

# Charing CE Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025



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# Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Owls
						
97%	94%	93%	96%	96%	89%	96%
Whole School – 95%		Year to date – 93%			Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are only at the beginning of the term, near the end of the year, I am delighted to share with you the exceptional achievements and memorable experiences that have defined our recent weeks at Charing Church of England Primary School.

I begin with tremendous pride in announcing that our Year 6 children have achieved outstanding success at the Kent Challenger Games. Their victory stands as a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and the sporting excellence that continues to flourish within our school. This achievement reflects not only their individual talents but also the collaborative spirit that defines our school community.

Our Year 1 children have demonstrated exceptional progress in their phonics development, achieving remarkably high scores in their phonics screening check. These results represent what may well be our strongest performance to date, highlighting the effectiveness of our phonics programme and the commitment of both our teaching staff and the children themselves. Such achievements lay the foundation for lifelong literacy skills and academic success.

Year 4 children deserve particular recognition for their approach to the multiplication test. Their enthusiasm and perseverance throughout this challenging assessment exemplify the growth mindset we strive to cultivate across all year groups. Their determination serves as an inspiration to their peers and demonstrates the value of sustained effort in achieving academic goals.

Our Duckling class enjoyed an enriching educational experience during their visit to the Rare Breeds Centre. Such opportunities extend learning beyond the classroom walls and provide invaluable real-world connections to curriculum content, fostering curiosity and deeper understanding.

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We have also welcomed our new Year R parents for September, marking the beginning of their journey with our school family. These transition meetings ensure that both children and families feel supported as they prepare for this significant milestone.

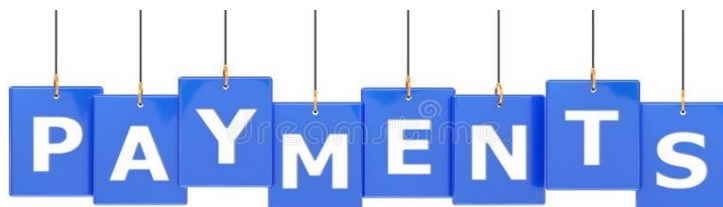
Similarly, our Year 6 children have participated in transition meetings for secondary school, preparing them for the next chapter of their educational journey. These sessions provide essential support during this important period of change.

Finally, I commend our Year 2 children for their excellent effort in the football tournament at Lorenden Prep School. Their participation demonstrates the sporting opportunities we provide and the positive attitude our children bring to competitive events.

These achievements collectively reflect the strength of our school community and the dedication of all involved in supporting our children's development.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs. R Golden



#### **SWIMMING LESSONS FOR TERM 6**

##### **FOXES & OWLS**

##### **Y4 and Y6**

**Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> June till 8<sup>th</sup> July– every Tuesday (except 1<sup>st</sup> of July)**



This is under TRIPS, if you haven't made payment for your child's upcoming swimming session, we have kept payment through instalments open to be paid weekly.

***P.S If you have paid the deposit and want to make the rest of the payment, please go under 'outstanding payments' under 'instalments' to pay off the remaining amount left.***

#### **DUCKLINGS- RARE BREED CENTER-- 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025-**



This has been set up for you to make payment on MCAS app under TRIPS.

Please make sure to fill in the consent form attached and make payment of **£7.29**.

***Disclaimer: If we do not get enough interest, we would have to make a decision to not go ahead with the trip.***

#### **RABBITS- FOLKSTONE BEACH TRIP-- 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**



This has been set up for you to make payment on MCAS app under TRIPS.

Please make sure to fill in the consent form attached and make payment of **£7.09**.

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#### **BADGERS- SUNNY SANDS BEACH-- 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**



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### OWLS- TATE MODERN ART GALLERY AND LION KING THEATRE- 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

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Please make sure to fill in the consent form attached and make payment of £35.

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### FOXES- TURNER CONTEMPORARY– 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

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Please make sure to fill in the consent form attached and make payment of £6.

**Disclaimer: If we do not get enough interest, we would have to make a decision to not go ahead with the trip.**

## This week in Worship

In this week's Worship our focus has been on the Early Christian Community after Pentecost. We thought about, which was celebrated in churches last Sunday, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, as promised to the disciples, by Jesus.

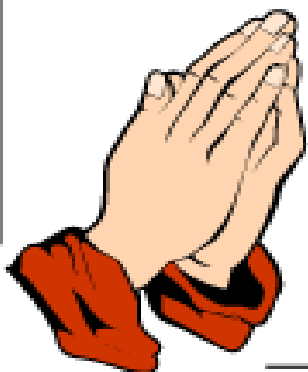
Acts 2:44-47 was our Bible text; we looked at some of the things that happened in the weeks and months after Pentecost – how the early Christian community supported each other and how the good news (gospel) of Jesus was spread by the first believers. We wondered what the very first Christian community looked and felt like, how they organised themselves and how a community like this was able to be successful through cooperation between all parts of the community, who listened to God's word and had the courage to put it into practice.

We turned our attention to Peter and John, 2 of Jesus' disciples who were now leaders (Acts 3:1-8). After having received the gift of the Holy Spirit and the command from Jesus to go and tell the whole world about him, they did just that and amazing things started to happen. We looked at the first big miracle performed by the first Christians. It came just after the events at Pentecost day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. There was someone who was lame, (from birth) he couldn't walk on his own, and was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God:

*Dear Father God,*

*You are our Giving God,  
We receive so much from you,  
Therefore, we have much to give.  
Help us to share in the blessings of giving  
As well as the happiness of receiving,  
That your love may be shared more widely.*

*Amen.*



# COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

**Ilhan**

**Tilly**

**Hugo D**

**Zak**

**Harry T**

**Jessica**

**Victoria**

**Faith**

**Elsie O'R**

**Frankie**

**Millie Go**

**Jezreel**

**Liliana**

**Jack K**

**Lucas**

**Pashie**

**Ted**

**Millie Sta**



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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is **TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS NEED TO KNOW GENERATIVE AI SAFETY.** 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. R Golden.



## 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 do not park across or on other people's drives including local businesses.**



Please also do not move the yellow bollards that are up in front of the school and park in that space. These are in place deliberately to ensure there is access to the school.

Although School Road and Downs Way have limited parking, there is plenty of parking throughout the village. The slightly longer walk will do children good, if you are unable to park legally near the school.

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

### EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

### PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

### REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

### DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

### UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES

Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.

### PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.

### ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.

## Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



The National College



# 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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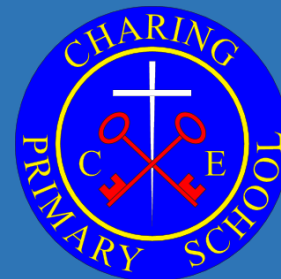
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# Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
<b>TERM 6</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition for new Reception starters- <i>(child plus one parent)</i> 2pm to 2:45pm
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition day for new Reception starters- <i>(children only)</i> 2pm to 2:45pm
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Rabbit Trip- Folkstone Beach  Badgers Trip- Sunny Sands Beach
7 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA AGM meeting- 3:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Owls trip – Tate Museum and Lion King
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for new Reception starters- <i>(children only)</i> 2pm to 2:45pm  Student Reports to be sent home
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Foxes Trip-Turner Contemporary
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performance to parents- 5pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	School disco 3:00pm – 5:45pm <i>(more information for follow)</i>  Charing has Talent 1:30pm – 2:30pm  Year 6 leavers BBQ 3:15pm – 5:00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers service in the church-9:15am



## Reminder:

No Sowing Club on 17<sup>th</sup> June- Tuesday AND 1<sup>ST</sup> July - Tuesday



No Board Games on 16<sup>th</sup> June- Monday

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# JOIN US!

Information session on speech and language and general strategies.



EKHUFT  
Children & Young People's  
Therapy Service



Speech and Language  
Therapy

Come along and join us in the school hall on:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm**

Our Speech and Language therapist Eve will be here to share some information with parents and answer any questions.

Everyone is welcome!



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# Chatty Cafe Scheme



At a loose end?  
Fancy a cuppa?

The 'Chatter & Natter table' is a wonderful way of encouraging people of all ages to talk to others. During the day and time below, the table will be hosted by a friendly volunteer. Do come along and sit for a chat.

**When:** Every second Saturday  
of the month  
11am - 12:30pm

**Where:** JV HOME Cafe  
Unit 27 Creative Enterprise Quarter  
Henwood Estate  
Javelin Way, Ashford TN24 8FN

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**COMICON**  
AT THE MUSEUM  
JUNE 14-15 2025  
10AM - 4PM

Cosplay Competitions  
All Ages

NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES

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ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL [info@rafmanston.co.uk](mailto:info@rafmanston.co.uk)

@RAF Manston History Museum  
WHAT THREE WORDS - REMARRIED.MORNINGS.PAVE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS

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Wonderful opportunity to meet artists and makers in their own environment, watch demonstrations, learn about their process and what inspires them.

Our creative community stretches through countryside, coastline, villages and towns, a great way to explore everything this part of the world has to offer.

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- Find studios open on specific days
- Search for artists or mediums and locations

Scan the QR code to find out more.

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**INCLUDES US TOO**  
IU2 - Empowering families of children with disabilities

Introducing the  
**IU2 Lending service**

Come check out our brand new Lending Service

Pop along for a coffee and a chat about our new Lending Service!

It's here to help families try sensory items before buying – and we'd love your feedback on what you'd like to borrow!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June | 9.30 am - 10.45**

**Rainbow Centre, Great Chart Bypass,  
Ashford TN23 4ER**



The IU2 Lending Service has been made possible thanks to Tesco Stronger Starts, after we were selected as winners of the blue token scheme earlier this year. A big thank you to Tesco shoppers for supporting us!



**BIKE EVENT @ REPTON**  
CELEBRATE CYCLING AT REPTON CONNECT

IT'S ALL FREE



**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE  
12.00 – 17.00**

**12.00-14.00** Learn-to-Fix your bike (booking essential)

**14.30-17.00** Free bike checks and help with learning to ride or gaining confidence on a bike

For more info or to book email:  
spencer@cyclecircle.co.uk




THE BOOKING LINK IS OPEN FOR THE COLOUR RUN 2025!

Get ready to run, jog, walk or skip your way around our fun-filled course, packed with obstacles, water sprays, bubbles and LOTS of colour!

All your favourite obstacles are included in this year's course including our giant rainbow tunnels. - this year's course promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Start in white and finish covered head-to-toe in rainbow colours! Be prepared to get messy and have an absolute blast!

This sell-out event is not to be missed - book now. £9.50 + £1.50 booking fee per person

<https://ColourRun2025.eventbrite.co.uk>



**COLOUR RUN**

**GREAT CHART PLAYING FIELDS**  
**SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025**

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# PLUCKLEY

## SUMMER FETE & MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Friends of Pluckley Rec along with Pluckley School PTFA invite you to their Summer Fete

>> **11-3PM Saturday 21st June 2025** >>

• **FREE ENTRY** •

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**11AM- 11PM**

Musical Artists Include: Drum & Ink,  
Invicta Jazz Orchestra, The Upsetters,  
Ashford College, Tony Adams, DJ  
Skeema, The Rags, Geoff Stokes, Megan  
Wardroper, Sam Baldock, Ashford Folk  
Band, Rebecca Stroud, DJ Acidikz,  
Pluckley School as well as *Vocal &  
Instrumental Open Mic Opportunities*

Organ Recital, PreOrder Tickets (£10)

TEXT TO ORDER 07587578289

Printed Programmes Available (£2)

**FETE & STALLS**  
**11AM -3PM**

Delicious Homemade Cakes  
Ice Creams and Sweets

Tombolas

Raffle

Bric A Brac

Bouncy Castle

Jewellery and Gifts

Pluckley Raptors FC

Pilates Class (11.15AM)

Pluckley Garden Society

Thorne Hedgehog Rescue

and many more local businesses...

**BAR & BBQ AVAILABLE**  
**ALL DAY**

Proceeds go to Pluckley School PTFA Charity No. 1043385 as well as Friends of Pluckley Rec's NEW Playground and St. Nicholas Pluckley Church



**PTFA RAFFLE TICKETS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES ON SALE NOW**

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