






Newsletter

Attendance



Rabbits	 Squirrels	Otters	 Woodpeckers	 Foxes	 Badgers	 Owls
96.3%	97.6%	95.5%	84.7%	96.1%	90.6%	80.6%
91.9% Whole School		93.5% Year to date			Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you the activities and notable moments from our school this week at Charing Church of England Primary School.

Our Governors have been actively engaged in school life, conducting valuable visits focused on exploring our approaches to SEND and inclusion, writing, and mathematics. These collaborative assessments help us continually refine our educational provision.

This week, our Woodpeckers and Foxes classes participated in an important road safety session, reinforcing crucial life skills for our children.

I am delighted to celebrate several achievements. First, the beautiful sunshine has lifted our spirits. Our Godinton group continues their excellent work, with their final session next week and a new group set to commence after half term.

Our children's writing has been particularly impressive this week. Our youngest learners are mastering phonics and beginning to construct simple words, while our older children are developing remarkable writing stamina. This progression demonstrates the remarkable learning journey our children are experiencing.

This week, we welcomed several visitors who were thoroughly impressed by our children's friendliness and engagement during lessons. Their welcoming nature and enthusiasm truly reflect the ethos of our school community.

I must address some important notices regarding social media and phone usage. We are currently managing numerous friendship issues and are concerned about children accessing inappropriate social media content unsuitable for their age. I kindly request parents' support in monitoring and guiding digital interactions.

On a personal note, I am delighted to share that Miss Honey Stockdale is expecting a baby in the new year and will be taking maternity leave around this time. We extend our warmest congratulations to her.

For health and safety reasons, I must emphasise that children should not use the bike track after school hours. These bikes are exclusively for Opal play and require supervision.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our children's educational journey.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ros Golden

Assistant Headteacher



Celebration Worship

Tilly

Finley

Ben

Trixie

Renea

Millie G

Oscar

Christophe

Thea

Bonnie L

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This week in worship

In our Worship this week we have been thinking about Harvest and preparing for our Harvest Festival on Monday, in church at 2 pm. Harvest Festivals go back a long way, and give us time to thank God for all his goodness to us; especially for the countryside, the fields which are harvested in Autumn and the food this provides for us. Farmers work very hard to ensure they look after these resources which enable enough food to be harvested. We thank God not only for our food but also remember that in some parts of our world; even in our Country, people do not have enough to eat and have to rely on others to help them. There is enough food to go round, but sometimes people are greedy and waste God's gifts, leaving some without food. This is why at Harvest Festivals we try to help in a small way by donating different types of food which will help those in need.

Our other focus this week, (which will be continued next week) was 'Standing up for what you believe in. The people of faith and the people that made a difference that we have looked at so far this term have been people who have had to be prepared to stand up for what they believe. That is not too difficult if people stand with you and beside you but is not so easy when you find yourself standing alone and speaking alone.

In the Old Testament, the prophets were the people whom God sent to give his message. Very often they found that people did not want to listen or laughed at them or even attacked them. We thought about Jonah, from our Bible passage Jonah chapter 1 verses 1 – 17. Sometimes the prophet that God calls know that the job of giving the message from God would be unpopular and so tried to run away and avoid the job. Jonah was a prophet whose message was that people should stop doing things that were wrong in God's sight is at the heart of the story. Under cover of darkness he slunk to the harbour, got on to a boat sailing in the opposite direction and hid in the deepest, part of the ship. A dreadful storm brew up. The sailors were on their knees praying. Jonah knew that it was his fault, he owned up and told them his story and told them to throw him overboard. Just at that moment, when Jonah hit the water, God organised for a whale, to be swimming that way. It opened its mouth and swallowed Jonah. Jonah was there for three days. Time to think, and pray 'I am sorry, God. I disobeyed you. You had an important message for the people of Nineveh whom you love. You asked me to take it and I disobeyed. Please forgive me. If you give me another chance I'll go. The whale opened his mouth and Jonah landed on a beach somewhere. Jonah had a second chance. He went to Nineveh, he preached that hard message. The people of Nineveh listened to his message and knew that they had been behaving badly and were determined to repent. I wonder if we have ever seen anything that we know is wrong and speak up. I wonder if it is sometimes easier to pretend you did not see it and go the other way as Jonah did, but it can help someone in a difficult situation to have courage and speak out for them.



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Dear Father God
Give me the wisdom to see when
something
that is happening is unfair.
Please give me the courage to stand
up for
what is right and help someone feel
they are not alone.
Amen



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Annoucements

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS AND EDICATORS 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.

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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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TERM 1

13th October	Harvest Festival – 2pm at the church
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TERM 2

27th October	School closed – Inset Day
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31st October 7th November 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
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11th November	Year 6 Trip to Parliament – more details to follow
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20th November	Theatre performance of the Jungle Book – Whole School
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10th December	2pm Adult led Christingle Service in the school hall – parents welcome
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15th December	9.30 – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents
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16th December	2 – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents
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17th December	9.15 Christmas service at the church PM – Christmas Fayre in the hall
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18th December	AM EYFS and KS1 – Sing along with Santa PM KS2 movie afternoon
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19th December	School closed – Inset Day
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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

8th September 2025 - 17th October 2025

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

NEW

Stanhope Family Hub Coming soon

Our Family Hubs:

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

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

Ashford North

Sports Connect

Monday
5.30pm - 7.00pm

Talking Walk In

1.00pm - 2.30pm
2nd Tuesday of the Month
Starting October 2025

Invite
Only

Compass Wellbeing Group

Wednesday
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Booking
Only

Includes Us Too Youth Group

Wednesday
6.00pm - 8.00pm

To book email:
info@includesus2.org.uk

Baby Steps

Pre-walkers only
Thursday
10.00am - 11.30am

Breastfeeding Support

Thursday
10.00am - 11.30am

BeYou Project

Thursday
5.00pm - 6.30pm

Invite
Only

Compass Resilience Group

Friday
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Bockhanger

Talking Walk In

9.30am - 11.00am
4th Monday of the Month
Not 26th October 2025

Baby Steps

Pre-walkers only
Monday
1.30pm - 3.00pm
Please note not running on
1st Monday of the month

Stay and Play

Tuesday
9.30am - 11.00am

Booking
Only

Little Bookworms

Friday
10.00am - 11.00am

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Child Health Clinic

Monday
9.30am - 12.30pm
Last admission 12.15pm

Baby Steps

Pre-walkers only
Tuesday
12.30pm - 2.00pm

Stay and Play

Wednesday
10.00am - 11.30am

Talking Walk In

1.00pm - 2.30pm
26th November 2025

Mildred Trust Larder

Friday
9.30am - 10.30am

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

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

Waterside
Family Hub
03000 418700
Turner Close
Willesborough
TN24 0PQ

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

The Willow

Booking
Only

Little Bookworms

Monday
1.00pm - 2.00pm

Stay and Play

Wednesday
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

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 Steps

Pre-walkers only
Thursday
12.30pm - 2.00pm

Child Health Clinic

Friday
9.30am - 12.30pm
Last admission 12.15pm

Talking Walk In

1.30pm - 3.00pm
3rd Friday of the Month

Waterside

Child Health Clinic

Monday
12.30pm - 2.30pm
Last admission 2.15pm

Invite
Only

Compass Healthy Relationships

Monday
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Baby Steps

Pre-walkers only
Tuesday
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Talking Walk In

1.00pm - 2.30pm
3rd Wednesday of the Month

Stay and Play

Thursday
9.30am - 10.30am
or 11.00am - 12.00pm

Young Parents Stay and Play

Friday
10.00am - 11.30am

Stanhope Parish Hall TN23 5TG

Moat Housing Baby and Toddler Group

Friday
12.00pm - 2.00pm

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TN24 0PQ

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Adult Education Courses

Booking Only

Supporting Teens Mental Health

Ashford North Family Hub
Wednesday 17th September
10am - 12pm

Booking Only

Exploring Behaviour Strategies

The Willow Family Hub
Tuesday 14th November
1.00pm - 3pm

Booking Only

Supporting Your Child's Anxiety

Online Via Zoom
Wednesday 5th November
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Booking Only

Confident Parent Confident Child

Waterside Family Hub
Wednesday 26th November
9.30am - 11.30am

To book your place on one of these **FREE** Kent Adult Education courses please contact:

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

Call: 03000 418600

Go Online: KAE Family Learning

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

Parenting Courses

Booking Only

Baby, Family and You

Using Triple P
The Willow Family Hub
TN23 4EY
Wednesday 17th September to
Wednesday 5th November
10.00am - 12.00pm

Booking Only

Solihull Parenting

The Willow Family Hub
TN23 4EY
Thursday 2nd October -
11th December
9.30am - 11.30am

Booking Only

Strengthening Family Relationships

Ashford North Family Hub

Monday 22nd September
10.30am - 12.30pm

The Willow Family Hub

Thursday 20th November
10.00am - 12.30pm

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Health

Hothfield Village Hall

TN26 1EG

Child Health Clinic

Tuesday
9.30am - 12.00pm
Last admission 11.45am

Ashford Gateway

TN23 1AS

Breastfeeding Clinic

Wednesday
9.30am - 12.30pm

Booking Only

Ready For Baby

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

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

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Drop In

Child Health Clinic

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

Drop In

Baby Steps

A group for pre-walkers, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences. Providing sensory experience and new textures to investigate. 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 parent 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 to support you.

Booking Only

Baby Massage

A 5 week course suitable for babies from 8 weeks until crawling. Parents learn a new set of massage strokes to perform on their baby, each week. Parents learn the benefits of baby massage including helping baby relax and sleep better, alleviating colic, and constipation as well as bonding with their 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.

11th September 2025
9th October 2025
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.

25th September 2025
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 old.

10th September 2025
8th October 2025
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 Health Visiting Team.

Wednesday - Gateway Ashford
9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday - Ashford North Family Hub
10.00am - 11.30am

Drop In

Little Bookworms

A short 3 week programme for 1-4 year olds. Step into the magical world of books! 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. To book please call: 03000 418600

Booking Only

Solihull Parenting

A 10 week face to face parenting course aimed at anyone with a child over 1. The programme is designed to help parents and carers understand their children's behaviour and emotional needs. This course can also be adapted for children with SEND.

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

Please Note:

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

For more information about opening times give your local Family Hub a call

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BeYou Project

Porchlight runs the BeYou Project to support LGBTQ+ young people to ensure they 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@prochlight.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, relationships with wider family, family 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

This group is for 11-19 (25 SEND) for young people to support their emotional wellbeing, and build self esteem and confidence. The group meets in a calm and accessible environment and the young people have time within the session to practice what they have learnt.

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

Referral 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 focussed '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. You can speak to a speech and language therapist with your child, if you have concerns with their speech. 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.

Drop In

Sports Connect

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

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

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Café Church
Friday 3rd
October
5.30 to 6.15

Church Barn, Charing

Giving your all

Fun, friends, fellowship and Food!

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

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

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

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