

Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024



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Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Owls
						
89%	94%	85%	92%	88%	90%	85%
Whole School – 90%		Year to date – 92%			Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new term; I hope you all had a good break. The beginning of a new term always fills me with such hope and I am pleased to say that we have made a great start to term 2: the children seem really happy and have worked very hard in their first week back. Foxes class made me feel very proud during Wednesday lunch time, as nearly the whole class ran up to me, on the playground, telling me what a great morning they had had. They were desperate to show me their work. It's moments like that which make me love my job - seeing the children happy and really proud of themselves.

You were emailed earlier this week with all the key Christmas event dates for December. Please do check the 'Dates for your diaries' section at the back of the newsletter to help you keep up to date with what is going on in a busy term.

Please can I ask parents to ensure they are listening to their child read every night (or as close to that as possible) and signing their reading record to confirm this. The children are making such great progress at school but practising their reading skills at home will help reinforce this even more and will help your child build a good work ethic.

Tonight we hold our first 'Quiz Night' of the year to help raise money for the PTFA. The PTFA are an active part of the school which helps raise money to increase opportunities for our children and we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful PTFA team. This year Esme Brown has taken over the role of Chairperson; she takes over the role from Kellie Anderson who is still remaining as an active member of the PTFA.

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The school choir will be attending the Remembrance Service on Sunday at the local church. Any member of the school community is more than welcome to join the group by meeting on Old Ashford Road at 10-15. This is an important time and an opportunity to reflect and be thankful to all those who sacrificed their lives so that we could live and prosper. It is so important that we appreciate and are grateful for the sacrifices made for us and make the most of all the opportunities around us. We should work hard to love our neighbour and be there for one another. This can be very hard in a society where we often hear negativity and fault finding but let's teach our children to be proud of who they are and who their neighbours are! It is the key to a fulfilling life.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend and look forward to Monday and another busy week!

Take care,

Mr Bird
Head Teacher



“REMINDER: The Immunisation Service is coming to school on **Monday 11th November** to carry out the Flu Immunisation Programme for pupils in **Years R to 6** – don’t forget to consent or decline before the cut-off date via their website <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/> Click on the blue button “Immunisations” to complete.

You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07700 140 385 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child’s immunisations.”

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our catering company, Caterlink would like feedback about school dinners at our school. If your child has school dinners or has had school dinners, please could you take the time to complete the survey, using the links below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLKQLHJ>

Scan the QR code

We would ask that all responses are completed by 30th November.



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This week in Worship

Our Worship Focus over the next few weeks is looking at the 'I am' statements from John's gospel. Jesus wanted his followers, at the time he was on earth and his followers since then (including us) to understand who he really was and how much he loved us.

We began by looking at this picture and sharing our thoughts on what we saw in it. We realised we know quite a lot about Jesus: miracles, healing, protecting and loving.

I am...said Jesus

Life Bringer

I am the same yesterday, today and forever

Life Giver. I am the Water of Life

Life Sustainer. I am the bread of life

Life Guider. I am the light of the world

Life Leader. I am the good Shepherd

Life Protector. I am the gate

I am the way, the truth and life. I am...said Jesus



We considered the 'I am' statement, 'I am the water of life' from John 4:13-14.

Why do we need water? We wondered why Jesus would describe himself as the living water. I wonder what this might teach us about him? How is Jesus a 'Life Giver'? How does water give life, 'Whoever drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in him a well of life that lasts forever.' John 4:13-14 Jesus is saying that he is offering 'water' that gives eternal life; a life with Jesus. I wonder why Jesus used this metaphor to describe himself...



Dear Father God

Thank you that you know each one of us by name,

Thank you that you love each one of us

*Thank you that each one of us is very special to
you*

*Thank you that you are our Good Shepherd
That you look after us, feed us, guide and protect
us.*

*When we feel lost help us to feel your presence
very close to us.*

Amen.

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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Joey H

Lijah

Hugo P

Baylei

Eliza F

Nancy O

Aoibheann

Jack H

Samuel

Roman

Claudia

Noah

Johnny

Grayson G

Amaya

Alfie

Joey G

Lily Belle

Lucan

Millie G

Freddy

Italia

Eliza L

Ruth



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Meet Our Mental Health First Aiders



Mrs. Hebbes
(Mon- Fri)



Mrs. Alexander
(Thru- Fri)

Hello we are Mrs Hebbes and Mrs Alexander, your mental health first aiders. Mrs Hebbes is here Monday to Friday and works within Ducklings preschool. Mrs Alexander works Thursday and Friday as a teaching assistant in Badgers.

We are here to support the children, staff and families of Charing School. If you would ever like to speak to us, feel we can offer support to yourself or someone in your family, please come and find us on the playground or let the office know and we can arrange a time.

SEND SURGERY DROP-IN

*Do you have a question about your child's needs
or a concern about a Special Education Need?*

Pop in to talk to Mrs Hammond at the

SEN surgery drop-in.

No appointment needed.



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday	23rd October	9:15-10:45
Friday	8th November	1:30 - 3:30
Tuesday	19th November	During Parents Evening
Friday	29th November	9:30 - 11:00
Christmas SEN Coffee Morning - pop along to enjoy a festive treat		
Wednesday	18th December	9:15 - 10:45

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT](#) 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

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.

MAIN ENTRY

**ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT
TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**



We would politely ask all parents/carers to park sensibly when dropping and while picking children off at school.

Please be considerate that the school setting is within a neighbourhood area so please be mindful of village residents.

Parents Evening is NOW LIVE!

Please log onto the MCAS app and book a time slot for your child/ children for Parents Evening which will be taking place on the 19th of November 2024.



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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 (IF REQUIRED)*, 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



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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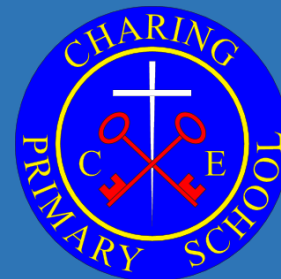
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
TERM 2	
11 th Nov	Flu Immunizations YR to Y6 – (please remember to opt out if you do not wish your child to receive the flu immunization) www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms
13 th Nov	YR 2025 school tours (afternoon) 1:30pm to 2:30pm 
15 th Nov	Children in Need Day
19 th Nov	Parents Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm 
27 th Nov	YR 2025 school tours (evening) 5pm to 6pm 
11th Dec	Christingle Service in hall - Parents invited -2:30pm
12th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance to school – 1:30pm
13th Dec	Pantomime trip for: Woodpeckers, Foxes, Badgers and Owls Visit from Santa for (morning) Duckling, Rabbits, Squirrels and Otters
16th Dec	Christmas performance for parent -9:30am Pantomime for: Duckling, Rabbits, Squirrels and Otters
17th Dec	EYFS nativity to school Whole School Christmas Dinner(lunchtime) KS1 Christmas Performance to parents -2:15pm
18th Dec	Christmas Service in the church -9:15am EYFS nativity to parents- 2:15pm
19th Dec	EYFS nativity to parents- 9:15am Christmas Fayre-1:30pm
20th Dec	Whole School Healthy Living Day

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Event for parents: Play every day!

Next week, on Wednesday 13 November, we're holding a [short webinar for parents](#) to talk about the power of play and help them make play part of every day for their child.

At the event, OPAL Director Michael Follett will explore some of the key benefits of play, look at how playwork theory can support parents, and share his top tips for play at home.



Play for every child

This event is part of OPAL's commitment to making play part of every child's life and is fundraising to support [Project Play](#), a wonderful organisation that provides safe spaces to play for displaced children in Northern France.

This webinar is free to attend, but we encourage participants to [make a suggested donation of £10 to Project Play's fundraiser](#), which is being match funded by OPAL CIC.

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Open Day

For Reception intake
September 2025

If your child is starting school in September 2025, please come along to our Open Day!

Discover the benefits of sending your child to a growing, vibrant Church of England School.

Before and After School Care on-site

Come and meet our staff and find out more about our amazing school and outstanding Early Years environment. We'd love to show you around!

5th November
9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday

13th November
1.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday

27th November
5pm-6pm
Wednesday

Telephone: 01233 712277 Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

AQUILA
Diocese of Canterbury
Academies Trust

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Run by
Future Dance

HIGH FLYERS

CHEERLEADING CLASSES!

Ages 4 to 11



Starting September
Wednesdays
6pm - 7pm
7pm - 8pm
STOUR CENTRE ASHFORD

Fridays
4pm - 5:30pm
TOWERS SCHOOL, KENNINGTON
ASHFORD

**Show your spirit
and skills as we
seek new
members to join
our energetic
team.**

CONTACT US

07896198442 futuredanceacademy@hotmail.com www.futuredance.info

Perry Court Farm Festive Fayre

16th & 17th November

10am-3pm.

Country Crafts & Demonstrations
Christmas Gifts
Festive Farmhouse Refreshments
Floral Festivities
Tombola & Raffle

All Proceeds to the
Ashford Pilgrims Hospice.
Perry Court Farm, above Wye,
Canterbury Road, TN25 4ES

Mental Health Helplines - UK

Samaritans - 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline)

SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258 (free,
confidential, open 24 hours)

CALM (For anyone) - 0800 58 58 58 (open from
5pm to midnight every day)

Papyrus (below 35) - Call 0800 068 4141 (young
suicide prevention open 9am to midnight
every day)

YoungMinds (young people & parents) - Crisis
Messenger text YM to 85258 (available 24/7)
Parent Helpline 0808 802 5544 (Mon-Fri from
9.30am to 4pm)

Would you share? It could save a life.



Ashford Town Parish
Loving God : Serving Ashford

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH ASHFORD

On the corner of Christchurch Rd
and Beaver Road
TN23 7SR

FIREWORKS AND BURGERS

Quieter, children friendly, fireworks.
No rockets or big bangs.

**Saturday
9th November 5pm**

No charge but donations welcome

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Did you know Ashford Designer Outlet now offer sensory backpacks for anyone who might find the environment a bit overwhelming.

They're available to borrow from the guest experience team, free of charge, with just a refundable deposit. It's great to see more places taking steps to make their spaces more accessible for everyone. Great work Ashford Designer Outlet 🍪🍪

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Ashford Kent TN23 1PF
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Carnival of the Baubles Home Kits

Build a bauble at home!

Carnival of Baubles build at home lantern kits are now available, because it is never too early for some Christmas crafting!

Purchase a kit for £5 on the Made in Ashford website. Either have it delivered to your home or save on postage by collecting it from the shop located in Park Mall, Ashford Town Centre.

These kits are aimed at 5+ and smaller children will need adult supervision & guidance.

The kit includes willow, tissue paper and instructions. You will need scissors, tape, PVA glue and a light (fairy lights or an electronic candle).

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WESTWELL WINES + KATHARINE GRAY PRESENT

A CHILDRENS CLAY WORKSHOP SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER | 10.30-12



CREATE YOUR VERY OWN CERAMIC CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
AT A WORKSHOP HOSTED BY KENTISH POTTER KATHARINE GRAY

WESTWELL WINE ESTATES, KENT TN27 0BW

TICKETS: £25 PER CHILD INCLUDES DRINK + SNACK

KATHARINEGRAYCERAMICS.COM | WESTWELLWINES.COM

Beware of suspicious callers

Most people who call at
your home are genuine.

But sometimes people may turn
up unannounced and try to:

- Trick their way into your home
to steal valuables or money
- Sell you services or items you
do not want or need
- Carry out unnecessary repairs
to your home at inflated prices.



If concerned about someone calling at your
home, **don't open your door.**

You can also:

- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a
number they provide) to check they are genuine
- Never leave your door unattended
- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be
with you.



**Kent
Police**



Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

www.kent.police.uk   

christmas clay ornament making

WORK SHOP

Thursday 28th November | 7-9pm | £45

A glass of fizz + snacks + all materials + firing included

katharinegrayceramics.com | westwellwines.com

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



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