



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

*We Model What We Value*



School News  
April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome a small amount of sun and beautiful weather as we prepare for the Easter holidays. We have had a very busy term with lots of activities. World Book Day meant there were some incredible outfits from both staff and children, and a variety of reading based activities within the day. We have also held our termly "No Outsiders" workshops in the class, where children look at different aspects of belonging and how we can make sure these themes are applied to ourselves and others in the school. Yr 5 and 6 have been completing the various stages of Bikeability to gain their cycling independence whilst our Yr 3 children have attended the Beane museum for a Roman Workshop. We were very lucky to have had a special performance from our school choir, where they performed a medley in 4 different languages along with songs about appreciating each other's differences – which they have started to teach the rest of the school. We are very excited to watch the year 5 talent show on Thursday, there has been much excitement, many rehearsals and a full Yr 5 team effort from all staff and pupils ! Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

Laura Cutts and Sarah Heaney - Headteachers

## TLC Assemblies



In term 4, we have been focusing on our school value of kindness. Last Friday, we came together as a school to support local charities and initiatives that seek to address key issues within our local community. Each Teaching Learning Community (TLC) took ownership of a particular charity or cause. **Rainforest** spent the morning working in our Forest School, planting wildflowers as well as building bug hotels. This was to support insect species that are endangered within Kent and to encourage our pupils to recognise our responsibility in caring for the environment. **Desert** spent the morning learning about the difficulties that homeless people face on the streets of Canterbury and what we can do as a school to show kindness to individuals who are experiencing this predicament. Abbie, from Porch Light, came and spoke to the children about these issues and we then designed socks with fabric pens, which will be distributed to homeless people by Porch Light next winter on our behalf. **Savannah** spent the morning with a representative from the charity Kent Kindness, which works to provide initial support to unaccompanied children seeking refuge. She spoke about some of the common experiences that many of these children face. They then spent the morning focussing on empathy and compassion through PSHE and craft activities. Finally, **Marine** were busy creating Spring cards for a local nursing home that we have linked with. Next term, we have arranged to visit the home to entertain the elderly residents with some musical performances. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and used kindness and creativity to help people belong in our school, community and environment.



Last Friday (21st March), Cheetah Class ran a fantastic fundraising event to raise money for Comic Relief. Over the week leading up to Red Nose Day, they sold red noses to the rest of the school, which were a real hit! The day itself began with Cheetah Class doing an assembly, where they explained the purpose of Comic Relief, as well as showcasing 40 years of red noses! They also held a cake sale at break time, which again proved to be very popular. Thank you to all of the parents that helped with this by making delicious cakes and biscuits for us to sell. In total, as a school, we raised a wonderful £406 for Comic Relief! Thank you Cheetah Class!



## Parents and Carers – Family support

We would like to share some information with you around a website and Community Interest Company (CIC) that has been set up by one of our trustees, called 'For every child I wish...' If there is something that you need to support your child with such as school uniform, clothing, shoes, equipment, furniture – such as beds or bedding, please fill in the form and your request will be processed. There will be no charge to these items. To find out more please visit [www.foreverychildiwish.co.uk](http://www.foreverychildiwish.co.uk).



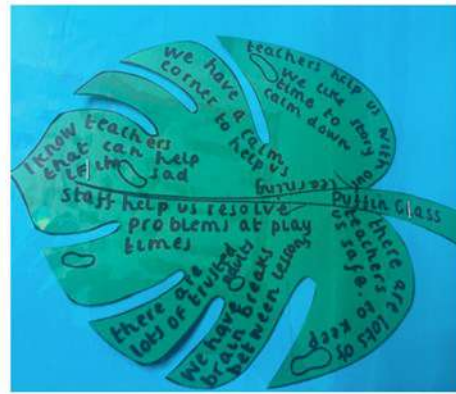
## Cross Country Success!

On Tuesday 4th March, a team of 13 children travelled to Chartham to take part in a challenging cross-country event. They represented our school with incredible determination and sportsmanship, making us all proud.

With 334 children from the Canterbury Sports Partnership taking part, the competition was tough, but our runners gave it their all. A huge **well done** to **all** our runners for their hard work and determination!



*WELL DONE TEAM SSJS!*



Mrs Sazant has been working hard on our principles of Nurture across the school. It is a regular focus for all our children and important for us to regularly share with all children, staff and parents. We are working towards receiving the Nurture accreditation, which will be a recognition of the huge amount that we do here at SSJS. All classes were asked to fill in a leaf with their ideas around what we do in school which supports the nurture principles. In every classroom we have calm spaces and zones of regulation along with other key tools to support pupils navigate their school day.

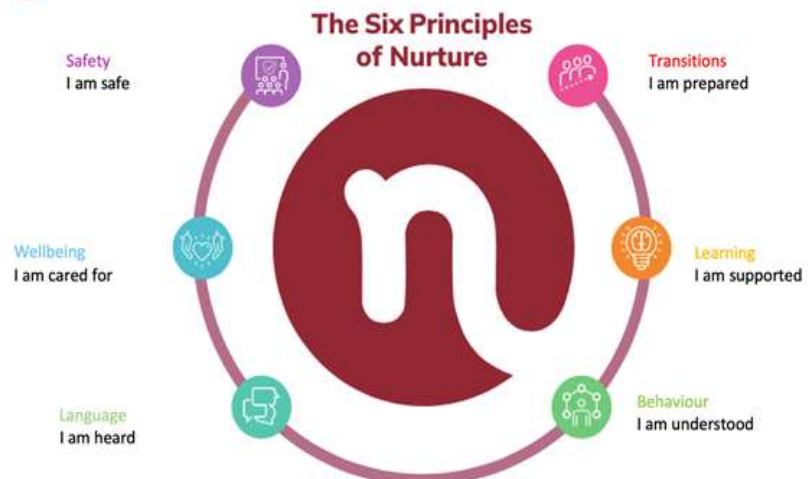
## Canterbury Spring Activities

7th April to 11th April 2025

If you are a free school meal family, please have a look at the attached flyer with lots of activities you can sign up for over the Easter break.



[nurtureuk.org](http://nurtureuk.org)



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## Our Activities

Djembe Drumming Workshop

Dungeons and Dragons

Graffiti Workshop

Wildwood Trips

Easter Crafts

Easter Event

### Contact us

CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

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Instagram at  
Canterbury Family  
Hubs



# Canterbury Family Hubs



## Information:

### Booking Activities:

All activities that require booking are only available to children and young people in receipt of Free School Meals.

To book on, please contact us: [canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk](mailto:canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk)

### Drop In Activities:

Our drop in activities are available for everybody, no need to book.

## 7th & 11th April Wildwood Trips

We have a number of tickets available for families to enjoy a day at Wildwood, with lunch provided for all young people attending. For 0-19 years (25 SEND). Parents/carers in attendance.

Meet at: 11:00am

Herne Common,  
Herne Bay  
CT6 7LQ

Requires  
Booking

## 8th April Easter Craft

Enjoy a range of seasonal arts and crafts activities led by our Family Hub team and Kent Adult Education. A picnic lunch will be provided for all children attending. For 0-8 years.

10:00am - 12:00pm

Wincheap Family Hub,  
Wincheap Primary School,  
Wincheap, Canterbury,  
CT1 3SD

Requires  
Booking

## 9th April Djembe Drumming Workshop

Make some noise with our long term partners The Rewards Project and learn how to play a Djembe hand drum during this two hour workshop. For 8-11 years.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Herne Bay Family Hub,  
Memorial Park,  
Herne Bay,  
CT6 5RG

Requires  
Booking

## 9th April Easter Event

Drop in to enjoy a range of seasonal arts and crafts, and an easter egg hunt led by our Family Hub team. To make your time with us even more special please book into the Djembe Drumming Workshop we have on offer led by partner organisation. For 0-11 years.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Herne Bay Family Hub,  
Memorial Park,  
Herne Bay,  
CT6 5RG

## 10th April Graffiti Workshop

Take a board and a spray can and develop your art skills in this creative workshop led by the Rewards Project. Wrap up warm for this one as it will take place on our outside games area due to the nature of this activity. For 11-19 years (25 SEND).

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Whitstable Family Hub,  
Tower Parade,  
Whitstable,  
CT5 2BJ

Requires  
Booking

## 11th April Dungeons and Dragons Session

Envision yourself as a daring hero, a wise mage, or a cunning rogue, embarking on an epic quest through enchanted forests, treacherous dungeons, and ancient ruins. This is the magic of D&D, how will your legendary quest finish?

For 11-19 years (25 SEND).

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Whitstable Family Hub,  
Tower Parade,  
Whitstable, CT5 2BJ



Requires  
Booking

## Healthy Child Clinics and Breastfeeding Support Groups

A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Breastfeeding information, advice and support is also available.

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.

Tuesdays

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Herne Bay Family Hub,  
Memorial Park,  
Herne Bay,  
CT6 5RG

Thursdays

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Kingsmead Family Hub,  
Kingsmead Road,  
Canterbury,  
CT2 7PH

Fridays

9:30am - 11:30am

Whitstable Family Hub,  
Tower Parade,  
Whitstable,  
CT5 2BJ

# Year 3



Year 3 had a TLC craft day, in which we made cards to give to the elderly. They will be delivered to Red House after Easter.



Some excellent work for online safety and Vikings.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

T.W. - Balanced argument.

### Should children be allowed online?

Many children across the world the have all sorts of devices like tablets or phones. But there are also many arguments that children shouldn't be allowed these devices. Lets dive into this balanced argument and see what happens next!

Lots of adults and children agree that kids should be allowed online because they entertain kids, allows them to call friends and family and it teaches them new things. And all of that makes kids happy and Dr. Manny said if children are happy they are healthy.

On the other hand, other people say these electronics should not be allowed because they are:

- bad for your mental health
- there are scams
- and people are cyber bullying

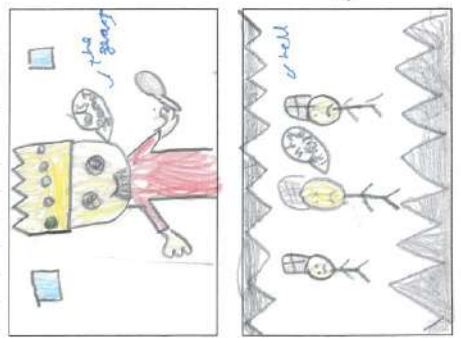
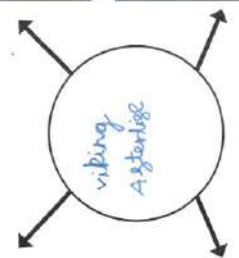
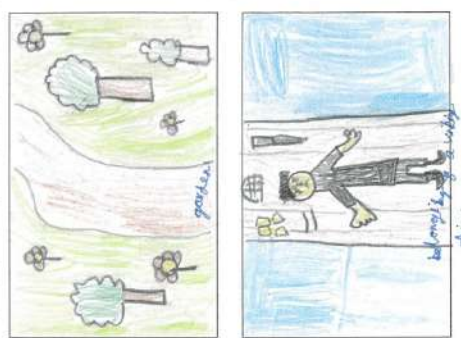
on top of this they cost a mammoth amount of money which is not good!!!

In conclusion, there are good arguments for and against. In my opinion, I think kids should be allowed online only if an adult or caregiver allows them to.

Which God was the most important God?	Odin!
Thor was a popular God but why?	He had a good heart!
Who is the son of Njord?	Frey!
Which God is referred to as the 'Naughty God'? Why?	Loki because he betrayed all the other gods.
Which God rode an eight-legged horse?	Odin!
Name three ideas that Freya is God of..	1. Love 2. War ✓ 3. Death
Who was Frey held hostage with in Asgard?	Sister Freya and his father. ✓
What was Freya responsible for?	Love, death and war. Made sure the sun shined and crops grew and rain dropped.
Loki was the God of?	Mischief and chaos!
Which God is the father of Thor?	Odin!



This is Odin's great hall where you have feasts and eat meat with Odin and friends. They would go here if they had a nice life.



✓ lovely drawings

### In the field

the field is like another heaven for vikings for where they go if they are good. ✓  
viking ship with someone dead in it

Viking believes that if someone dies, they have to be burnt in a fire on fire in a viking ship with all of their belongings. then, the heaven people will take them to Odin and he will decide if they should go to heaven or hell. ✓

### Hell

Hell is not that bad. But, if you are not holding an armour in your hand, you will obviously go to hell. ✓

### The feast

If you are a viking your lucky because if you are holding any armour and have been a good viking, you will have a feast with Odin the God and will fight every day. If you are hurt in a fight, you will get healed and have a joyable day. ✓

Super understanding and beautifully presented (c)

# Year 5



A massive well done to all the Year 5 students and staff for their hard work and talents which made a fantastic show.

Red Panda class made some beautiful postcards from around the world.

