subject classes.

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 24th Sept 2026

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Headteacher talks will be at: 6:00 PM, 6:45 PM and 7:30 PM

No booking required for Open Evening

OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 28th Sept-Thursday 1st Oct 2026

First tour: 9:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Second tour: 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM

Please book below

Advance booking is required for all Open Morning tours, with two tours each morning. Please note: Each parent will need to book an individual ticket. One child is permitted per parent and tickets are not required for children.

To book one of our Open Morning Tours please scan the QR code or book via [Ticketsource](https://ticketsource.co.uk)



We are open to applications outside of Whitstable. Students have the opportunity to apply for a 25% travel bursary. *T&C's apply.



THIS WEEK

Creepy, Kooky, and Completely Brilliant!

Huge applause to the students and team at Stage Academy for their brilliant production of *The Addams Family* at TWS. The passion, effort, and hard work put into the show made for an unforgettable event. Thank you to our school community for coming out to support such amazing talent!



Charity Fun Day!

What a fantastic Charity Day on Tuesday in support of Wingham Wildlife Park! From conquering the bouncy castle and assault course to face painting and brilliant fancy dress, our students had an absolute blast. Special thanks to the Wingham Wildlife Park team for their inspiring conservation workshops, and to everyone in our community who took part and supported such a great cause!



Year 10 Cathedral Visit

On Friday, our Year 10 GCSE RE students enjoyed a thoroughly lovely visit to the Cathedral. The pupils had a fantastic day, engaged brilliantly with the experience and were an absolute credit to the school throughout—well done to everyone involved!



ShakesFest Champions!!!!

A group of 22 Students from Years 7-10 took part in our Annual Trust Drama Competition 'ShakesFest'. We performed a 15 minute extract of 'A Comedy of Errors', including movement sequences choreographed by Y9 and 10 students. For the first time ever, TWS won the competition! We also came home with the performance award for the best acting. We are incredibly proud of our students, they represented the school spectacularly on the day. We also had a great day out over in Eastbourne.



Hampton Court Palace

On 15th July, 70 of our GCSE History students had a great day out at Hampton Court Palace. Students had a chance to tour the Palace with expert guides, who spoke about Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey's connections to the Palace and how important it was for Tudor Foreign Policy. Students also got a chance to explore the Palace in groups, managing to all come out of the garden maze safely! We also asked many of the Palace staff about the Hampton Court ghosts, as the Palace is known to be one of the most haunted buildings in the UK! Thankfully there were no sightings and a great day out was had by all.



D&T London Museum Trip

On Tuesday 21st July, Design and Technology students from year 10 and 12 went on a trip up to London to visit the V&A, Design Museum and the Japan House. The students were able to see a range of past and present products from a range of designers to influence their NEA and support with the exam. It was a great trip and students loved seeing the variety of products on display, a lovely way to end the school year!



Year 12 Celebration

We are so proud of our Sixth form students who have already achieved fantastic results in public exams as well as our recent round of mocks. We know that this will stand them in good stead as they transition into Year 13 and begin applications for university, apprenticeships and other post-18 destinations. Furthermore, throughout the year they have participated in professional writing workshops, a successful careers drop down day and a range of extra-curricular opportunities and trips.

Last Friday afternoon Year 12 gathered outside for music, food and activities to celebrate their successes this year. Sixth Formers enjoyed a face painting and glitter station, BBQ and pizza, as well as sports matches including table tennis, football and a 'Teachers vs Students' rounders match.

We hope our Year 12 students enjoy a well-deserved break and return for their final year with renewed energy and enthusiasm! We also look forward to welcoming our new cohort in September and wish everyone receiving exam results this summer the best of luck.



Whitstable Town FC Academy Announces 2026 Pre-Season & Final Scholarship Places!

We're pleased to announce that Whitstable Town FC Academy's 2026 Pre-Season is officially confirmed.

Start Date: Monday, 20th July 2026

Location: Whitstable Town FC Academy

This summer, we welcome both new and returning scholarship players for a full schedule of pre-season training and fixtures.

Scholarship Opportunities – Limited Availability

We currently have just 2 scholarship places remaining for talented players aged 16–18 who are looking to join our full-time Football & Education Programme starting in September 2026.

Our scholarship provides a complete post-16 pathway, combining high-level football with a recognised education programme, supporting player development both on and off the pitch.

Further Information and Trials

If you would like more information or are interested in attending a pre-season trial session, please contact us at:

contact@football-futures.com

We look forward to an exciting pre-season and welcoming the next group of players to 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.

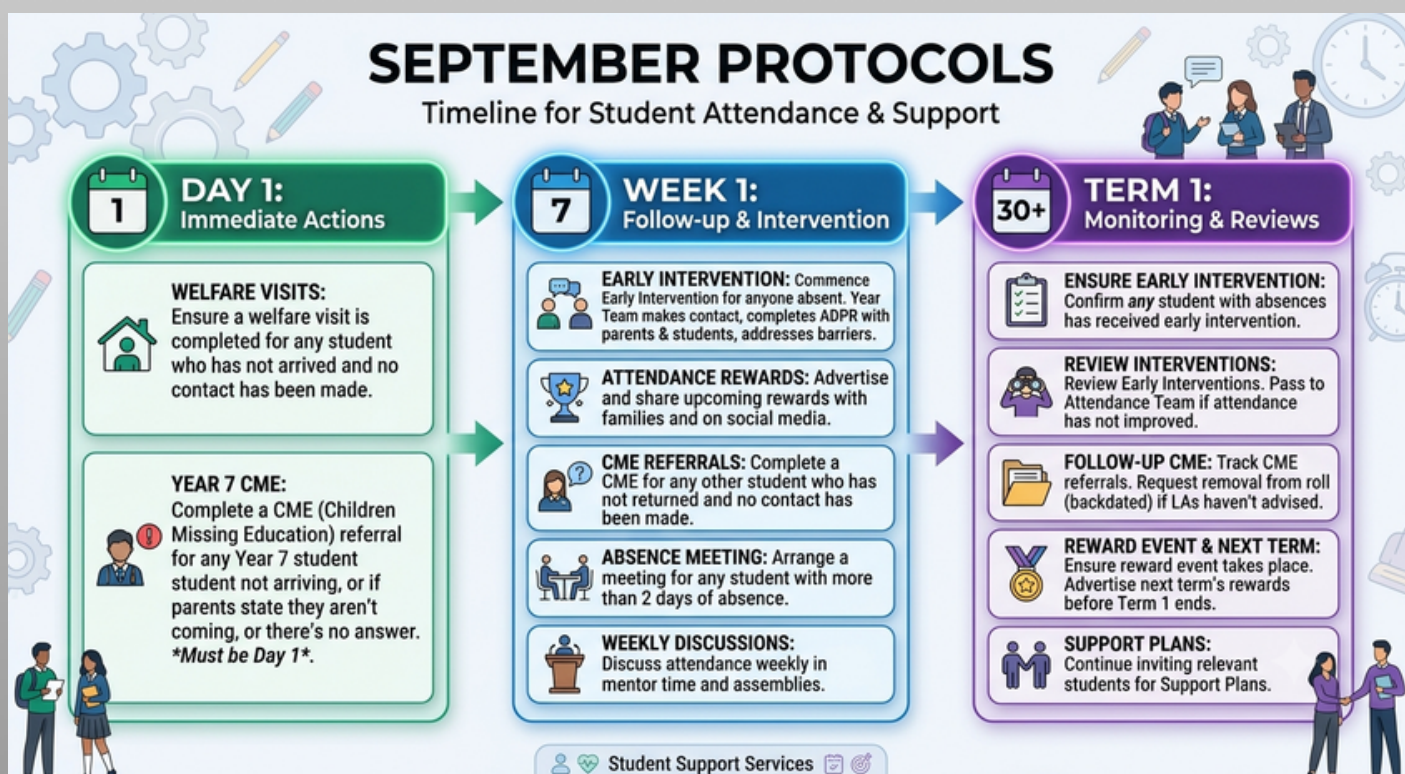
Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

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/>



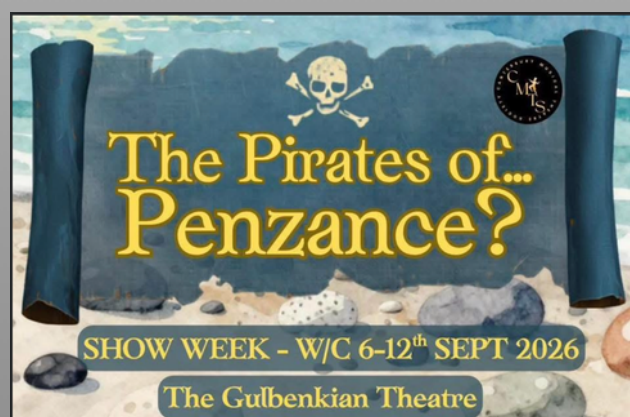
Join Mrs Rosa this summer for free creative writing sessions themed around the history of Faversham.

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..



🎭 Mr. Richardson's Top Local Theatre Picks!
Check out this amazing list of local theatre recommendations put together by Mr. Richardson to keep you entertained over the summer break!

[Mr Richardson's Top Local Theatre Picks](#)



Important Notices

• Free School Meals & Extra Support:

Did you know that registering for Free School Meals can unlock extra funding for our school to support your child's learning, alongside other great benefits?

How to Apply

Applications are checked and processed immediately. If you are successful, the school is notified automatically, and your child should receive their free meal within 24 hours. (Please note you may be asked for proof of benefits after applying).

Apply online today at: apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent

• February 2027 ski trip

We have a few spaces left on the February 2027 Ski Trip to Italy. If you would like more information, please contact the school at tw_sadmin@swale.at



Kent Family Hub

Canterbury Family Hubs
27th July - 21st August, 2026

Summer Timetable

Holiday Activities and Food

Your child must receive benefit-related Free School Meals to be eligible to attend

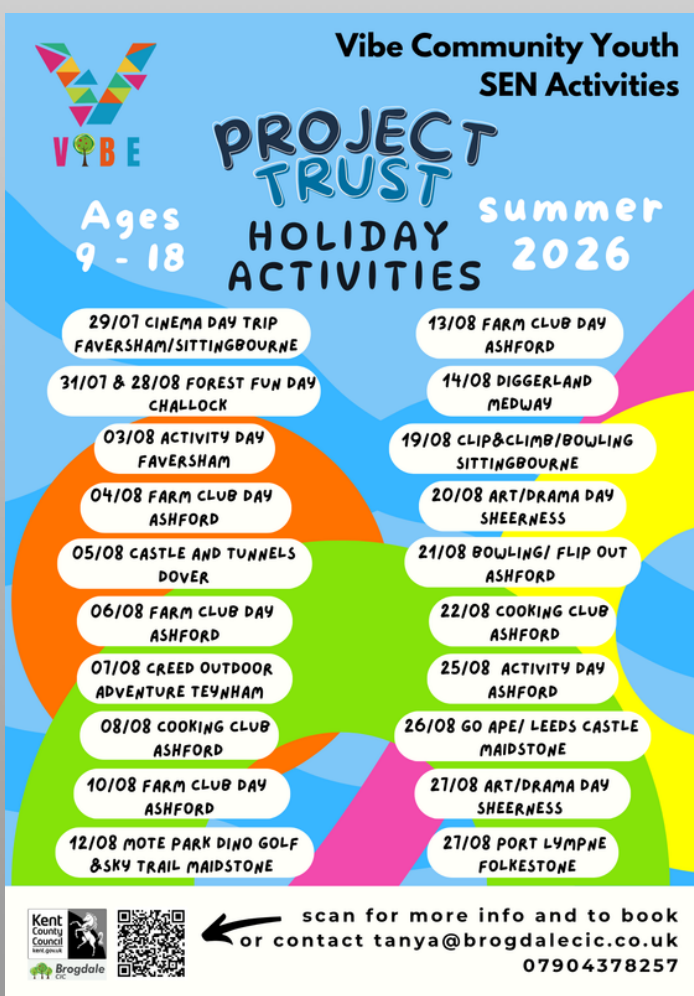
Our Activities

- Fishing
- Rollerskating
- Cooking
- Howletts Zoo Trip
- Story Time Adventures
- Family Swim Sessions
- Mean Girls The Musical
- Boxing
- Wildwood Trips
- Little Kickers

To register your interest, please visit:
<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/canterbury-family-hub>

Find us on Facebook or Instagram at Canterbury Family Hubs

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council



Vibe Community Youth SEN Activities

PROJECT TRUST summer **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2026**

Ages 9 - 18

29/07 CINEMA DAY TRIP FAVERSHAM/SITTINGBOURNE	13/08 FARM CLUB DAY ASHFORD
31/07 & 28/08 FOREST FUN DAY CHALLOCK	14/08 DIGGERLAND MEDWAY
03/08 ACTIVITY DAY FAVERSHAM	19/08 CLIP&CLIMB/BOWLING SITTINGBOURNE
04/08 FARM CLUB DAY ASHFORD	20/08 ART/DRAMA DAY SHEERNESS
05/08 CASTLE AND TUNNELS DOVER	21/08 BOWLING/ FLIP OUT ASHFORD
06/08 FARM CLUB DAY ASHFORD	22/08 COOKING CLUB ASHFORD
07/08 CREED OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TEYNHAM	25/08 ACTIVITY DAY ASHFORD
08/08 COOKING CLUB ASHFORD	26/08 GO APE/ LEEDS CASTLE MAIDSTONE
10/08 FARM CLUB DAY ASHFORD	27/08 ART/DRAMA DAY SHEERNESS
12/08 MOTE PARK DINO GOLF & SKY TRAIL MAIDSTONE	27/08 PORT LYMPNE FOLKESTONE

scan for more info and to book
or contact tanya@brogdalecic.co.uk
07904378257

Kent County Council
Brogdale CIC



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

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
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	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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Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
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
FREE - Masking Awareness	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!

Quiz Trails

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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

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Quiz Trail

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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.

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Quiz Trail

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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

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

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