










Newsletter

Attendance



Rabbits	 Squirrels	Otters	 Woodpeckers	Foxes	 Badgers	Owls
						
97.2%	94.7%	94.8%	93.5%	94.4%	95.7%	94.2%
95% Whole School		94.1% Year to date				Target – 96%

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are now fully immersed in the term, and I am delighted to share that it has been a wonderful start for our school community.

This week, we have been fortunate to host several School Improvement Advisors who have been supporting our ongoing development. I was immensely proud as I walked them through our school, showcasing the exceptional work and spirit of our children. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, particularly in recognition of our children's remarkable achievements and engagement.

Our staff have been deeply engaged in discussions about our school vision, and I am proud to report that this vision is being lived out daily by both our children and staff. We are committed to creating an environment where learning, respect, and personal growth are at the heart of everything we do.

I would like to address attendance. While we are seeing gradual improvement, I must emphasise the critical importance of children attending school every day. Regular attendance ensures continuous learning and helps children maintain their social and academic connections. When children miss school, they can experience challenges in catching up with their peers.

Next week, I am looking forward to accompanying our Year 6 children to Parliament - a trip I always anticipate with great excitement. For any questions regarding this trip, please contact Mrs Siddiqui.

As the nights draw in and the weather turns cooler, I kindly request that parents ensure children are collected by an adult from afterschool clubs and are dressed appropriately for the season.

Please take a moment to review the Calendar at the back of this newsletter, which details the many activities planned this term. This Sunday, some of our children will be representing our school at the Remembrance Sunday Service. Parents should meet Miss Goodright at 10:10 on Old Ashford Road, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest regards,



Celebration Worship

Nevaeh Reuben Dre

Anderson Ella Eliza B

Loki George S Jessie Isaac H

Pashey Perla Lilly S Nevella Parker

Lyla Oscar Lucas Lilianna Sherilee

Compassion Friendship Forgiveness Resilience Hope

This week in worship

During this week's Worship we have continued looking at David, the shepherd boy from the Old Testament, Samuel Chapter 16 verses 14 – 23, and Samuel 19:1 – 10. We reminded ourselves that David was a young Shepherd boy, from Bethlehem who was the son of Jesse and had seven brothers. He had dreams of being a musician or possibly a King. God told Samuel, (an important Priest the Temple) to choose a new King, because King Saul had disobeyed God many times. He would find his chosen one in Bethlehem; one of the sons of a man called Jesse,

God would guide Samuel. He found David the Shepherd boy and God told Samuel this was the future King. Samuel poured special oil on his head as a sign. David used to play and sing to King Saul when he was sad and angry, trying to calm him. Unfortunately, King Saul tried to isolate him and leave him out because he knew that God had chosen David

as the next King. Saul became jealous and attacked David in different ways – he even tried to kill David. This made us think how lonely David must have felt when king Saul isolated and treated him badly. David did escape and found people who supported him helping him to become the king as God intended. He had a very good friend in Jonathan, who stood by David, always supporting him, so he didn't feel lonely again We thought about ourselves as part of our school family and wondered if we ever felt isolated or if we ever saw anyone left out. We reminded ourselves about being a good friend; always standing up for our friends, being loyal and faithful to them.(Friendship is one of our school values) most of us felt we rarely saw children left out. We also shared our thoughts on what we would do if someone was left alone: we would invite them to play with us, talk to them or find an adult to help.

We then wondered what Jesus would do. Christians often ask themselves 'What would Jesus Do' to decide how they should treat others? In Luke's gospel we have learned about Zacchaeus the chief tax collector who everyone hated; this helps us to see how Jesus treated someone who had become isolated and left out

. When Jesus stepped into this situation, his reaction to Zacchaeus was very different from the reaction of the people of Jericho, the 'crowd' in the story. Jesus changed everything – and he calls people who follow him to do the same. I wonder what this might mean for us, today? I wonder what we might learn from Zacchaeus about people who feel isolated and alone? I wonder what we might learn from this story about how easy it is to be a bystander in the crowd? I wonder how Jesus' actions can help us decide how to treat people?





Dear Father God

*Thank you that you are
always there 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.



Announcements

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE](#) 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



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:

Mrs 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 (Pedestrian gate).

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



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.

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 this



 **Nut-free school**

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.

EAT WELL - 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.



SCHOOL DINNERS – cost £3.05

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.*

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.***



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

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13th November 21st November 27th November	Open Day viewings – please contact the office to book an appointment 9.30-10.30/10.45-11.45/1.30-2.30
11th November	Year 6 Trip to Parliament – more details to follow
20th November	Theatre performance of the Jungle Book – Whole School
10th December	2pm Adult led Christingle Service in the school hall – parents welcome
15th December	9.30 – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents
16th December	2 – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents
17th December	9.15 Christmas service at the church PM – Christmas Fayre in the hall
18th December	AM EYFS and KS1 – Sing along with Santa PM KS2 movie afternoon
15th December	9.30am – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents; 2.15 - Year R Nativity performance to Parents
16th December	9.30 - Year R Nativity performance to Parents; 2.15 – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents
19th December	School closed – Inset Day



Home-start is looking for volunteers.

If you would like to know more, please visit their website

<http://home-start-ashford.co.uk/volunteer/>

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Ashford Family Hubs Timetable

27th October 2025 - 19th December 2025

Our Family Hubs:

The Willow Family Hub
03000 418800
Halstow Way
Ashford
TN23 4EY

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

The Willow

Monday

Referral Only
Little Talkers
10.00am - 11.00am
3rd November 2025 for 6 weeks

Tuesday

Adult Ed
Exploring Behaviour Strategies
14th November 2025
1.00pm - 3.00pm

To book your place on one of the FREE Kent Adult Education courses please contact:
Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk
Call 03000 418600
Go online: KAE Family Learning

Wednesday

Stay and Play
9.30am - 10.30am **or**
11.00am - 12.00pm

Booking Only
Introducing Solids
9.45am - 11.30am **or**
1.30pm - 2.30pm
2nd Wednesday of the Month

Thursday

Talking Walk In
9.30am - 11.00am
1st Thursday of the month

SEND Stay and Play
10.00am - 11.30am
2nd Thursday of the Month

Parent Advice Drop In
10.00am - 11.30am
Last Thursday of the Month

Baby Group
Prewalkers only
12.30pm - 2.00pm

Friday

Child Health Clinic
9.30am - 12.30pm
Last admission 12.15pm

Talking Walk In
1.30pm - 3.00pm
3rd Friday of the Month



Ashford Family Hubs Timetable

27th October 2025 - 19th December 2025

Our Family Hubs:

Ashford North Family Hub
03000 417567
Mabledon Avenue
Ashford
TN24 8BJ

Waterside Family Hub
03000 418700
Turner Close
Willesborough
Ashford
TN24 0PQ

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

Ashford North

Monday

Sports Connect
5.00pm - 6.30pm

Tuesday

Talking Walk In
1.00pm - 2.30pm
2nd Tuesday of the Month

Wednesday

Compass Group
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Includes Us Too Youth Group
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Thursday

Baby Group
10.00am - 11.30am

Breastfeeding Support
10.00am - 11.30am

BeYou Project
4.30pm - 6.00pm

Friday

Compass Group
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Waterside

Child Health Clinic
12.30pm - 2.30pm
Last admission 2.15pm

Baby Group
Pre-walkers only
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Talking Walk In
1.00pm - 2.30pm
3rd Wednesday of the month

Adult Ed
Confident Parent Confident Child
26th November 25
9.30am - 11.30am

Stay and Play
9.30 - 10.30 **or**
11.00am - 12.00pm

Young Parents Stay and Play
10.00am - 11.30am

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Our Family Hubs:

**Bockhanger
Family Hub**
03000 418600
Belmont Road
Kennington
Ashford
TN24 9LS

**Tenterden
Family Hub**
03000 418400
Recreation Ground
Road
Tenterden
TN30 6RA

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups
and services are
free to attend.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Bockhanger

Talking Walk In

9.30am - 11.00am

4th Monday of the Month
Not on the 26th October 2025

Baby Group

Pre-walkers only

1.30pm - 3pm

Please note not on First
Monday of the Month

Stay and Play

9.30am - 11.00am

Booking
Only

Little Bookworms

10.00am - 11.00am

Tenterden

Child Health Clinic

9.30am - 12.30pm

Last admission 12.15pm

Referral
Only

Little Talkers

10.00am - 11.00am

4th November 2025 for 6 weeks

Baby Group

Pre-walkers only

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Stay and Play

10.00am - 11.30am

Talking Walk In

1.00pm - 2.30pm

26th November 25

Mildred Trust Larder

Affordable food, cleaning
and hygiene products
9.30am - 10.30am

Information



Drop In

BeYou Project

The BeYou Project is run by Porchlight to support LGBTQ+ young people feel included, have positive mental health and a bright future. BeYou strives to promote allyship, helping to create an environment where everyone can be themselves.

For more information please email:
beyou@porchlight.org.uk
or
ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Invite
Only

Includes us Too

A youth group for young people aged 14-25 with SEND. Make friends and enjoy fun together. Numbers are limited.

For more information and to book Please email:
info@includesus2.org.uk

Booking
Only

Strengthening Family Relationships

For families who find themselves in conflict for a variety of reasons, facing new triggers such as money or debt, a new baby, unemployment, relationship breakdown, health and/or mental wellbeing issues and more.

To book please visit:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub>

Invite
Only

Compass Groups

These groups are for 11-19 (25 SEND) for young people to support their emotional wellbeing, and build self esteem and confidence in a calm and accessible environment.

For more information please email:
ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Booking
Only

Little Talkers

A 6 week course for parents/carers and their children, to learn new techniques along with useful hints and tips for developing speech. During these sessions there will be focused 'fun' activities for parents/carers to do with their child as well as some group time to improve listening skills and turn taking. Suitable for parents and their children aged 2-5 years.

Drop In

Talking Walk In

For pre-school children and their parent to meet with speech and language therapists. They will provide you with advice and ideas, signpost you to other services or refer you to their service. Runs at different Hubs throughout the Month.

Booking
Only

Baby Family and You

This is a 4 week course to help you understand your baby's cues, promote social and cognitive development, learn strategies to cope with crying. This positive parenting programme uses the content of Triple P for Baby.

To book please call: 03000 418700

Drop In

Sports Connect

Multi sports with coaches from Sports Connect. For ages 11 - 19 years

Booking
Only

Ready for Baby

A free session for parents to be offering expert NHS advice, led by your local Health Visiting Team.

Book your place at:
family.kentcht.nhs.uk/baby
or
ask your Health Visitor

Hothfield Village Hall TN26 1EG

Child Health Clinic

Tuesday

9.30am - 12.00pm

Last Admission 11.45am

Adult Ed

Supporting your Child's Anxiety

Online via Zoom
5th November 2025
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Stanhope Parish Hall TN23 5TG

Moat Housing Baby and Toddler Group

Friday

12.00pm - 2.00pm

Healthy Start Vitamins

Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?

If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door.



Free for 2

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!

For more information and how to apply:



Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visitor

0300 123 3092

Midwife

ekhuft.ashfordmidwives@nhs.net

@ashfordfamilyhubs



@ashfordfamilyhubs11to19



@ashfordfamilyhubs



www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Family Hub Sites are run
by Kent County Council

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Child Health Clinic

Come along with your baby/child to speak to one of the Health Visiting Team, for information, advice and support. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the end of the session. These run throughout the school holidays.

Drop In

Baby Group

A group for pre-walkers, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences. Introducing different themes and ideas to support adult and child bonding/interaction. **Limited Numbers**

Drop In

Stay and Play

Enjoy free play activities to support your child's development including active movement, singing and socialising. Suitable for children aged 0-4 years with their parents/carers. **Limited Numbers**

Drop In

Young Parents Stay and Play

This group for young parents aged 19 and under (up to 25 with SEND), provides support, advice, activities and information on a variety of subjects tailored to your needs. You can attend antenatally and postnatally and bring someone for support.

Booking Only

Baby Massage

A 5 week course suitable for babies from 8 weeks until crawling. Parents learn a new set of massage strokes and the benefits for your baby. Dates will be shared after registering interest.

Drop In

SEND Stay and Play

This group is for pre-school children aged 0-4 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Enjoy free play activities to support your child's development, singing and socialising. Your child does not have to have a diagnosis to attend.

**13th November 2025
11th December 2025**

Drop In

Parent Advice Drop In

A group to help you with understanding your child's needs, tips and strategies to help at home, signposting to local SEND support services and getting the best from your child's education.

**30th October 2025
27th November 2025**

Booking Only

Introducing Solids

A Face to Face session (no siblings please) which is aimed to support you in preparation for starting solid food from around 6 months.

**12th November 2025
10th December 2025**

To book: call 03000 418800 Or email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Drop In

Breast Feeding Support

Breast feeding support is available by a member of the National Childcare Team

**Wednesday - Gateway Ashford
9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Thursday - Ashford North Family Hub
10.00am - 11.30am**

Booking Only

Little Bookworms

A short 3 week programme for 1-4 year olds. Each week is themed around a well-loved story focussing on positive interaction and communication. A reading gift will be given on completion of the three sessions.

Booking Link

@ashfordfamilyhubs



@ashfordfamilyhubs



@ashfordfamilyhubs11to19



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Health Visitor

0300 123 3092

Midwife

ekhuft.ashfordmidwives@nhs.net

@nhs.net

Please Note:

For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.

For more information about opening times give your local centre a call

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

Website: www.kent.gov.uk Telephone: 01233 712277

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

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