



Well ... Where Did That Year Go?

This year has truly flown by. It has been yet another successful year for the school and, we feel, for your children.

In October last year we were once again awarded Makaton Friendly status. In January, following a successful monitoring visit, we maintained the Rights Respecting School Gold Award and also following successful reaccreditation, we retained our Inclusion Quality Mark Centre of Excellence Status for another year.

The Hive has really taken off this year with pupils/students and the wider SEND community taking advantage of its wonderful facilities.

This year's What's Next transition event was once again a real success and we will be repeating this again next year. Pupils enjoyed the Circus Skills workshops earlier this year which is always a highlight of the calendar. Students took part in The Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Programme's Regional Playmaking Festival, a report of which can be found within this newsletter.

We said goodbye to our school leavers last week in another successful graduation ceremony. We look forward to welcoming new pupils and students in September.

Changes in Communication

After the break, we will be reducing communication in paper form. As discussed earlier this year, given the impact of climate change we all have a responsibility to identify ways of reducing our waste. We are increasingly aware of the amount of paper we use as a school and want drastically to reduce this.



ClassDojo is an effective communication tool and often we are doubling up on communication sent via the app and through letter. From September 2025 we will no longer be sending home communications in hard copy (letters). We will continue to post all communications, including the termly newsletter, on ClassDojo and the school website.



Anyone who has not signed up to ClassDojo should contact their child's class teacher in the new term. They will then liaise with the IT team and send on joining instructions.

The admin team have identified a package which will offer electronic permission/agreement forms for parents/carers to sign which will be introduced early in the new term.

Should any parent/carer prefer to continue receiving communications in paper format, could they please let the office know by emailing foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk. If we are not contacted, we will assume that you are happy to receive all communications electronically.

In addition, could we ask that parents/carers inform the office of their email address, if they haven't done so already, and keep them abreast of changes to general contact details.

Thanet Wanderers

It was a real pleasure for many of the staff who went over to Thanet Wanderers in St Peters on Saturday 12th July to watch some of



Thanet Wanderers RUGBY CLUB



our Key Stage 4 and 6th Form students represent Thanet Wanderers SEND Tag Rugby team.

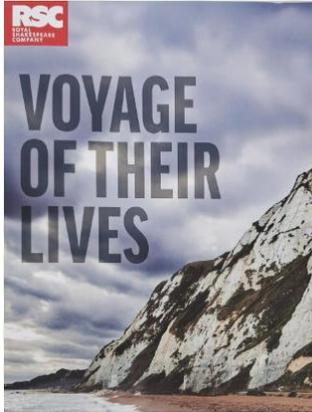
They had a home match against Saracens SEND team. Obviously, as Saracens SEND team are linked to their professional team, this was an exciting fixture.

Our players performed really well, showing a great understanding of this demanding game. There was great movement and passing as well as some amazing tries. Although the emphasis was on rugby development, by our own scoring we won!

Andy and Mario, the two coaches, have done an outstanding job in creating this link between the club and the school, by using the space at the Hive. We now have 8 students who are full members of this local sports club and we hope that for many of these young adults, this will be the start of a lifelong involvement.



Shakespeare at Samphire Hoe



A group of secondary students, across pathways, took part in a performance with The Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) on 24th June as part of their Associate Schools Programme's Regional Playmaking Festival. This year's event, titled *Voyage of Their Lives*, was an outdoor performance featuring a compilation of Shakespeare scenes centred around the theme of the sea. Our students performed the prologue to *The Tempest*. The event was held at Samphire Hoe in Dover.

The students put on an amazing performance and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I have received many messages from parents/carers praising the young people. We are so proud of all those involved.

Emergency Contacts



It is a requirement that schools and colleges hold more than one emergency contact number for each pupil/student. Could you please ensure you provide at least one, but preferably two, additional (other than parent/carer) emergency contact numbers, for your child and that these numbers are current.

Communication Hub Online Resources



Our new Communication Hub Online is now available on the school website! Please use the QR code to go directly to the resource pages.

There are links to a range of communication supports, downloadable resources and short videos to help you support your child with their communication. Families are also able to access "The Pod" – the Kent Community Health Children's Therapies online resource.

Makaton videos for core vocabulary and "sign of the week" are there too.



Many of the resources are available as a PDF, so can be used on a phone or tablet when out and about. If you would like a laminated copy of any of the symbol supports please let us know and we will get them sent home to you.

Please look out for dates of the family communication workshops in the new academic year – we would love to see you!

Nikki Gray
SLCN Lead Teacher
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Summer Fair

This year's summer fair was held on Friday 11th July. We were overwhelmed with the number of parents/carers and friends that attended. It was once again one of the hottest days of the year therefore, the ice cream van had by far the longest queue. The children's entertainer once again proved to be very popular.



Can I thank all parents/carers for continuing to support our school. It really means a lot to us.



Playground Opening During the Holiday

Once again we will be opening our playgrounds to parents/carers of children within our infant and junior departments over the holiday period.

Playgrounds will be open between 10am and 1pm on Wednesday 30th July, 6th, 13, 20th and 27th August.

Please note, the playgrounds will not be open on Wednesday 23rd July.

The infant playground should be used by pupils in Year R/KS1 (Year 2 and under). The junior playground should be used by pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and over). Siblings who do not attend the school are also welcome to attend.

Kurtis Coombe will remain on site for the duration however, parents/carers are responsible for the supervision and support of their own children. Whilst we will have toilets for children to use, we are unable to provide any drinks or snacks. If any parent/carer would like to bring anything with them, they are more than welcome.

Should any of these dates change, we will post a message on ClassDojo.



A Message from our Chair of Governors Steve Pamphilon

It's been another successful year for the school, and it would be amiss of me not to congratulate all the staff for making this year another memorable period for the children, who have all had great experiences at our school.

It's been an incredible year for the school with visits from Lady Colgrain (the King's Lieutenant for Kent) who spent a lot of time in classes with the children, and the recent visit from Polly Billington (MP East-Thonet) who was invited to attend the school to have a look around our wonderful facilities and discuss the issues we face with Newlands Lane (traffic).



The Board of Governors has grown to a record level. We now have sixteen volunteers from a variety of backgrounds who are dedicated to overseeing the direction and performance of the school, along with the Headteacher and his team.

There will always be challenges managing a large and respected school such as Foreland Fields, and the Headteacher and his team have been able to maintain a high standard of leadership to make us strong in terms of performance and financial management.

It's been a hot summer up to now and so, with the next few weeks of rest coming, the Board of Governors would like to thank all the staff at the school, including those staff members you don't always see, and wish them a peaceful break before it all starts again in September.

This school is about educating young people and making their life experiences the best we can, and this is not possible without the support and assistance of the parents, guardians and carers. The Board of Governors would like to send a special thank you to them for working alongside school staff to ensure the best outcomes for their children.

And finally, there must a 'BIG' 'BIG' thank you to the children who appear to be always smiling and happy within school when Governors visit.

Have a great summer everyone and I look forward to meeting you all in September.

Steve Pamphilon
Foreland Fields School – Chair of Governors



Uniform

All of our pupils/students, other than those in our 6th Form or those in Key Stage 4 attending our East Kent College satellite provision, should attend school in uniform. Wearing uniform promotes a sense of belonging and boosts self-confidence.



We fully understand that some variation is helpful in order to meet certain needs e.g. jogging bottoms rather than traditional school trousers and plain white polo shirts for those who require frequent changes.

Uniform can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Addington Street, Margate. There is no need for parents to purchase uniform from the National Schoolwear Centre, we are happy for pupils to wear items of the same colour that do not contain the school logo.

Students attending our Garlinge or Hartsdown satellite classes should wear the full uniform of that school. Again, items can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre.

Moving House / Changes to Contact Details

If you are planning on moving home during the school holidays and are in receipt of school transport, please contact homeschooltransport@kent.gov.uk or telephone 03000 416777. Please also inform the school as soon as possible.



Should any contact details change, including new mobile phone numbers, please ensure you inform the school office after the break in order that our records are kept up to date.

During the holidays we can be contacted via foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk
This email address will be monitored regularly throughout the holiday and urgent emails distributed to the intended recipient.



Changes to Health Care Plans



Should there be any changes to your child's health needs over the holiday, including changes to medication, please email Sam Daniels, our school nurse, copying in Chris Holmes and/or Anna Padfield, our Health and Therapy Assistants, as you will need to book an appointment to meet to update your child's Health Care Plan after the break.

Sam can be contacted on sam.daniels1@nhs.net Chris can be contacted at chrisholmes@foreland.kent.sch.uk and Anna can be contacted at annapadfield@foreland.kent.sch.uk

Charity Skydive for The Hive

Following a couple of false starts (cancellations due to the weather) on Sunday 22nd June, Adrian, Nanette and Emma finally completed their charity skydive.

Luckily, after jumping out of the plane at 12,000 feet, each of them landed safely. Huge thanks to everyone that donated. In total, well over £1,000 was raised.



The Hive

The Hive has now been open for a year. The Hive Community Interest Company has gone from strength to strength with the Senior Executive, Emily Hollis and the Director of Philanthropy, Diarmuid Molloy securing corporate sponsorship from BDW homes. This funding and many other grants, has enabled us to set up a traineeship, starting this September.

This traineeship targets adults aged 19-25 who are not currently in work or training and are seeking vocational and leisure opportunities. The aim of the programme is to create a pathway into work and to improve life, health and social outcomes for all trainees. A number of our ex-students will be joining the programme. The programme will be delivered by Tom Hollis a qualified Teacher, and further supported by Sharon Foord who is an experienced HLTA.

The Hive has an impact report, which can be found on The Hive Thanet website below. <https://www.thehivethanet.com/>



Within this report there is detail regarding the impact of Inclusive Sport, Thanet Galaxy, Thanet Wanderers, Avelo Care, East Kent Mencap, Thrive at the Hive (55+ programme), BeeCycle, Kent Coast Volunteering, EDI event and parent workshops. The Hive has also been used by the school for PE, cycling, horticulture teaching and learning, sensory exploration and the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

Over the summer, two additional outside classrooms, paths and patios are being added and in September a second, larger greenhouse will be installed. Further additions in 2025/26 will include a trim trail, additional sensory gardens and bocchia courts (inside and outside).

All of these developments positively impact our provision during school time, as well as in the school holidays, evenings and weekends. It also improves our ability to meet the needs of the Thanet SEND community, including adults with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Graduation

On Monday 14th July, we held a graduation ceremony for our school leavers.



Staff stood up in front of parents/carers and gave a speech about the young people and their time at Foreland Fields. Many tissues were used at this emotional event.

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Class of 2025, Declan, Alison, Jordi, Ruby, George, Michael, Dominic, Roman, Ryan and Maros.

We are all very proud of you.

Hello and Goodbye

Unfortunately, at this time of year we have to say a fond farewell to some of our staff.

We are saying a sad goodbye to Ian White who is teacher at our Hartsdown satellite provision, and before that our Garlinge provision. Ian has been at the school for 12 years and will be greatly missed by students and colleagues.

Sharon Chelepis who has worked across the school, including within our Garlinge satellite provision, will also be leaving at the end of term. Sharon has been at the school since 2014 and has formed close relationships with pupils and staff who will all miss her tremendously.



Sarah Stout, who has had 2 periods of time working at the school, will also be leaving at the end of the term. Sarah has most recently worked in Purple Class at Garlinge and again will be missed by all those she worked with.

Linda Fairbrother, who most recently has been supporting our students at Hartsdown, will be leaving at the end of term. We wish Linda lots of luck and thank her for her time at the school.

Katrina Payne, who re-joined the school in 2012 having worked here a few years prior, will be leaving at the end of term but thankfully, will be coming into school weekly to offer massage and therapies to pupils/students.

Lastly, Barbara Stow who again has worked at the school for many years in her role of midday meal supervisor, will be leaving at the end of this term. Barbara has built some lovely relationships with our young people and is a real support to our staff. We will all miss Barbara very much.

In September we will be welcoming many new staff due to us opening a couple of additional classes. We will inform you of new starters during the 2025/26 academic year.

Dates for your Diary

- First Day of Term 1 (Staff Training Days) : **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025.** School is closed on these 2 days to all pupils and students.
- Pupils and students to return on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025.**
- End of Term 1: **Thursday 16th October 2025**
- Staff Training Day 3: **Friday 17th October 2025.** School is closed to all pupils and students
- Start of Term 2: **Monday 27th October 2025.**

I wish you, and your families, a happy and safe summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



Adrian