







# Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Badgers	Owls
					
91%	93%	97%	98%	90%	94%
Whole School – 93%		Year to date – 93%		Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had visits from our School Improvement Advisor as well as a Governor visit. All mentioned the fantastic attitudes and behaviour of our pupils.

This was also evident when Miss Jones took a group of pupils to a basketball competition this week. The children worked brilliantly as a team and showed all of our school values in abundance. It was a busy celebration worship this week!

It's great to see lots of wellies being brought into school. Woodpeckers currently have the most.... Well Done! Don't forget about the parent information meeting on Wednesday. Our OPAL play consultant will be showing you what our aims are and what OPAL play will look like at Charing over the next year as we introduce and build exciting play opportunities.

Thanks again to the PTFA for supporting the cost of the Dance Workshop on Wednesday. We had the same brilliant ex west end performer leading the sessions and it was fun, engaging and very interactive.

On Thursday it was World Book Day. There was a great buzz around school as the children arrived with their favourite books wearing very cosy, comfy clothes. We had pyjamas, slippers, dressing gowns, favourite fleeces and lots of fun sharing books and listening to stories. Thanks everyone for joining in. I hope you enjoy spending your £1 voucher on one of the books published especially for the event or put it towards a new book.

We look forward to seeing you at the Mothering Sunday service at the Church on Sunday morning if you can make it.

The sun is out... Have a great weekend.

Mrs Golden

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## INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [What Parent and Carers need to know about YOUTUBE KIDS](#) 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.



## ATTENDANCE



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone. Can we please request that all attendance related emails are sent to the following:

**Ms. Nimrah Rehman**  
[attendance@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@charing.kent.sch.uk)

## DROP OFF

Can we please remind parents that school gates shut at **8:55am**. If you arrive late, please drop off your child/ children at the school office.

For safeguarding reasons we do not allow parents/carers to drop off their children to their classes.



## PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS

Don't forget to book a time slot for your child/ children for Parents Evening through the MCAS app, there are few slots still available!



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# REMINDER

## MEDICATION SAFETY

We understand that at times children are unwell and need to stay at home to recover, however please remember that we can administer *prescribed medication*, so if your child is feeling better but needs medicine, this can be brought to the office and managed as necessary. The office would be able to assist in this.



## HEALTHY LUNCHES



We promote healthy eating at Charing CE Primary School and would appreciate parents adhering to the healthy eating guidelines as below:

**Sweets:** Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars.

**Drinks:** children under 5 receive free milk with their snacks and water is available for everyone whenever they want to drink. Please do not send in fizzy drinks with your child's packed lunch.

**Nut Free:** Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. We have children in school who have potential life-threatening nut- allergies which can be triggered by direct or indirect contact with nuts in the environment. To keep our children safe, we request that parents please find a nut-free alternative. This also includes NUTELLA or any CHOCOLATE spread.

Thank you for your co-operation.



## SCHOOL DINNERS –

### **Dinner Money cost £2.43**

Please be reminded school meals are to be paid for in advance. Our caterers will not allow a debt to build and as of next term, any unpaid accounts will result in your child not receiving a meal and you will need to provide a packed lunch.

**WRAPAROUND CARE:** Both Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings are placed under this tab and payments need to be made when you book your session for your child. *This is done to avoid any payments not made.*

**PARENT CONSENT:** Please select the options given to update your child's consent.

If payments have been made otherwise and in advance before booking the sessions, please call or email the office to book your child's space. ***Please be reminded to clear out any outstanding balances under individual accounts of your children.***

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# COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

**John**

**Ollie . M**

**Faith**

**Elliot**

**Daisy**

**Henry**

**Eleyna**

**Daniel**

**Oscar**

**George**

**Fletcher**

**Bae**

**Maisie**

**Ruth**

**LJ**

**Tia**

**Lylah**

**Saxby**

**Harry**

**Ollie. G**

**Cherry**

**Tabitha**

**Arlo**

**Bear**

**Ralph**



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# This Week in Worship

In this week's Worship we have been looking at a time when Jesus was Amazed!

Our focus was Luke Chapter Luke 7:1-10, which tells us the story of the Centurion, (who was in the Roman army and in charge of 100 soldiers) who was desperate for Jesus to help him as his servant was very, very ill and he believed Jesus was the only person who could help. He sent his men to beg Jesus to come to the servant's house; before Jesus could get there, he showed his complete faith in Jesus, knowing that Jesus would heal his servant but that he himself did not deserve this. Jesus was Amazed when he heard such faith from the Centurion.

We may think we have never seen an actual miracle, but really we see them every day; the sun rising, tiny flowers returning after a long winter and many more.



We also thought about what amazing really means and any amazing situations we had experienced. We looked at the story of the Sorcerer's Apprentice and thought about the amazing magic the Sorcerer could perform. We realised that the story with Mickey Mouse is a make-believe story and what happens to Mickey Mouse in that story is magic. The story about Jesus is very different; it really happened. Jesus did not use magic to do amazing things, although the things he did often seemed magical. Instead, God gave Jesus the power to do amazing things to help people. These significantly special things that Jesus did are called miracles. Jesus performed many miracles when he was on earth which was showing how much he cares and provides for his people.

Dear Father God,

Thank you for all the wonderful things that we see around us.

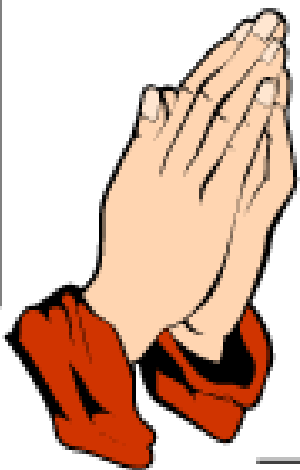
Thank you for the wonder of the world.

Thank you for the stories in the Bible, which remind us that God can do anything.

Please help us to be part of the wonder of the world, as we care for others and help them to have happy lives.

Please be with all of the people in the world who are sad, hurt or lonely.

Amen.



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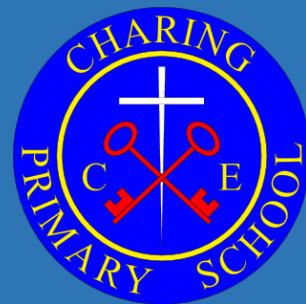
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# Dates or your Diary



Date	Event
<b>TERM 4</b>	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>OPAL PLAY Parents information meeting (YR-6)- School Hall 2:40pm</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Comic Relief Day( Red Nose Day)- wear something Red</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Owls class event 2:30pm – 3:00pm</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Service in the Church. 9:15am</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Badgers class event 2:30pm – 3:00pm</b>  <b>Parents Evening 3:30pm – 8:00pm</b> 
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Kingswood Representative talk to Parents of Year 4 2:30pm</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Ducklings and Rabbits Sports Day 9.30am-10.30am</b>  <b>Owls' Sports Day 2pm-3pm</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Squirrels and Otters Sports Day 9.15am-10.30am</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Woodpeckers and Badgers Sports Day 1.45pm -3:00pm</b>

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# MOTHERING SUNDAY

Celebrate with us as we honour  
our Mother's on this special day

To Celebrate Mothering Sunday the school will  
be heavily involved in leading Charing Church's  
Mothering Sunday service. Everyone is welcome  
to attend this service.

Children do not need to wear School Uniform  
but must be accompanied by an adult in the  
Church.

**CHARING CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> March**  
**9:30am – 10:15am**



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# Easter Menu

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024

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## ROAST TURKEY

Stuffing, Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

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## VEGETABLE WELLINGTON

Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

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## CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

With Ice Cream Or Whipped Cream

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Also Available: Jacket Potato with Filling, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit & Yoghurt

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Kent **Libraries**



## Family Zone 'Spring' Craft Activity

Friday 8 March 3.00pm – 4.30pm

Bockhanger Library

Join us for a Paper plate Spring craft activity as part of this week's 'Family Zone'!


Activity runs from 3pm – 4pm

For more information please email: [bockhangerlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:bockhangerlibrary@kent.gov.uk)


Tel: 03000 41 31 31

Or speak with a member of staff at Bockhanger Library

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EASTER TRAIL,  
CRAFTS & FACE  
PAINTING. LOOK OUT  
FOR THE EASTER  
BUNNY!



# DISCOVER EASTER AT BROGDALE!



29TH, 30TH, 31ST MARCH



13TH APRIL

お花見

## HANAMI BLOSSOM DAY



KENT'S CELEBRATION OF BLOSSOM AT BROGDALE

DISCOVER THE TRADITIONS, TASTES, ARTS  
AND CULTURE OF JAPAN  
PICNIC UNDER THE BLOSSOM



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

## SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

### RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

### DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

