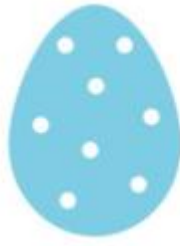


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Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 2026

We once again celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March. Following a day of silliness, students from the main school met on the outside area for the annual gunging. This year's 'winner' was Charlotte Macgregor.

The whole day was much enjoyed by all.



What's Next – Transition Event

This year's What's Next event will be held on Friday 15th May, between 10am and 12.30pm in the school hall. We have planned this year's transition event for parents/carers and young people to explore post-school options.

This event is an opportunity to look at post-school options by meeting with a range of providers and identifying support and resources available in the local area.

This event is targeted at parents/carers of students aged 14 and above however, should other parents/carers wish to attend, they are welcome.

For more information contact Sharon Bremner at the school office or via email:

sharonbremner@foreland.kent.sch.uk

Arrangements for Collection of Children from School

In the event that your child is being picked up from school by someone who does not normally collect them, could you please inform the school office who will let the Teacher know. In most cases, we will ask that parents provide a password for the person to quote in order that we know the right person is collecting.

It is a safeguarding requirement that we know who is collecting each child. We are not able to release any child into the care of someone who is not known to us, without prior knowledge.

Could you also please ensure that these people are aware that other staff may challenge them, and not to be offended.





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Circus Skills Workshops



We have been very fortunate again this year in being able to provide the opportunity for our students, including our satellite classes, to attend circus skills workshops. This is now the Fourth year that Phil Blackmore has brought and shared his skills with us. Quite a few students recognised him and remembered some of the activities. The students are all able to bring and begin with their 'Big Ideas,' and if they want to, can expand on these, experiencing and trying out more ideas. A lot of fun and excitement was had by all, including the adults. Being able to see the children's faces light up, and their level of engagement was priceless.

Circus skills workshops provide a wealth of benefits across all ages and abilities. They encourage teamwork and can also improve self-esteem and mental health through a celebration and acceptance of different abilities. The



workshops develop the fundamental skills of movement, co-ordination and balance, as well as supporting the development of gross and small motor skills. These workshops can also improve the sense of achievement through learning new things. Circus skills can also reduce stress and heighten a sense of well-being. Most of all, it is a lot of FUN!



Emergency Contacts

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





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Playground Opening During the Easter Break

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

Playgrounds will be open between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Tuesdays 7th and 14th April 2026.

The infant playground should be used by students in Year R/KS1 (Year 2 and under). The junior playground should be used by students 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 these dates change, we will post messages on ClassDojo.



World Book Day

This year we celebrated World Book Day by becoming Ocean Explorers. We welcomed Nicci from the Happy Reading Company to set up a special book shop in school – every student was able to choose a book to take home.

We shared a story together in assembly and explored some ocean grooves!

Classes were invited to build their own Ocean in a Box. The

imagination and creativity we saw across all age ranges was amazing.

Thanks for supporting your child to dress up if they wanted to. It is always great to see the wide range of costumes as the students greet each other around school whilst completing the traditional treasure hunt.





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Large Communication Boards



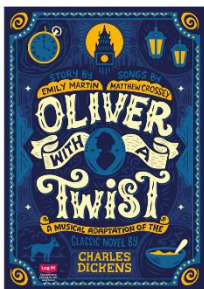
Over the past few weeks we have installed some new fixed communication boards around the school.

The most popular by far have been the large weatherproof boards added to the playground areas – at over 1.4m wide!

Many students have enjoyed exploring the symbols and making clear requests and comments about the fun they are having outside.

We are looking forward to introducing further boards over the coming year.

Nikki Gray - SLCN Lead Teacher
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My Creativity – Drama Club

Some of our secondary students have been attending a weekly drama session where they develop their skills in acting, singing, and dancing. The group have been working hard to put together the play *Oliver With a Twist*, over the past couple of terms.

Through their participation, students are also building important communication and interaction skills. They are learning how to express themselves, work collaboratively with others, listen to different ideas, and respond confidently in group settings.

Students involved in this group have received a letter inviting parents/carers to come and watch the performance. We are very proud of their achievements and hope the show goes well on Friday 24th April.

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- Monday 20th April - First Day of Term 5
- Friday 24th April – Secondary Production ‘*Oliver with a Twist*’ @ 10am
- Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed to All
- Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th May - Deaf Awareness Week
- Friday 15th May (10am – 12:30pm) - What’s Next? Transition Event
- Thursday 21st May – End of Term 5





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Friday 22nd May – Staff Training Day – School Closed to All Students

Monday 1st June – First Day of Term 6

Monday 15th – Friday 19th June 2026 - Science Week

Monday 22nd June 2026 - School Diversity Day

Sports Events/Stay and Play:

Adventurers Pathway – Tuesday 23rd June @ 1:30pm

Primary Discoverers Pathway – Wednesday 24th June 2026 @ 1:30pm

Pioneers Pathway – Thursday 25th June 2026 @10am

Foundation Pathway –Tuesday 7th July 2026 @ 1:30pm

Secondary Discoverers Pathway – Friday 3rd July 2026 @ 1:30pm

Explorers Pathway – Weds 1st July 2026 @10:30am

Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Transition Open Afternoon

Friday 10th July 2026 @ 12:30pm – Summer Fair

Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Graduation Day/Final Day for Year 14's

Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th July - Music Festival

Tuesday 21st July – End of Term 6



Unfortunately, we have said goodbye to a few staff members over the past few weeks. Chelse Coles, Roisin Graham and Lily Lai have all left us, moving on to pastures new.

Angie Powell, who has worked at the school for 12 years, will be leaving us at the end of this term.

We would like to thank all these staff for everything they have done for our students and wish them all well in their future endeavours.



We hope you all have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing all students back with us on **Monday 20th April**

Adrian