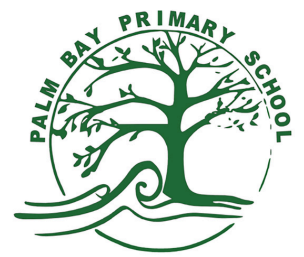


NEWS LETTER

PALM BAY PRIMARY HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

This term has been an exciting and fulfilling time at school, marked by a series of engaging charity drives and educational events. We came together as a community for the Oasis Harvest food drive, the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Jeans for Genes Day, and “Wear Something Pink” for Breast Cancer Awareness this Thursday. Our commitment to supporting important causes was matched by our dedication to enhancing learning, with wonderful parent workshops on maths, phonics, and numbers, alongside Year 6 Kent Test support and inspiring masterclass assemblies. As we wrap up this wonderful first term and look forward to the festive period, we wish everyone a restful break and can't wait to see you back on the 3rd of November for another exciting term.



PTFA

With well over 100 pitch holders and 13 volunteers, we're delighted to share that last weekend's boot fair raised *£1,500!*

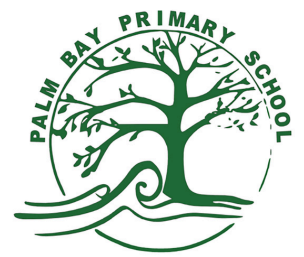
Collectively this year's boot fairs (5 boot fairs from April - October) have raised a whopping *£6,000* in profit, for the benefit of Palm Bay students.

Thank you to all the volunteers, parents and staff alike, whose supported makes this both possible and fun ❤️.

The next boot fair will be in April 2027; hope to see you all there!



THANK
YOU!



PTFA

We're Celebrating Our Green School Award!

To add to our environmentally friendly status and after already being recognised as Eco-school with distinction, we're delighted to celebrate the success of our Palm Bay Pond Project, which has transformed a neglected, overgrown area of our school grounds into a beautiful pond and wildlife area for our whole school community to enjoy and has resulted in us being awarded a Green Schools Award, a Kent wide award organised by Social Enterprise Kent.

Led by our fantastic PTFA, the project brought together parents, children, staff, local charities and businesses to create a wonderful space that supports wildlife and biodiversity while providing an outdoor classroom where children can learn, explore and connect with nature.

What was once an inaccessible area with a disused pond has been given a new lease of life, thanks to five volunteer Sundays and an incredible 165 hours of volunteer time. Local organisations generously supported the project, with

Windmill Community Gardens lending tools and safety equipment, Mama2Mama transporting equipment, Monkton Nature Reserve providing expert advice and support, and Maidenhead Aquatic donating pond plants.

Local construction firm Coast Projects also built the new decking and pagoda.

The project has been designed with sustainability in mind. A natural clay liner was chosen instead of plastic, and five donated water butts collect rainwater from the pagoda roof to help keep the pond topped up during the summer months.

Already, the new space is being used for outdoor lessons and storytime, giving children valuable opportunities to learn outside and enjoy the benefits of nature. As the pond becomes established, we hope to monitor the wildlife and see biodiversity flourish. We also plan to hold monthly Family Pond Days to encourage families to enjoy the space and help care for it.

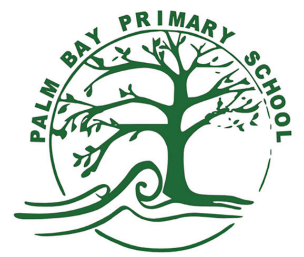
A huge thank you to everyone who donated their time, skills, materials and enthusiasm to make this project possible. The Palm Bay Pond Project is a wonderful example of what our school community can achieve when we work together, creating a lasting legacy for both our children and local wildlife.

Palm Bay Pond project



Whats coming up at Palm Bay

- **Monday 2nd November** - INSET day & Parent consultations 1pm-6pm bookable through arbor.
- **4th November** - Family coffee morning 9.05am in ICT suite
- **4th November**- How to support Spelling & handwriting at home workshop - 3.30PM in ICT Suite
- **11th November**- Author Visit for years 4-6
- **11th November**- Supporting Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Including Relationships Policy, What is Thrive, what does Thrive look like in school and how can you support at home In ICT Suite 3.30pm
- **12th November** - Year 5 trip to the Beaney Museum Canterbury
- **13TH November**- Children in need more information to follow
- **16th November** - Odd socks day, EYFS & KS1 Diwali dance workshop
- **17th November**- Family reading session in Library 3.30pm

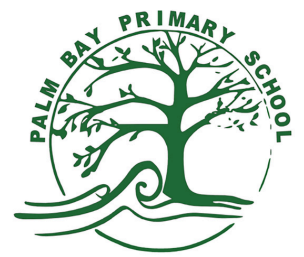


Exciting News: Palm Bay Achieves GOLD from Parent Friendly Schools!

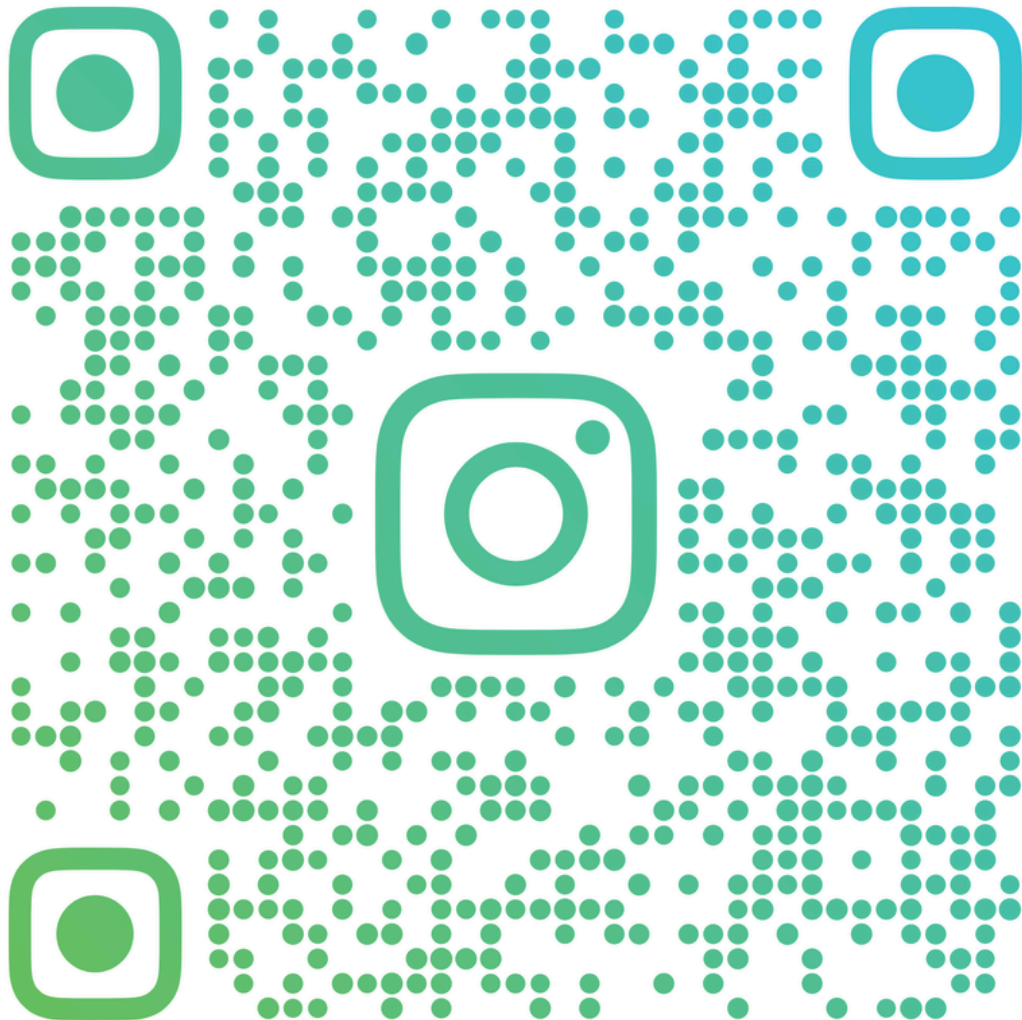


We are thrilled to announce that Palm Bay has been awarded the prestigious GOLD award from Parentkind, the UK's national parent charity dedicated to fostering strong home-school partnerships for over 70 years. This Parent-Friendly Schools Award is an independently assessed accreditation that celebrates our commitment to parental engagement and acknowledges the incredible efforts made across our school community daily. This recognition is a shared achievement, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributes to making our school a supportive and nurturing environment where children can truly thrive.

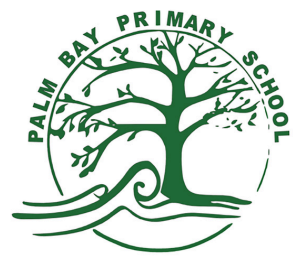
Thank you for being part of our journey!



Follow us on Palm Bay Socials for
updates & events



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Local Events during half term



OCTOBER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



BATS

The reserve's Scots pine cones have gone batty! After pollination by wind, the female flowers on a Scots pine turn green and develop into cones. Foraged from the woodland floor, we will transform these giant cones into bats with fuzzy ears and fangy smiles, ready for this season's celebrations. Find out about the Scots pine, and bats. Play the 'Bat and Moth' game.

SPOONS AND SHROOMS

Make these friendly spoon mushrooms that will cheer up any room. Last year the Kent Field Club ran a fungi survey on the reserve and found a range of fungi, including Meadow coral and the delightfully named, Mousepee pinkgill. Using a sheet to guide you, see how many species of fungi you can see.

STORY TIME

Free, drop-in, nature story time, read by a reserve volunteer.
Times and dates TBC.

WANDS, WEBS, AND WINDFALL

Forage for fallen leaves to create spider webs and magical wands. Use apples from the reserve to make colourful prints. Take on the 'Autumn Nature Challenge'. How many seasonal treasures can you spot?

OCTOBER

11AM

1PM

Tues 27th:

Bats

Shrooms

Thurs 29th:

Shrooms

Wands

Fri 30th:

Wands

Bats



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)

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

Local Events during half term

THE MARGATE CAVES HALLOWEEN HALF TERM BASH

OPEN
24 OCT - 1 NOV
10-5



**GHOST
TRAIL
IN THE CAVES**
Included with
admission



**MESSY MONDAY
BATTY CRAFTS**

Mon 26 October, 11-4
£2 per child



**FRIGHTFULLY FUN
FACE PAINTING**

Sat 31 October, 2-4
£5 per child

1 Northdown Road, Margate CT9 1FG margatecaves.co.uk
Margate Caves is a registered charity - every visit helps preserve the Caves



THE
MARGATE
CAVES



Local Events during half term

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY



HAPPY READING
CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOP

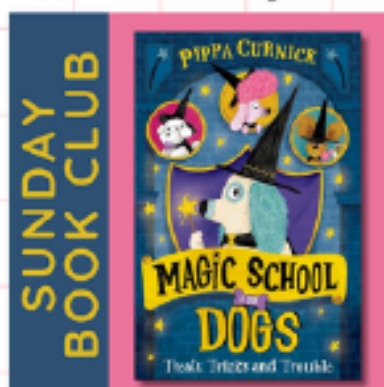
SCAN ME 

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11 - 12 Sat. 24th (ages 8-11)



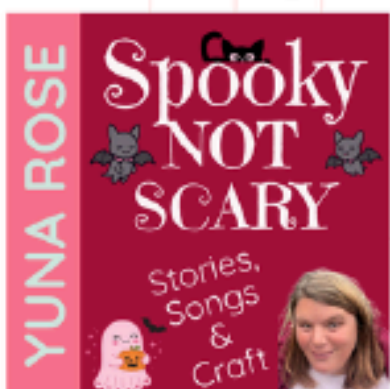
8.30 - 9 Sun. 25th (ages 5-8)



9.30 - 10 Weds. 28th (ages 4-7)



11 - 11.45 Weds. 28th (ages 1-5)



10-11 & 11-12 Thurs. 29th (ages 3-6)



9.30 - 10 Fri. 30th (ages 0+)



11 - 12 Fri. 30th (ages 5-8)



11 - 12 Sat. 31st Oct (ages 8-11)



8.30 - 9 Sun. 1st Nov (ages 3-6)



Book your tickets online or in-store! See you soon! Happy Reading!

FREE WEEKLY STORYTIME ON FRIDAYS 9.30 - 10 (RELAXED, FOR AGES 0+, NO NEED TO BOOK)

Happy Reading Children's Bookshop, STAPLE (up the stairs), 30A Reading Street, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 2AZ | Society: @happyreadingbookshop | www.happyreadinguk.com

Local Events during half term



OUR OCTOBER HAF CAMP **MARGATE CAMP**

HEALTHY LUNCH PROVIDED

Inclusive Sport's October Multi-Sport HAF Camp is a fun, active, and inclusive camp for children aged 5-16, packed with multi-sports, team games, challenges, arts and crafts, and wellbeing activities. Children can try new things, make friends and enjoy being active in a safe and supportive environment.

- ✓ DRAPER MILLS PRIMARY ACADEMY, MARGATE, CT9 2SP
- ✓ BRING: WATER BOTTLE AND SUITABLE CLOTHING FOR BEING ACTIVE
- ✓ 26TH - 30TH OCTOBER 2026
- ✓ 9:00AM - 3:00PM

GOT A QUESTION?
info@inclusivesport.net

TO BOOK USING HAF VOUCHERS:
<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/inclusive-sport/HolidayActivities>

Local Events during half term



RAMSGATE FC HALF CAMP

OCTOBER HALF TERM
BOOKINGS MADE VIA VOUCHERS FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES



MULTI-SPORTS

HALLOWEEN FUN

BOUNCY CASTLES

SPOOKY COOKERY

4 VENUES 10AM-2PM

SOUTHWOOD 26-30TH OCT
NEWINGTON & BROMSTONE 26-29TH OCT
CLIFTONVILLE 26-27TH OCT



AGES 5-15

Local Events during half term



Thanet Coast 2026

Join us on the beach for some natural fun



Autumn Scavenger Hunts

- **Margate Main Sands**
9am, Tue 27 October
- **Viking Bay, Broadstairs**
9am, Wed 28 October
- **Ramsgate Main Sands**
9am, Thur 29 October

Look for clues of life from around our seas
- and finish with a marine beach art challenge!

Suitable for: 4-14yrs/All the family/ **Duration:** 1.5hrs
Donation: £2.50pp suggested donation.

BOOK your place at:

thanetcoast.org.uk/events

to view event details and join in.



Something for the adults!

● hotpod yoga

Intro offer.

Unlimited yoga.
10 days unlimited
£18



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