

Our Big Question for this term is:

“Is it better to adapt or stay the same?”



This week, 7 of our pupils took part in the annual Gymkhana at Thanet Disabled Riding Centre to show off their skills that they have learnt this year horse-riding to a judge and their parents. Well done to Eloise, Raiden, Bobby, George, Edward, Harley and Adam.

This week, we have enjoyed celebrating RE Week, with each year group exploring their own big question through a range of engaging activities. The children have had a fantastic time learning, discussing, and sharing their ideas.

We were also fortunate to welcome Rev Matt Hodder, Priest in Charge at St Peter-in-Thamet Church, who spoke to the children about the meaning of being a hero. Matt began by sharing examples of well-known heroes before introducing some inspiring local community heroes who make a positive difference to the lives of others. Together, we discussed the importance of belonging to a community and how showing kindness, respect, and working together can have a positive impact on everyone around us.

The children listened and engaged brilliantly in discussions, and asked some thoughtful questions. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the week.



Our children took part in the first ever TELT Games, competing across a variety of different athletics events. It was a fun-filled morning, with everyone showing great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork. The children represented our school brilliantly and made us incredibly proud.





Year 1 had a wonderful day at Wingham on Tuesday. They enjoyed exploring the animal enclosures, learning more about the penguins, and hunting for dinosaurs throughout the park.



On Tuesday, Year 4 joined hundreds of schools across the country to create a dance as part of The Dance for Rights project run by the Royal Ballet and Opera. The main themes this year are to introduce the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child \(CRC\)](#) and Crystal Pite's Covenant.

During the lesson children explored the concept of identity and the rights of children. Leading dancers from the Royal ballet choreographed a piece that the children performed live. Our children loved the experience and expressed their thoughts clearly through music and movement whilst sequencing and remembering some complicated moves.



**ROYAL
BALLET &
OPERA**



UPCOMING

EVENTS



**Monday
13th July**

**Year 6 play
9:15am & 1:30pm**

**Tuesday
14th July**

**iRock concert
1:30pm**

**Friday
17th July**

**Last day of the
school year**



SUMMER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

BOGGARTS

Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROW A GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by our Volunteers.

STORY WALK Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING: Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs		Story	Pond	11th:	Worms	Story	Folklore
23rd:	Bugs			Pond	13th:	Pond		Garden
24th:	Bugs			Pond	14th:	Bugs		Boggarts
28th:	Pond W.C'rm		Story	Folklore	18th:	Bugs	Story	Walk
31st:	Bugs			Boggarts	20th:	Walk		Pond
AUG	11AM		12PM	1PM	21st:	Bugs		Folklore
4th:	Boggarts		Story	Pond	25th:	Folklore	Story	Garden
6th:	Bugs			Walk	27th:	Bugs		Walk
7th:	Folklore			Garden	28th:	Pond		Boggarts



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)



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CALLING ALL THANET FAMILIES

WHOSE CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAS OR MAY HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES AND WANTS TO MEET WITH SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA! WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE THAT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT THROUGH AGES 0-25 YEARS.

10.30AM - 12.30PM, 16TH JULY 2026



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MARGATE,
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MORE INFORMATION

No need to book just come along anytime between 10.30am and 12.30pm, refreshments will be available.

If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk



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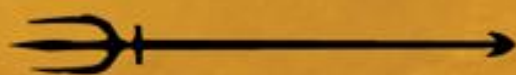
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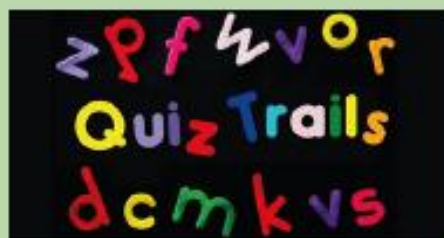
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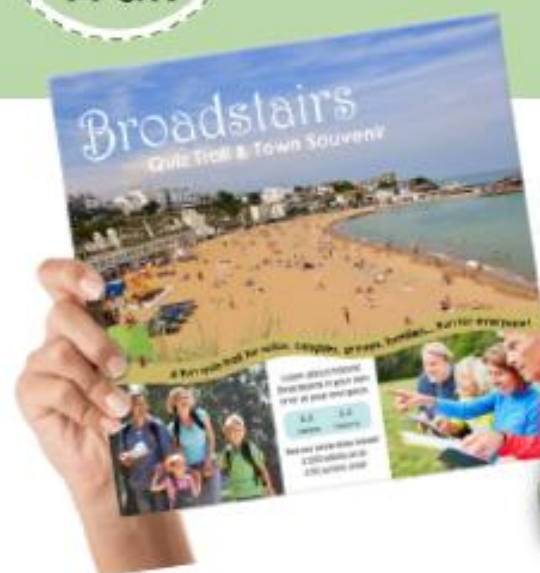
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