

Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark upon this new academic year, I am delighted to share with you the exceptional start we have witnessed at Charing Church of England Primary School. The children have demonstrated remarkable attitudes and enthusiasm, setting a positive foundation that promises much for the months ahead. We also welcome new staff members as well as new families this year.

Over the summer holidays, our school has undergone significant transformation through extensive building work that has enhanced our learning environment considerably. We are proud to unveil new classrooms and a new, better positioned office space, creating facilities that better serve our expanding school. These improvements reflect our commitment to providing the highest quality learning spaces for our children.

Our outdoor provision has also been enriched through developments to our Opal play areas. These spaces offer exciting opportunities for exploration and discovery in all weather conditions. To ensure your children can fully engage with these enhanced outdoor learning environments, please remember to send them to school with wellington boots, enabling them to explore confidently regardless of the weather.

I am particularly pleased to report that at this year's Aquila conference, attended by our dedicated teaching staff, Charing Church of England Primary School was celebrated for our significant improvements in academic results and our commitment to maintaining high expectations. This recognition reflects the hard work of our entire school community and validates our educational approach.

However, we must address an area requiring our collective attention: school attendance. Regular attendance is fundamental to your child's educational success. When children miss school, they inevitably miss vital learning opportunities, creating gaps that require additional effort to bridge. Every day in school matters, and consistent attendance ensures children can build upon their learning progressively and confidently.

I would like to clarify several important procedural matters. Please refrain from sending toys to school with your children unless this has been specifically agreed with class teachers or myself to support additional needs or settling-in requirements. Children in Years 3-6 may bring pencil cases that fit within their designated trays and additional resources for art lessons, though the school provides almost all necessary equipment.

Our new Rabbits children had their first session in school today. They came in with such confidence and enthusiasm, I think Mrs Carrington was just as excited! Mr Bird and I dropped in to see them and they were all so engaged in exploring their classroom, dressing up, painting, building and many more activities. We really look forward to welcoming them into our school community.

Finally, for safety reasons, parents are not permitted to enter the school building unless accompanied by school staff. This policy ensures we maintain secure learning environments while protecting all members of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every child at Charing Church of England Primary School achieves their full potential. We are looking forward to an amazing year ahead!

Have a good weekend,
Ros Golden

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This week in Worship

This week's Worship, was focused on New Beginnings; a welcome back for children and staff and a time to share our school Christian vision and associated values. We looked at this verse from the Bible: 'Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past, see I am doing a new thing'. We thought about what we will be looking forward to? Matthew 7: v12 led us to consider Jesus' most important rule, 'Love one another' We agreed rules for our own classes, which would help us to live out our school values of: Compassion, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope and Resilience. 'Encourage anyone who feels left out; help all who are weak, and be patient with everyone... Be good to each other and to everyone else. Always be joyful and never stop praying'.

We discussed what was new and different for each of us at the start of this new school year. We remembered our special Bible story, 'The miraculous catch of fish.' In Luke's gospel we hear that some fishermen had spent the whole night fishing, but they had caught nothing. Suddenly, Jesus appeared on the shore and told them to throw out their nets on the other side of the boat. They caught many fish. Jesus invited the fishermen to follow him, which they did, becoming his disciples. In John's gospel, after Jesus had died, the disciples felt lost, so they went back to their fishing. One morning, the same thing happened as before. The men had spent a ages fishing, but hadn't caught anything. Suddenly, Jesus appeared on the shore and told them to throw out their nets on the other side of the boat. They caught so many fish that the nets were breaking! By doing this, Jesus was telling the men that although everything had changed - he had spent three years teaching them, he had died and he had come back to life again - things were still the same. He still wanted the men to follow him and do the work that he had given them to do. Christians believe that because Jesus died and rose again, we can all have a fresh start with God, like we have a new beginning at the start of this new school year. The Bible tells us that change can be good - it's how we grow and develop - but also that God never changes; he is always the same.

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Dear Father God

*Thank you that you are always here to
welcome us.*

*Please make our school a place of
welcome.*

*When we see anyone feeling left
out and lonely, help us to make them
feel part of our friends.*

Amen.



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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Henry

Bear

Lena-Marie

Harry T

Kash

Audrey

Hodger

Millie G

Luna

Elliot B.

Maisie

Junior

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WINGS & WHEELS WEEKEND 2025

| 13TH AND 14TH SEPTEMBER | 10AM TO 4PM |
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF



Climb in the Cockpits



Fire Engine Rides



Tank Rides



Loads of Vehicles



Museum Entry

NO NEED TO BOOK

USUAL MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES APPLY | RIDE ADMISSION SEPARATE

info@rafmanston.co.uk

www.rafmanston.co.uk



What Three Words - remarried.mornings.pave



Refreshments available

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns and shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

KENNINGTON JUNIORS FC

Saturday Morning Football Coaching - Invite to all Children in School Year Groups 1-5

Kennington Juniors Football Club are again offering the following Football Training sessions, to all children within the Ashford community.

School Year 1 Group - 08.30 - 09.35

School Year 2 Group - 09.45 - 10.50

School Year 3-5 Group - 11.00 - 12.05

A fully qualified Coach, with appropriate Child Welfare certification, will manage the sessions

Cost per session will be £6.00 cash, payable prior to the start of the session.

Sessions will take place every **Saturday Morning, commencing Saturday 13th September 2025**, to be held at the Ashford Hockey Club, Ball Lane, Kennington TN25 4EB.

KJFC ask that your Child wears Football Boots and Shin Pads to each session. The Club will not stop your Child participating if they are not wearing these items, the responsibility / accountability, standing entirely with the Parent/Carer.

If you require any further details, please contact Graham Jordan - Mobile 07934349666 or email him at g.jordan439@btinternet.com

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INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [10 TIPS FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL](#) at the end of the newsletter. Please continue to monitor your child's online behavior and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Ms Mc Millan.



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:

Alessandra Alexander 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.

Please can we kindly ask that you park only in free spaces and be mindful of the neighborhood. Places outside shops adjacent to the school are for shop owners only.



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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 is now £3.05 per child

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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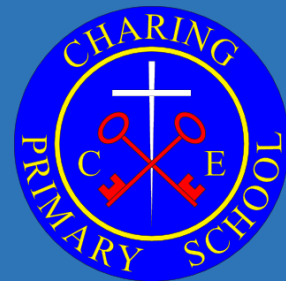
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
TERM 1	
5 th September	Bookings for parent's evening are opened from 1:30pm on MYCAS
24 th September	Parents Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm
30 th September	Kingswood installment is due – If we do not get enough interest the trip may not go ahead.
2 nd October	Individual Photographs

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support.

1 LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED

Figure out a list of all equipment needed for the start of the school year, so you can comfortably get your hands on the necessary items in time. If children have any financial issues and receive free school meals, the school may be able to provide some monetary aid or offer other support.



2 COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

If you notice that a child is feeling anxious about a change of teacher or school, arranging a one-to-one meeting with their new teacher can be a good way to alleviate some of the anxiety. Just knowing that they understand the child's worries and will be able to help them if the need arises can build the foundations of a good working relationship. Knowing that you can contact them with any queries can also be reassuring.



3 CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

There will be plenty of information about the start of term on the school's website to keep you updated. Furthermore, you should be able to find other useful information such as contact details for staff, important school equipment, clubs, and news about any special events on the school calendar for the year. It could be helpful to look through this with children for anything which might reassure them.



4 HELP TO MANAGE FRIENDSHIPS

If a child is feeling anxious about making new friends – especially if they're moving up to secondary school – it can be a good idea to remind them of what they could do or say when meeting new classmates. Investigating the extracurricular activities available could be a good way to open a conversation about their hobbies and pastimes, and joining such clubs could allow new friendships to be built on this mutual interest.



5 PLAN SELF-CARE

Talking to children about how they can manage their self-care can be an effective way of helping them understand its importance. This might involve playing a computer game they love with friends, a weekly visit to the library, getting to bed at the same time each night, or a range of other activities that support their wellbeing and provide the familiarity and safety of a routine that works for them.



6 MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS



Explain that it's okay to have difficult feelings around returning to school. This can help reduce any shame or embarrassment a child might be feeling over these emotions. Emphasise that other children – even some of the teachers – will be feeling the same way. Consider practical ways to manage these feelings and help children feel more in control of their emotions. Some examples include fidget toys, breathing exercises or a notepad for doodling.

7 SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM



Parents and carers should try to buy a child's uniform for the new academic year well in advance of the new term (although allowing for potential holiday growth spurts) and give them time to adapt to any changes. Make sure they can comfortably change into and out of it for PE lessons. Double check the requirements for PE on the school's website, as some schools will also have requirements for PE kits.

8 PREPARE FOR TRANSITION DAYS



Ensuring that children attend transition days is a vital step in preparing for the new year. Some schools also have transition evenings for parents and carers to attend, offering extra opportunities to reach out for any additional support.

9 READ THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY



If a young person struggles with their mental health, it's important to understand their school's mental health policy and provision to know what support is available. This should be on the school's website. A range of aid is typically on offer – from individual timetable amendments to group sessions on emotional wellbeing. You can then discuss these options with the child to reassure them that help is there if they need it.

10 LEARN ABOUT SEN SUPPORT



If a child has SEN and receives help in school, try to confirm exactly what support is available, to ensure they'll be having their needs met. If they're moving up to secondary school, it's a good idea to meet with the SENCO to ensure that all teachers receive the most relevant, up-to-date information about the child's needs and have a contact to liaise with if these change over time.

Meet Our Expert

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