

Our Big Question for this term is:
“What happens when there is conflict?”



We Want Your Crisp Packets!

Crisp packets



Please send any empty crisp packets into school and drop them off in Tonbridge Class. If possible, make sure they're washed and cleaned out. We'll be using them for an exciting science project with East Kent College, which will be on display near the pirate ship gate. Thank you for your support!

Year 5 put their design and technology skills to the test by creating fully functioning Viking ship toys using cams and cranks. After conducting market research with Year 2, they used tools such as saws and drills to bring their ideas to life. The results were fantastic - clever, creative toys with moving parts and a mighty Viking theme. Well done, Year 5!



Year 6 had a fantastic day at Kent Life learning about World War 2. They explored army life, rationing, and the role of the RAF and radar technology. They visited a World War 2 home, saw an Anderson shelter, and tried rag rug making. The day ended with a fun tractor ride!



sports news

This weekend was full of sporting success! Our Year 3 and 4 mixed cricket team, along with the Year 5 and 6 girls' cricket team, played brilliantly, with Amber and Esme showing fantastic leadership at Broadstairs Cricket Club. On Saturday, our netball team also had an amazing tournament, winning two trophies: The Plate and the Most Goals Scored award. Well done to all our athletes for their hard work and teamwork!



SCIENCE

🔬 Science Week Highlights 🧪

This week, our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Science Week with a fantastic range of hands-on learning experiences and activities!

✅ Science Lessons ✅

Each class enjoyed at least five science lessons, exploring fun experiments and discoveries.

🧐 Lab Coat Competition 🧐

Pupils designed creative lab coats showing what science means to them. Winners will be announced in Friday's assembly!

🔍 Interactive Workshops 🔍

Every year group took part in a hands-on science workshop with a visiting expert – a fantastic learning experience!

🌟 Science Fair 🌟

Our Science Ambassadors hosted a brilliant fair on Wednesday, with pupils showcasing experiments and projects.

A big thank you to all staff, visitors, and students for making this a memorable and inspiring week of discovery!



Turner Contemporary

Year 5 visit to the Turner Contemporary

Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Turner Contemporary to explore the Resistance exhibition. The visit linked closely with their Big Question for this term: Does power create conflict?



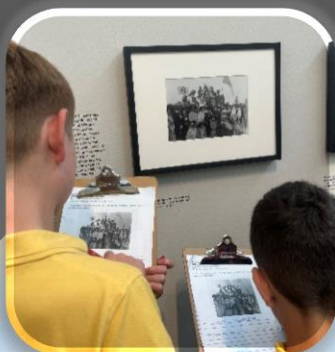
Pupils engaged thoughtfully with the artworks, which sparked meaningful discussions about power, resistance, and how art can be used to express complex ideas. It was a valuable experience that deepened their understanding and brought classroom learning to life.



You can find out more about the exhibition [here](#).

'This exhibition... explores how people have challenged the status quo—a mission that feels especially urgent in today's political climate.'

Steve McQueen



Being creative with loose parts the children showed creative and imaginative play through den building with mixed years.

Opal Play Detectives – Term 5



Trying out a new activity. Helping others, taking turns and sharing.

Children have been busy making the scooter track bigger, zoned off and one way. This prevents accidents from happening and limits speed. Children have the option to wear helmets.



Bromstone beach is always popular with the children. They have been using *mastery play* to dig holes, build sand castles and demolish them.



The children have been busy putting their skills to use in the den building area. They have safely tied hammocks to the trees.



Aqua splash has been very popular due to the hot weather. The children are playing with toys to see how quick they run down the guttering with water.

There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



190 DAYS
100%

Very best chance of success



183 DAYS
96%

Off to a flying start



179 DAYS
94%

Less chance of success



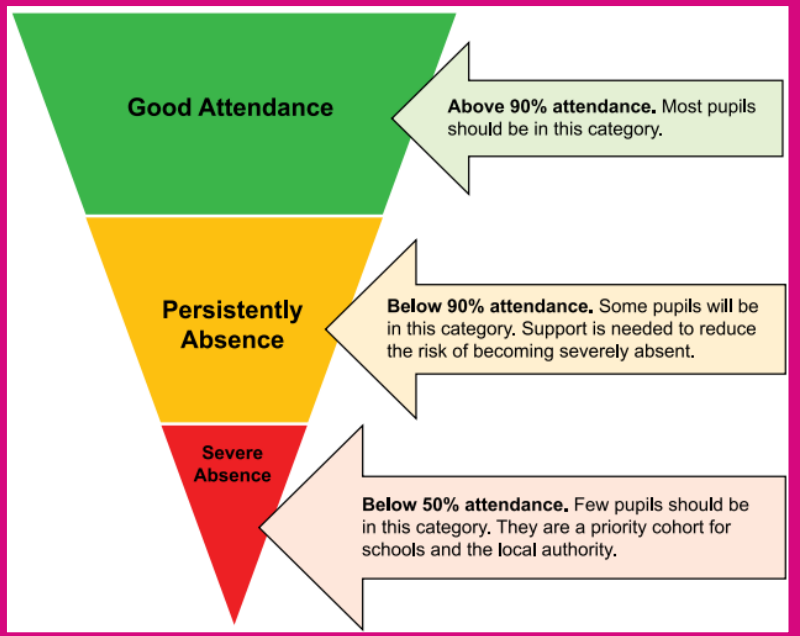
175 DAYS
92%

Harder to make progress



**MORE THAN 19 DAYS' ABSENCE
LESS THAN 90%**

Persistent absence, not good for your child



Our secret playtime detectives have spoken! This term's winning OPAL play area is the Netball Court and Scooter Track.

Children praised Miss O'Neill and Mr Rust for making it fun, helping build a bigger scooter track, and making sure everyone gets a turn. One pupil said, "I'd never tried archery before, but now I look forward to it every day!"

Well done to all for making playtime amazing!

Sports Day

- 25th June – Reception
- 26th June – Years 1, 2 and 3
- 27th June – Years 4, 5 and 6

All children will be participating in the morning.

Some children in Years 1 – 6 may also be taking part in competitive events in the afternoons – you will be informed about this closer to the time.



We have received concerns from local residents and parents regarding obstructive parking near the school, particularly around Leas Green. Please park considerately to ensure clear access for all road users.



OPAL DONATIONS

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Toys (dolls, cars, dinosaurs and animals)
- Food crates
- Guttering, pipes and tubes
- Beach toys, buckets, spades, sand moulds
- Deck chairs, bean bags
- Brooms
- Outdoor paint (brighter the better, varied colours)
- Jugs, funnels, watering cans, buckets
- Pool noodles, foam pipes
- Pegs (preferably garden type, large pegs or wooden pegs)
- Tarpaulin
- Pushchairs, strollers
- Water butt
- Plastic slides (with or without frame work)
- Blankets, cushions, bean bags
- Rope, string, wool
- Scooters, suitcases, wagon
- Gymnastic play equipment
- Plastic chairs (with metal legs only)
- Gardening equipment, hand held trowels, spades, forks
- Wellies (all sizes)
- Waterproof clothing (all sizes)
- Musical instruments (drums, guitars, Keyboards, shakers)
- Astro off cuts, carpet tiles
- Board games, complete puzzles, card games



Any large items please contact office@bromstone.kent.sch.uk

MENU A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Breaded Chicken with sweet & sour Sauce on the side (1)	Minced Beef & Onion Pie (1)	Roast Beef Yorkshire Puddings (1,7,9)	Sausage Pasta (14)	Breaded Cod (1, 4) V Gluten Free Fish Available (4) V
Option 2	Roasted Veg & Butter Bean Wrap (1)V, Ve	Vegan Quorn Sausage with Roasted Vegetable & Lentils (8) V, Ve	Fish Pie (9,4)	Vegan Quorn Bolognaise (1) V, Ve	Vegan Breaded Fingers Tomato & Lentil Sauce V, Ve (1)
	Turmeric Rice, Peas Mixed Salad Coleslaw (8)	Mashed Potato, Mixed Veg Mixed Salad Coleslaw (8)	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli Gravy Mixed Salad	Pasta, Green Beans, Sweetcorn Mixed Salad Coleslaw	Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Mixed Salad
	Mini Doughnuts (1,7,8,9) Fresh Fruit Pots Vegan Doughnuts (1,8)Ve	Peaches & Cream Fresh Fruit Pots Vegan Biscuits (1,8) (Ve)	Banoffee Pots Fresh Fruit Pots Rocky Road (8)	Steamed Jam Pudding (1,7,9) Fresh Fruit Pots Alpro Mousse (8)Ve	Fruit Jelly Ve Fresh Fruit Pots Yogurts (9)

MENU B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese, Tomato & Pepperoni Whirls (1,11,14)	Pork Meatballs in a Tomato Rustic Sauce (1,9,14)	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire Puddings (1,7,9)	Beef Lasagne (1,10)	Breaded Cod(1, 4)Gluten Free Fish Available (4) V
Option 2	Vegan Cheese & Tomato Whirls (10) V, Ve	Tuna, Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (1) (4)	Vegan Quorn Fillet (9,4) V	Bbq Vegetable & Chick Pea Wraps (1) Ve	Vegan Breaded Fingers with Roasted Vegetable & Chick Pea Sauce (1) V, Ve
	Baked Beans, Mixed Salad, Savoury Rice	White/Brown Rice, Peas, Mixed Salad Gluten free Garlic Bread (1,9) V	Carrots, Broccoli, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V, Ve)	Sweetcorn, Green Beans & Whole Wheat Pasta (1)V, Ve	Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans (V, Ve)
	Cookie of the Day (1,7) V Jelly V, Ve	Waffles (1,8) V Fresh Fruit Pots Yogurt (9)V	Lemon Cheesecake (1,9) V Fresh Fruit Pots Alpro Mousse (8) Ve	Steamed Golden Syrup Sponge (1,7,8,9) V Fresh Fruit Pots Vegan Biscuit (1,8) Ve	Strawberry Mousse with Fruit Compot (9) V Fresh Fruit Pots Yogurts (9) V

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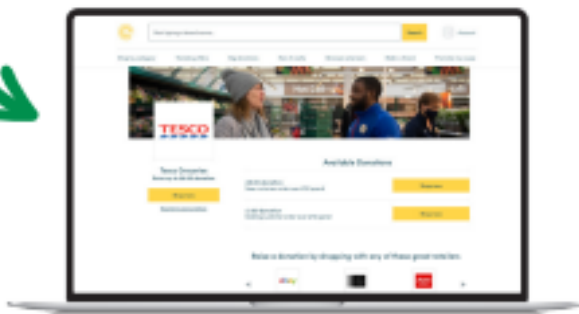


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Little Baddow WI - last year's winner

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK
97
DAYS

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



Thanet Family Learning Course

Venue	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
Priory Family Hub	Baby First Aid (Adult only)	20 th May	20 th May	Tuesday	9.30am	11.30am
Priory Family Hub	Supporting your Childs Anxiety (Adult only)	21 st May	21 st May	Wednesday	1.30pm	3.30pm
Margate Family Hub	Making a Worry Box (Adult and child course ages 3 – 11 years)	27 th May	27 th May	Tuesday	2pm	4pm
Margate Family Hub	Supporting your Childs Anxiety (Adult only)	3 rd June	3 rd June	Tuesday	12.30pm	2.30pm
Margate Family Hub	Autism Awareness (Adult only)	11 th June	25 th June	Wednesday	12.30pm	2.30pm
Priory Family Hub	Managing Sleep (Adult only)	18 th June	18 th June	Wednesday	10.30am	12.30pm
Northdown Road Family Hub	Clay Modelling (Adult only)	18 th June	18 th June	Wednesday	9.30am	11.30am
Birchington Family Hub	Managing Sleep (Adult only)	2 nd July	2 nd July	Wednesday	2pm	4pm
Northdown Road Family Hub	Supporting your Teenager with Mental Health (Adult only)	1 st October	1 st October	Wednesday	10am	12pm

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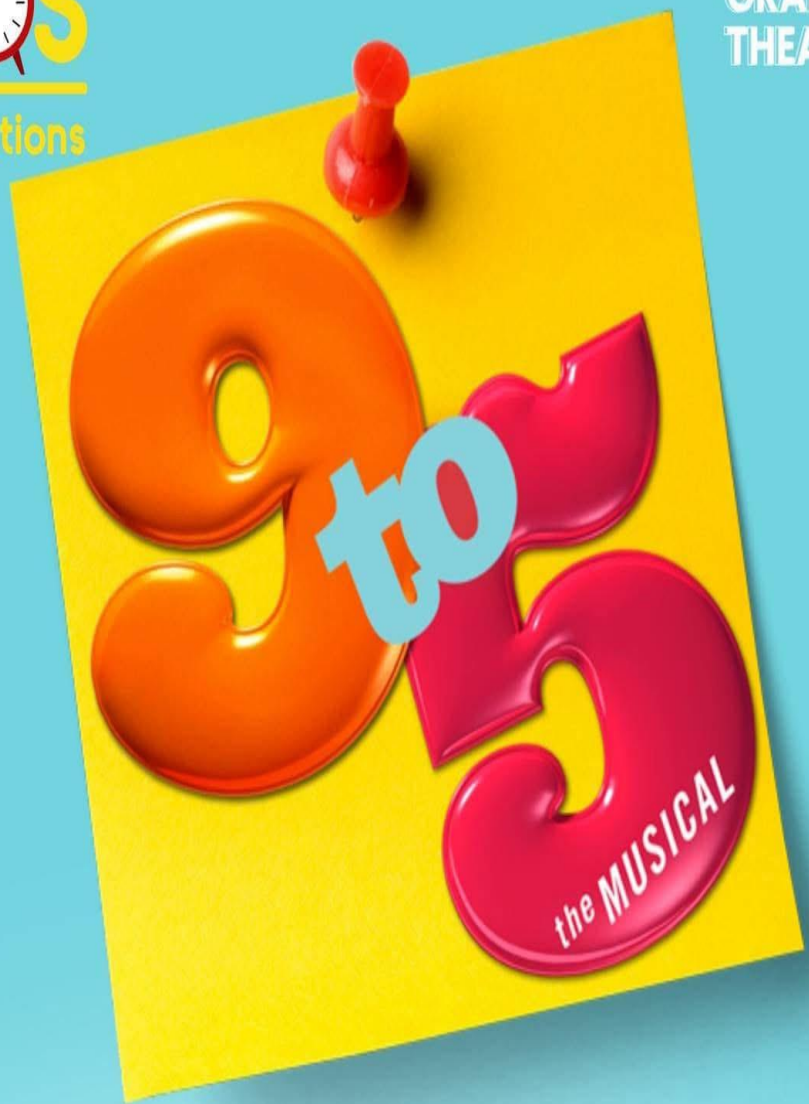


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