

Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 22nd November 2024

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Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Owls
						
96%	92%	95%	96%	94%	90%	97%
Whole School – 94%		Year to date – 92%			Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

It definitely looks and feels like winter has arrived this week but despite the cold weather the children have continued our excellent attitudes to learning and play.

We continue to monitor our attendance with the aim to support as many children to attend school as often as they can. Our attendance is currently 92.3%, which is still below our target of 96%, but when we allow for the absence that has been related to chickenpox -111.5 days! - and other authorised absences, our attendance is 94%. Every day at school counts as each lesson builds on the learning of the previous day and week. We know that it is now the season for colds, coughs and snotty noses. Your child can still come to school - please be assured that if your child is not well enough to be in school, we will call you.

We also continue to develop the school and the staff to be best we can be. This week, we are delighted to add Miss Jones to our school leadership team as a middle leader. Her role will focus on the Personal Development aspect of school life linking very close to the subjects she currently leads - PE, PHSE, Deputy Worship Lead - along with her responsibility for the student council. We are excited to create this role to further enhance this area of this school. *Well-done Miss Jones!*

Finally, a reminder to please ensure that your child's property is named. Each breaktime, we have a collection of coats and jumpers left outside with no names. Staff will try to match these up with the right child, but a clear name makes this much easier. This also applies to water bottles, lunch boxes - anything that your child brings in from home that they could put down in the school! Children do need coats in school in this weather. We recognised that a lot of children come into school in a warm car, but they are all outside at breaktime, lunchtime so a coat in school is essential in this changeable, cold weather.

I am hopeful that next week is a little warmer, have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hammond

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This week in Worship

In this week's Worship, we have been continuing our focus on the

'I am' statements of Jesus, where he describes himself through metaphors.

We looked at 'I am the Good Shepherd' trying to work out what Jesus was trying to tell us by this. First, we looked at the role of the Shepherd in Jesus' time on earth, and realised that in Bible times it was a difficult and dangerous job. Shepherds were often outside all day and night and had to fend off wild animals. The job of the shepherd was to feed, guide, protect and look after the sheep. I wonder how Jesus might be a shepherd to his people? What does this teach us about him? Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are all his sheep. Like the shepherd Jesus is our Leader who never stops caring and loving us. He protects us from harm, ensures we are fed and even laid down his life for us.

We read the parable of the Lost sheep from John's Gospel, Chapter 10. In this story we find a loving shepherd who tends his flock of 100 sheep, like a father caring for his children. He ensures they have good pastures to eat from, are protected from wild beasts, by a gate. Even when one sheep was lost, the shepherd ensured the rest of the flock was safe, then searched everywhere for that sheep which was lost. Eventually he found it; he rejoiced, carried it back to the flock on his shoulders and celebrated its return. This is the type of Good shepherd Jesus is: he protects us, keeps us safe, loves us and knows each of us by name. We also looked at the words of one of the songs we sing in Worship:

'Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.
I've called your name. You're mine.
When you walk through the waters,, I'll be there with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves,
'Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.
I've called your name. You're mine.

You are mine, Oh my child I am your Father,
And I love you with a perfect love.
'Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.
I've called your name. You're mine.



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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 and give us life in all its
fullness.*

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

Amen.



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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	10:15 - 11:00

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING](#) 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.

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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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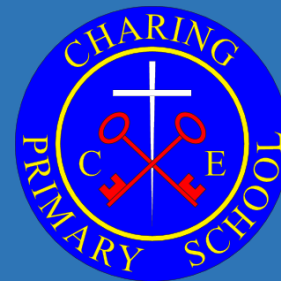
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
TERM 2	
27 th Nov	YR 2025 school tours (<i>evening</i>) 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 (<i>morning</i>) 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 Christmas Jumper Day 
20th Dec	Whole School Healthy Living Day

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DON'T FORGET



Charing CE Primary School

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

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Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2025

Apply online at

kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Tuesday 5 November 2024 and closes at midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025

For children born between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021,
Transferring to Primary school
in September 2025

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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.



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   



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SANFORD HOUSE
STADE STREET
HYTHE
CT21 6BD
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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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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).

WESTWELL WINES + KATHARINE GRAY PRESENT

A CHILDRENS CLAY WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER | 10.30-12

 A collection of ceramic Christmas decorations, including several star-shaped ornaments with intricate black and white patterns and four solid orange circular ornaments.

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

 A black and white photograph showing a pair of hands shaping a piece of clay into a Christmas ornament. The background is a red grid pattern.

christmas clay ornament making

WORKSHOP

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

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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