



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

The end of another busy term is upon us and what a busy term it has been. Children have come back so grown up, have settled so well and there has been so much exciting learning going on.

Our new reception children have come into school so smartly and have already settled into their routine well and it has been lovely to get to know them all properly.

Year 6 have all been allocated their secondary school now and well done to all the year 6 children who passed the 11+ test. If any parent still wanted to discuss their secondary school options, please have a chat to Mrs Hayward or the school office.

We have school tours booked for the new reception children for 2027, so if you have a child of school age ready for their school place in September, please do book a tour and let others know the dates.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the harvest festival celebration in church - the children did so well with their singing and shared learning.

We hope you have a great Autumn break and look forward to the start of another long term.

Mrs Collens & Mrs Fletcher

FLU VACCINATIONS



Just a reminder that you can still register on line for your child to have the Flu Vaccination, you can do this via this link

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=KT118369>

YEAR 6 - TRIP TO DOVER CASTLE

On Tuesday 6th October, Owls class visited Dover Castle as part of their topic, Is it right to fight? We visited the war tunnels and participated in a Codes and Cipher workshop. The children were brilliant at deciphering the codes, they could definately get jobs working in the war office! We also explored the look out stations and discovered the geographic importance of Dover during many historic wars. Following this, we visited the main castle, the children learnt about what life was like for medieval kings and even got to sit in the Kings throne. After all of this, there was time for play - Dover Castle has an incredible, immersive play area, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. A great day had by all.









TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - RECEPTION CLASS

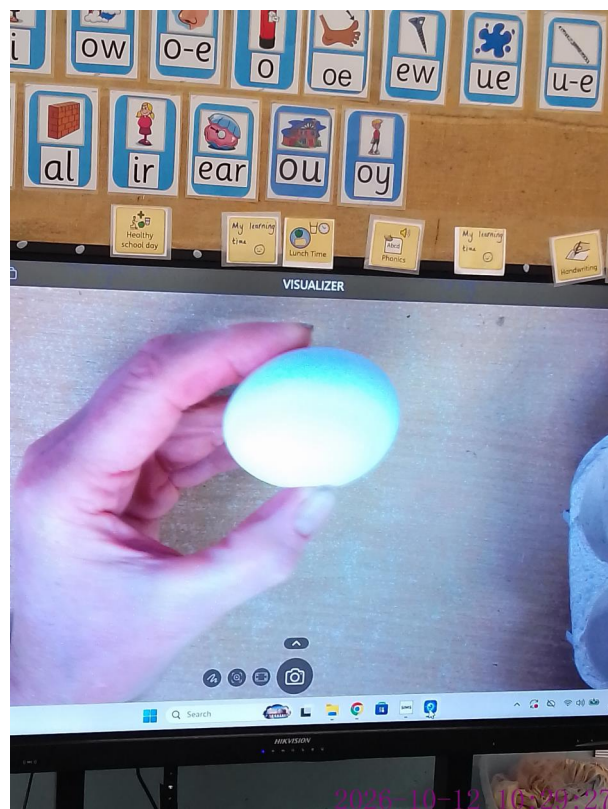
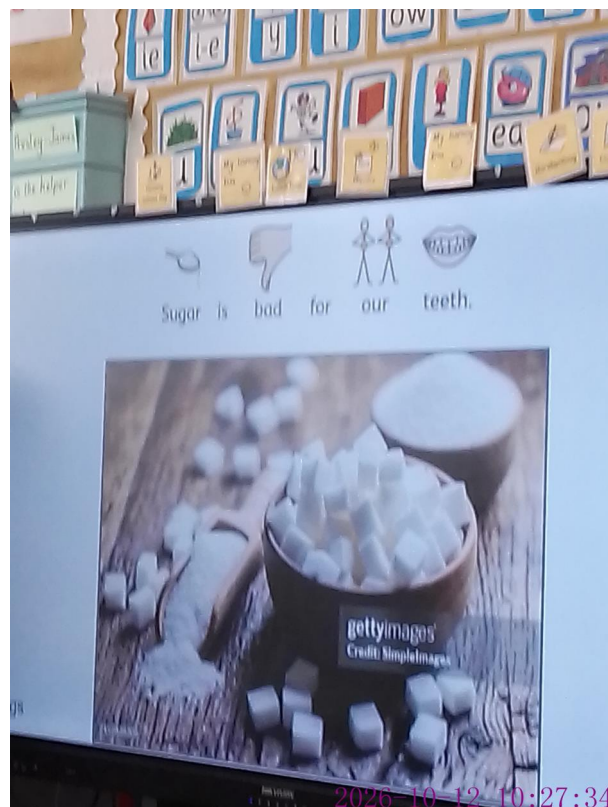




HEALTHY SCHOOL DAY

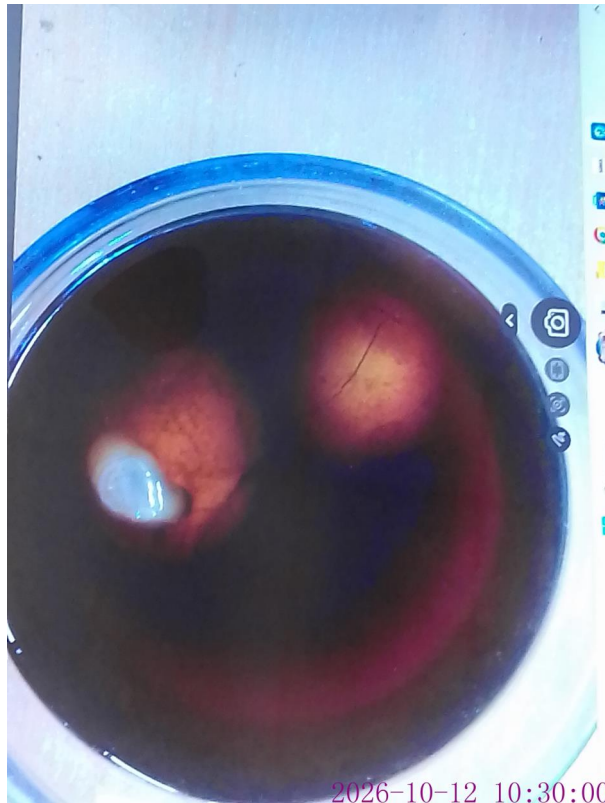
When the ks1 children came to Butterfly class we learnt about the effect of sugar on their teeth. We learnt that having a lot of sugar is bad for our teeth it can make them go brown and decay which leads to painful cavities. We looked at some eggs with white shells and some of the same box of eggs that had been soaking in coke, they were brown and the shells had gone soft, just like our teeth would. Then we learnt how to look after our teeth by eating less sugary foods and cleaning our teeth twice a day. The children practiced their

teeth cleaning skills, using their imagination to clean the chocolate (brown paint) off teeth (plastic bottles) with a toothbrush and toothpaste. They did a great job too!





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On Healthy Schools Day, our class had a fantastic time exploring how to make healthy choices through a series of hands-on activities! We investigated the amount of sugar hidden in different fruits and vegetables. The children then worked through an interactive carousel of tasks, where they put their math and life skills to work by ordering items by size and number, and even designed their very own nutritious snack plates. It was a wonderful, engaging day full of learning, creativity, and healthy habits!





HARVEST FESTIVAL

'THANK YOU' to everyone who donated food for the Harvest Festival, it was all passed on to Vinnies Diner at the Bright City Church in Ashford



HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

The whole school took part in the Harvest Celebration at Christchurch, each year put on their own performance and either sang, shared a poem or showed their amazing art work.





POPPY APPEAL

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Once again we will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies.

These will go on sale from Monday 2nd November, as well as poppies we also have the following:

Reflectors 50p

Pencils 50p

Snap Bands £1

Bracelet £1

These prices are a
suggested donation

The above can be collected from the school office.

Thank you for your support



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SQUIRREL CLASS - TRIP TO THE PARK

Squirrel Class had a lovely time in the park looking at how the seasons change and playing 'Eye Spy' what can you find.





YEAR 4 - NEPALESE FOOD FESTIVAL

In year 4 they have been learning about Hinduism in RE, a group of parents whose children attend the school kindly brought in some Nepalese food for the class to try. They really enjoyed trying the different foods 'THANK YOU' to everyone who brought in food for the children.





FLO NEWS





Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning

Victoria Road Primary School
Monday 9th November, 9-10am

Carmen, your school's Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner, would like to invite you to our parent coffee morning.

Please come along for an informal chat over a coffee or tea and biscuits!

The Emotional Wellbeing Team is specially trained to help children at school with their wellbeing and mental health. We understand that from time to time children need additional support so we're here to help. We believe that getting early help can prevent difficulties from getting bigger so that children can enjoy their life.

We work alongside everyone in the school community to promote a 'whole school approach' to emotional wellbeing and mental health. We can also think with parents about their children's feelings and behaviour, sharing information and working together to find a way forwards.

We look forward to meeting you.






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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, our fabulous waffle textured tea towels, tote bags, enchanted snowblocks, or our keyring and fridge magnet packs!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

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Mugs
Gift Labels
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Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to the school by the date printed - you will not need to place an order at this stage. Once we have received your form we will send you a text and an email containing your order link which you can follow to your child's ordering portal. From here, you can place your order and make payment.

Please note we cannot accept any late orders after the online portal has closed.

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1 - The children will be bringing home shortly their drawing and order form.



Hello everyone! Welcome to our latest PTA newsletter! We're excited to share what we've been up to, what's coming up next term, and how we're working together to make a difference for all the children at Victoria Road Primary School. Every penny we raise goes straight back into the school to benefit the children, helping to provide extra equipment, opportunities and exciting experiences. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far!

Preloved Uniform Sales – Thank You! We've had some really successful preloved uniform sales, and it's been lovely to see families picking up affordable uniform while helping us raise funds for the school. Looking for a particular size or item? If you're struggling to find something specific, please get in touch with us via Facebook, email or through the school office. We'll do our best to help!

- PE bundles will be available at our next uniform sale, so keep an eye out for the date.

- **Lost property reminder:** To help us manage our limited storage space, lost property will only be kept for one month. Please make sure to check for any missing belongings before they're cleared.

Coming Up Next Term! We have lots to look forward to, with opportunities to have fun, meet other parents and raise money for our school.

ADULTS - ONLY QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 27th November Get your thinking caps on! Our quiz night is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun, games and friendly competition, while socialising with other parents. It's a chance to relax, have a laugh and enjoy some grown-up time!

CHRISTMAS FAIR We're also looking forward to bringing some festive magic to Victoria Road Primary with our upcoming Christmas Fair. More exciting details will be announced soon, so keep an eye out!

Exciting Things Ahead! We're currently raising money for new playground equipment and enrichment opportunities to help make school life even more exciting for our children. And we have some particularly exciting news coming soon for our budding footballers! We can't share all the details just yet, but watch this space!

Every bit of support helps us get closer to making these plans happen, and we can't wait to share more with you.

COFFEE MORNING – Everyone Welcome! We'd love to organise a relaxed coffee morning for all parents, with a date to be announced soon.

You don't have to join the PTA to come along! Whether you're interested in getting involved, would like to find out more, or simply fancy a cup of tea and a friendly chat, you'll be very welcome. We know school life can be busy, and it's lovely to have opportunities to meet other parents, socialise and feel part of our school community. We want the PTA to be a welcoming place where everyone feels they can get involved in whatever way suits them.

Get Involved! The Friends of Victoria Road Primary School PTA is all about bringing our school community together and raising funds to give the children the best possible experiences. You don't need lots of spare time or special skills to help. Every little contribution, idea or bit of support makes a difference! Thank you to everyone who has supported our events, donated items, helped out or simply spread the word. We really appreciate it.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the latest news, upcoming dates and exciting announcements.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19Usc5BdPk/?mibextid=wwXlfrFriendsofvictoriaroad1@outlook.com>

TERM 2 DIARY DATES

Term 2 Diary Dates

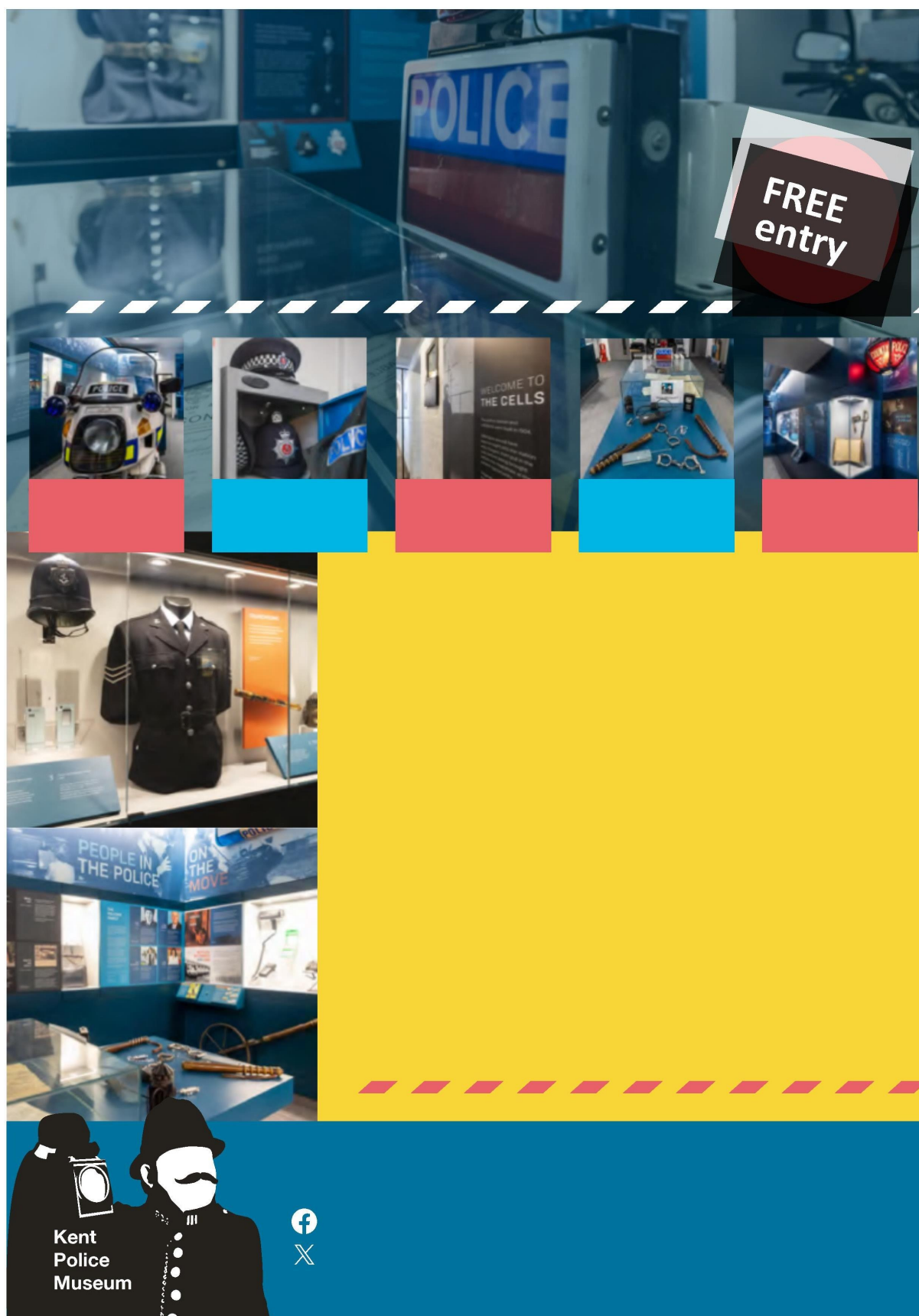
Term 2	Mon 2 nd November 2026 – Fri 18 th December 2026	
Week 1 Mon 2 nd Nov – Fri 6 th Nov	Mon 2 nd Nov	First day of Term 2
	Mon 2 nd Nov	School Nurses in Yr R – Yr 6 flu vaccines
	Mon 2 nd Nov	National closing date for secondary school applications
	Weds 4 th Nov	School Nurses in Yr R & Yr 6 NCMP
	Thurs 5 th Nov	Yr 5 Festival of Light lantern making (in school)
	Fri 6 th Nov	Online applications for new Year R 2027 open
	Fri 6 th Nov	Class newsletters and home learning out
	Fri 6 th Nov	Yr 5 Festival of Light lantern making (in school)
Week 2 Mon 9 th Nov – Fri 13 th Nov	Fri 6 th Nov	Yr 5 swimming
	Mon 9 th Nov	New Yr R 2027 parent tours (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm booking required)
	Tues 10 th Nov	Yr 6 Big Cat Sanctuary trip
	Tues 10 th Nov	Early parent consultation online booking closes @ 12:00 pm
	Weds 11 th Nov	New Yr R 2027 parent tours (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm booking required)
	Weds 11 th Nov	Early parent consultations (3:30 pm – 6:00 pm by appointment only)
	Thurs 12 th Nov	Yr 5 Canterbury Cathedral trip
	Thurs 12 th Nov	New Yr R 2027 parent tours (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm booking required)
Week 3 Mon 16 th Nov – Fri 20 th Nov	Fri 13 th Nov	Children In Need 2026 – Wear something spotty for a £1 donation!
	Fri 13 th Nov	Yr 5 swimming
	Mon 16 th Nov	Yr 1 Christchurch visit
	Tues 17 th Nov	Late parent consultation online booking closes @ 12:00 pm
	Tues 17 th Nov	Hockey League game – by invite only – details to follow
	Weds 18 th Nov	Late parent consultations (4:00 pm – 7:00 pm by appointment only)
	Fri 20 th Nov	Yr 5 swimming
	Sat 21 st Nov	Year 5 Light Parade – TBC – details to follow
Week 4 Weds 25 th Nov – Fri 27 th Nov	Weds 25 th Nov	Yr 3 Shared learning assembly @ 9:00 am parents invited
	Weds 25 th Nov	Multi Skills event Yr 1 & Yr 2 – by invite only – details to follow
	Fri 27 th Nov	Yr 5 swimming
	Fri 27 th Nov	School quiz night – parents & adults only – details to follow
Week 5 Mon 30 th Nov – Fri 4 th Dec	Mon 30 th Nov	Y1 – Y3 Scooter training – details to follow
	Tues 1 st Dec	Hockey League game – by invite only – details to follow
	Fri 4 th Dec	Non-school uniform – donations for raffle prizes
Week 6 Mon 7 th Dec – Fri 11 th Dec	W/C Mon 7 th Dec – Fri 11 th Dec	Year 4 litter picking
	Weds 9 th Dec	Multi Skills event Yr 3 & Yr 4 – by invite only – details to follow
	Weds 9 th Dec	Rock's Cool concert to parents PM – by invite only
	Thurs 10 th Dec	KS2 Carols in Church @ Christchurch 2 PM – details to follow
	Fri 11 th Dec	Year 3 Carols in County Square – details to follow
	Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Fayre 3:30 PM – details to follow
Week 7 Mon 14 th Dec – Fri 18 th Dec	Mon 14 th Dec	KS1 Nativity to parents @ 1:30 PM – details to follow
	Tues 15 th Dec	KS1 Nativity to parents @ 9:15 AM – details to follow
	Tues 15 th Dec	KS1 Nativity to parents @ 1:30 PM – details to follow
	Weds 16 th Dec	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
	Weds 16 th Dec	KS1 Class parties
	Thurs 17 th Dec	Jack & The Beanstalk Pantomime @ Ashford School – details to follow
	Fri 18 th Dec	Term 2 VIP assembly – parent attendance by invite only
	Fri 18 th Dec	Last day of Term 2 – Finish @ 2:15 – NO CLUBS (INCLUDING ASC)

Any additional dates that arise or any changes to these dates will be added to this list as appropriate, and we will ensure you are informed of any updates in a timely manner

***** Christmas Holiday Saturday 19th December 2026 to Sunday 3rd January 2027 *****

Children return to school on Monday 4th January 2027

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October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.

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Autumn at Maidstone Museum

Autumn is a great time to visit. Our **Hollywood Rome** exhibition is on until 31 October, so there's still time to see how the movies imagined the ancient world.

October half term at the museum

Looking for half-term plans? We have a full week:

- **The Gruffalo: Free Family Workshop**, Mon 26 Oct, 10.30am–12.30pm
- **Half Term Make It! Crafts**, Tue 27 – Thu 29 Oct, 10.15am–2.30pm
- **African Drumming: Free Session**, Wed 28 Oct, 10.30am–12.15pm
- **SEND Family Crafts**, Fri 30 Oct, 1.30–2.30pm

November

On Saturday 7 November, our **Dungeons & Dragons Taster Session** (11am–3pm) is a chance to try roleplaying for the first time.

From Saturday 14 November, **Hiroshige's Tōkaidō: A Japanese Journey** opens. This exhibition follows the famous road between Edo and Kyoto through beautiful Japanese woodblock prints. It runs until 19 December, which makes it a good winter family outing.

December

From 5 to 19 December, **Father Christmas's Fireplace** is back. Come and visit the big man himself!

Details: museum.maidstone.gov.uk/whats-on/events



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