









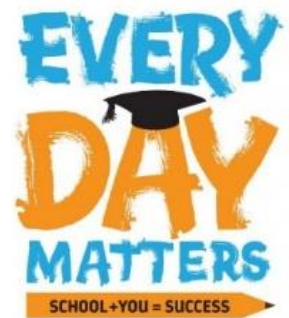




# Attendance

 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Otters	 Foxes	 Owls
90 	86 	82 	84 	92 
<b>Whole School –</b> 89%		<b>Year to date –</b> 90%		<b>Target –</b> 96%



Our children are continuing to work incredibly hard this term and are thoroughly enjoying their curriculum learning. Squirrels and Otters enjoyed their visit to Wingham Wildlife Park on Wednesday and Year 6 learnt about how to stay safe in different situations at their Safety in Action Day yesterday. Educational visits are an important part of our curriculum and provide invaluable learning and experiences for our children.

It was wonderful to see so many of our children and families at the special Charing village celebrations last weekend. Well done to the cheer team for their presentation – you were fantastic!

We are now nearly half way through the final term of the academic year with sports days, Year 6 leavers' events and other educational visits still to come! As always we have a busy but exciting few weeks ahead.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Angela Matthews

Consultant Headteacher



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# CELEBRATION COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Husnia

Thomas

Anas

Lyla

Harry.D

JJ

Dre

Louise

Aron

Ollie

Lia

Millie

Hugo

Otters Class

## Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to be willing to give  
people a second chance,  
even when we don't think they  
deserve it.

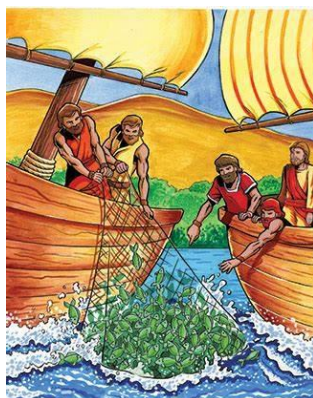
Help us to love and bring peace  
and joy to people's lives.

Help us to serve others and to  
help them whenever we get  
opportunities.

Amen.



**We have continued to think about how we respond in difficult or new situations and how our behaviour can help the situation be better. We thought about how Jesus gave people a second chance, including the disciple, Matthew and how we can try to do the same.**



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## ***Henry VIII Mosaic unveiling Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022***

***Last Friday we had Henry VIII visit us. He joined us for our celebration Worship and then unveiled the new Mosaic. We were delighted with how well attended the event was.***

***The mosaic of Henry VIII was created by the children of Charing Primary School in 2020 and 2021 to celebrate 500 years of the Field of Cloth of Gold. The mosaic was funded by Charing Palace Trust and Charing Parish Council.***



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## Charing Fete 2022

What a brilliant weekend. There was a lovely community feel and the PTFA stall was a huge success.

We are so incredibly proud of our Charing Cheerleaders! Thank you to those that could come and to Miss Jones for arranging. Their performance was outstanding and we hope this will be the beginning of show casing our fantastic school and our even more fantastic children!

And of course, let's not forget, we loved seeing Mr Bird in the stocks! What a good sport!





# Foxes take over Canterbury Cathedral! 17.06.22



Foxes class had a great time at Canterbury Cathedral. They learned about pilgrimage, dressed up as pilgrims and made their own stained glass windows.



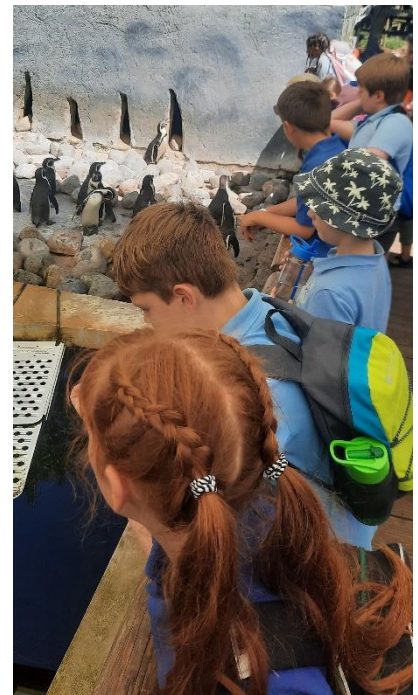
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# WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK



Squirrels and Otters Class had a brilliant day at Wingham on Wednesday. It was a glorious day and the teacher had just as much fun as the children! 22.06.22



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Stay and play is taking a break on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We will return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Sorry for any disappointment.



As part of our ongoing work to keep children safe online, we are continuing to share information about how to keep your children safe on social media apps and online. This week's poster about **ESPORTS** is at the end of the newsletter. Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Hammond.



Owls Performance to parents –  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am  
&  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm.

## Year 6 Leavers events

Leavers Service - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July A.M –  
Time TBC – Y6 parents invited  
Leavers Picnic - Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> July 12:00pm – Y6 parents invited



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SEN  
SURGERY

With Mrs Hammond

**Friday's 1:15pm – 2:30pm**

Pop in if you have any SEN concerns about your child, want any updates on referrals or updates on how they are doing in class.



Coffee club

With Mrs Nunn

**Friday's 2:45pm**

All parents welcome



**Returning Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Toddler Group**

Charing Primary School Tuesdays  
2:15-3:10pm term time only



**SPORTS DAY**  
**2022**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
9.30-10.30 Rabbits  
11-12 Squirrels  
1.30-2.30 Otters

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
9.30-10.30 - Owls  
11 - 12 Foxes



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# CHARING PRIMARY PTFA

# QUIZ NIGHT

With our very own  
Quiz Master/Headmaster  
Mr Bird!

FRIDAY 1ST JULY 22  
7.30PM-10PM(ish)

In Charing Primary School Hall  
Tickets £5 per person from the  
school office or on the door

**CASH PRIZE!**

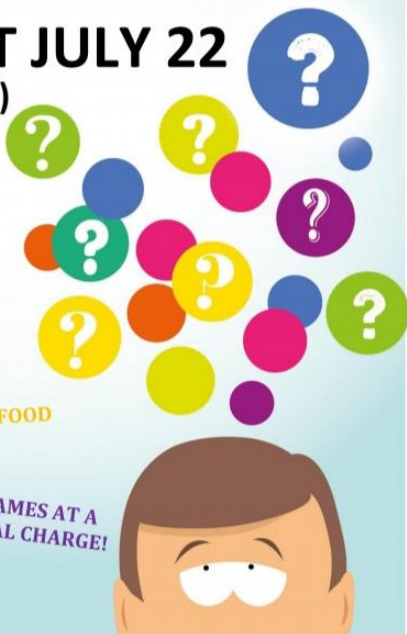
**RAFFLE!**

TEAMS OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE  
(Adults only)

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & FOOD  
(Ticket includes nibbles)

FUN HALF TIME GAMES AT A  
SMALL ADDITIONAL CHARGE!

To reserve a table:  
email [ptfa@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@charing.kent.sch.uk)  
or phone 01233 712277



Home Baked Sausage Roll  
Vegetable Frittata

Crushed New Potatoes  
Choice Peas  
Rainbow Coleslaw

Fresh Kent Strawberries  
with Shortbread Biscuit



Wimbledon  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022



caterlink  
feeding the imagination

Also available:  
Jacket Potato & Fillings  
Freshly Baked Bread, Salad,  
Fresh Fruit Platter & Yoghurt



Charing School PTFA are hosting Cream Tea in the Church  
Barn

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 5pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 5pm

We'd love for you to join us for a tasty selection of cakes and  
treats.











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# Dates for your diary:

## June/July

## 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					  Coffee Club PTFA Quiz Night 7pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Rabbits Class Trip	SPORTS DAY 9.30-10.30 Rabbits 11-12 Squirrels 1.30-2.30 Otters WIMBLEDON SPORTS DAY LUNCH	  Coffee Club	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Year 6 Bowling Trip			SPORTS DAY 9.30-10.30 Owls 11-12 Foxes  <b>PARENTS                      EVENING</b>	  Coffee Club	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Owls Performance 9:30am	Owls Performance 1:30pm	<b>Leavers Service                      time tbc</b> <b>Leavers picnic                      12pm</b>	Staff Training – No children in School	Staff Training – No children in School	Summer Break
<b>SUMMER BREAK</b>						
SPETEMBER 2022				1	2	3
				Staff Training – No children in School	Staff Training – No children in School	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	First day of term					



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports arena and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions are in-game purchases that unlock new features or give players special abilities, characters or content. These can cost anything from 99p to £99 (and sometimes more!). The topic of microtransactions in gaming is heavily scrutinised – with cosmetics, pay-to-win features and loot boxes all being a source of contention for gamers and governing bodies in recent years.

### MENTAL HEALTH

Studies show that esports competitors face the same level of mental health issues as athletes from traditional sports, along with some specific additional demands. Like mainstream professional sport, esports is an incredibly tough industry – requiring countless hours of practice. Competing at the highest level can lead to pressures such as handling setbacks, stressful situations and facing criticism.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT & BEHAVIOUR

Only 22% of gamers globally are aged between 10 and 20 – meaning the majority are adults, who might not always act or talk in a way that's appropriate for children. Like traditional sport, esports has many athletes and 'personalities' to look up to. However, it's important that your child stays aware of how influenced they are by the people they follow, and whether the athlete is age appropriate.

### TROLLS & TOXICITY

An internet troll is someone who tries to offend people and cause trouble by posting derogatory comments. Toxicity, as in the real world, refers to negative behaviours like harassment, verbal abuse and inappropriate conduct, which all impact on wellbeing. Trolls and toxicity are an issue within esports, perhaps due to its pressurised, extremely competitive and high-stakes nature.

### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

The revenue in esports is potentially vast. Organisations often look to professionals and content creators to help grow their brand, in exchange for the organisation's backing, a salary, and marketing and sponsorship benefits. However, the industry is still in its infancy – and so is its regulation. In some countries, esports isn't regulated at all, so things can get sticky if players don't know what they're doing or who they're working with.

### PHYSICAL EFFECTS

The common perception of esports involves a sedentary lifestyle, an unhealthy diet and very little physical activity – which has obvious health implications. It's certainly true that players sit at their desk for hours, looking into bright screens and not getting regular exercise. Some professional esports players have nutritionists, personal trainers and dieticians specifically to protect their health.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENCOURAGE BALANCE

Dedicating oneself intensely to any activity – including esports – can be harmful, both mentally and physically. Make sure your child's gaming routine is balanced with exercise, regular breaks, healthy food and plenty of water. If your child spends long hours gaming, using a chair with the proper supports and taking the time to practise good posture will help protect their lower back, neck and wrists.

### UNDERSTAND GAMING

Chat to your child about the games they play; ask to watch or even take part to get an idea of how appropriate they are. This will give you an awareness of the phrases esports players and content creators use, helping you understand young gamers' slang. If you find some of the games unsuitable, talk to your child about why. You can also explore age-specific settings on apps like YouTube and Twitch.

### GET EXPERT HELP

If your child does start on the road to becoming a professional, get in touch with an esports-specific agency who are experienced in industry terminology and loopholes. Do due diligence on any team or organisation offering your child a contract: a key point is how long your child would be contracted to them – the esports industry changes quickly, so there might be better and more secure offers out there.

### BLOCK TOXIC USERS

Monitoring in-game chats, or disabling them altogether (either through the console or in the game itself), is a comprehensive way to avoid negative experiences and reduce the risk of toxic messaging. Your child also has options to block messages from particular players and only interact with their friends; this can also help to prevent them from encountering the blocked users in future games.

### Meet Our Expert

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