



THE GATEWAY NEWS

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NEWSLETTER 2

Wednesday 29th October 2025

WELCOME

Welcome to our latest school newsletter as we look ahead to term 2.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our photographer will be in school to take individual and family photographs on **Wednesday 5th November**. Please ensure that your child is wearing their school jumper on this day.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will be taking place in Term 3. The meetings will take place in the school throughout the day.

Friday 28 th November	Swans
Monday 1 st December	Heron
Tuesday 2 nd December	Kingfishers
Thursday 27 th November	Swallows
Thursday 27 th November	Woodpeckers
Wednesday 3 rd December	Kestrels
Wednesday 3 rd December	Eagles

Appointments can be booked from Monday 10th November at 8pm via Arbor.

SPORTING NEWS

On Thursday 18th September Mr Cassem took a team of Year 5 and 6 children to Princes Park to play in the Small Schools Trophy.

On Friday 3rd October Mr Cassem took a group of Year 3 and 4 children to a Hockey Festival.



On Wednesday 8th October Mr Cassem



took a team of Year 3 and 4 children to play in the Champions Trophy at Princes Park. Maisie was

chosen as player of the match - Congratulations Maisie.

BABY NEWS

I have some happy news to share with you. Congratulations to Mrs Hemple, Kingfisher class teacher, who is expecting her second child at the start of next year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Hemple and wish her well.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL/COLLECTION

Please do not arrive at the school before 8.45am - especially the older children who are walking themselves to school.

If, due to exceptional circumstances you are running late after school, please call the office and your child will be at reception. Please drive courteously down Milestone Road and leave enough space for our neighbours to get on and off their drive way.

NEW GATES

You will have all seen our new pedestrian and vehicle gates. These gates will be open from 7.45am to 8.15am for access to breakfast club and 8.40am to 9.05am for the rest of the school.

After school the pedestrian gate will open at 2.55pm to 3.30pm. The pedestrian and vehicle gate will open at 4.05pm to 4.30pm for collection from after school clubs.

DROP OFF ZONE

Please remember that the drop off zone is not to be used for parking in the mornings. This area is just a 'drop and go' zone which **opens at 8.45** when the school gates open. Parents are asked not to get out of the car because this slows the movement of cars and causes more congestion.

Drive slowly in the drive 5mph max.

ROAD SAFETY CREW

You may have seen our Road Safety Crew out the front of the school collecting data and watching how the adults and children come to school.



Dylan and Alex noticed that some cars are travelling too quickly in the drive way and not using the drop off area correctly. In response to their findings two new speed bumps have been installed and we ask that you only use the drop off as stated above.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

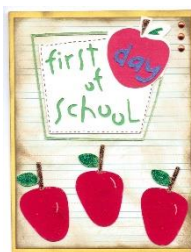
MCK would like to say a huge thank you to The Gateway Primary for their harvest



contributions to the MCK foodbanks. These items will go towards supporting families and

individuals in the local area.

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026



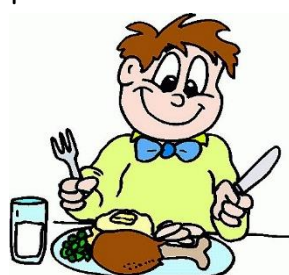
If your child was born between **01.09.21** and **31.08.22** now is the time to apply for a school place. Applications will need to be made via the Kent County Council website

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

The application window opens on **Friday 7th November** and the deadline for applications is **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

DINNER MONEY

A reminder that all school meals must be paid at **least one week** in advance. The



cost of the meals are **£2.60** per day, **£13** per week. Payment is via your Arbor account. Please note that we are unable to

accommodate children changing

mid-week from meals to packed lunches and vice versa. Children should either be school meals or packed lunches all week.

PACKED LUNCH CHILDREN

Please do not give your child nuts of any description in their lunch box. We have a number of children with **severe nut**



allergies and they have epi-pens in school in case they should suffer a reaction. Please do not give your child chocolate spread sandwiches as they can have traces of

nuts in them too. Thank you for keeping all our children safe. No sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks either.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please remember that if your child is absent from school for any reason we ask that parents contact the school by telephone on the first day of absence before 8.45am.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Kent Life Viking Trip

Woodpeckers enjoyed their trip to a Viking workshop at the Museum of Kent Life where they had the opportunity to use drama, role play and crafts to explore the Viking way of life and gain a deeper understanding on what it was like to be a Viking. For example, they learnt about the power of story telling in Viking times, exploring some of their beliefs and stories of creation. They learnt about what it means to trade like a Viking and about their extraordinary navigation skills when sailing their longboats. Furthermore, they learnt about gaming in Viking times, learning to play Tafl boards in their teams.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates are subject to change so please regularly check your emails.

5 November	Individual and Sibling Photographs
14 November	Roman Day at Kent Life - Swallows
21 November	Staff Development Day
26 November	WWII at Kent Life - Eagles
27 November	Swallows Parent Consultations
	Woodpeckers Parent Consultations
28 November	Swans Parent Consultations
1 December	Heron's Parent Consultations
2 December	Kingfishers Parent Consultations
3 December	Kestrels Parent Consultations
	Eagles Parent Consultations
5 December	Christmas Fair
16 December	AM Christmas Play
	PM Christmas Play
17 December	Christmas Dinner Day
18 December	KS1 Christmas Party PM
	KS2 Christmas Disco
19 December	Last Day of Term 2