










Newsletter

Attendance



Rabbits	 Squirrels	Otters	 Woodpeckers	Foxes	 Badgers	Owls
						
85.3%	95.9%	96.9%	87.5%	91.7%	81.6%	79.3%
88.6% Whole School		93.1% Year to date			Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been two highlights this week for me. The Ducklings show and the Christingle service

Undoubtedly the first was the Ducklings preschool Nativity performance. The sheer joy, excitement, and enthusiasm emanating from our youngest children was lovely to see. I extend my thanks to the Ducklings staff for orchestrating such a wonderful experience for our children and their families. Speaking with parents afterwards, it was clear how much they appreciated the performance. The hall was packed with family members, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere. The Ducklings have certainly set a high standard for the upcoming performances from Rabbits, Squirrels, and Otters classes.

Our Christingle service on Wednesday brought a wave of Christmas cheer. We were thrilled to see another fantastic turnout from parents and friends to witness the children's deep engagement with the service, the meaning behind the lighting of the candles and to share the spirituality of this event in the run up to Christmas. However, I must address a concern. It was disappointing to observe that not all attendees demonstrated the respect our school community expects. We must remember that we are role models for our children. When visitors to our school fail to show appropriate respect during our worship, it significantly challenges our educational mission. We sincerely hope to continue welcoming visitors to our services, but this requires mutual respect and consideration.

Christmas jumper day yesterday was a delightful affair, with children embracing the festive spirit with enthusiasm and creativity. I have several important events to share with our parent community. Tuesday will be our school Christmas dinner, made possible by the extraordinary generosity of a family who has ensured every child can enjoy a festive meal. This act of kindness truly embodies the spirit of our community.

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Our Christmas service in church is scheduled for Wednesday, beginning at 9:15 AM. Parents are warmly invited to attend. I kindly request that you wait to be directed to your seats by Mr Bird to ensure the children are sitting in the correct position and we manage to fit everyone in. It's always a popular pre-Christmas service and celebration. The Christmas fayre will take place Wednesday afternoon. If you have not received the information letter from the PTFA, please contact the school office for details.

Our last day of term is next Thursday. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of continued attendance. Every day of learning counts, and we encourage all children to maintain their commitment to education until the very end of term.

Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful weekend.

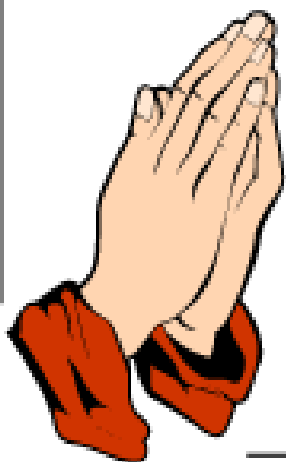
Mrs Ros Golden
Assistant Headteacher

TERM 2	
15 th December	9.30am – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents; 2.15 - Year R Nativity performance to Parents
16 th December	9.30 - Year R Nativity performance to Parents; 2.15 – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents Christmas Lunch
17 th December	9.15 Christmas service at the church PM – Christmas Fayre in the hall
18 th December	AM EYFS and KS1 – Sing along with Santa PM KS2 movie afternoon
19 th December	School closed – Inset Day

This week in worship

In our Worship this week we have been looking at Christmas Joy; our Bible passage was **Luke 2:10**. *I bring good news of great JOY that will be for all the people.* We wondered about these words and how it relates to Christmas and the Christmas story. We looked at the characters in the Christmas story and thought about which of these characters experienced and showed joy. Mary was probably very surprised and possibly anxious when visited by the Angel, with the amazing news that she was going to be the mother of the long awaited Messiah, God's own son; this changed to joy that she was chosen by God to be this special person. I wonder what makes Christmas joyful for us... *'Do not be afraid'* I wonder who said these words; the angel did not only say that the good news would bring joy but also had to reassure the shepherds that they should not be afraid. This would have brought them comfort. Other characters might have felt sad, anxious, frightened, even angry. I wonder how the innkeepers who had no room felt, turning Mary and Joseph away. I wonder how the sheep felt, who were disturbed by a very bright light (angels) and then were taken (or left behind) to go and see a new baby. I wonder how Mary and Joseph's family felt if they heard about Herod's anger, but had to wait several years before Mary and Joseph returned. I wonder how we would comfort them. Christians believe that because of Jesus, they can trust God and don't need to live in fear. *'Do not be afraid'* the angels said. Luke 2:10 They find COMFORT in knowing that God is with them, and that he knows what it's like to live on earth in a difficult, dangerous situation! We also experienced our Christingle service on Wednesday; we all made a Christingle before the service learning what it means. The Orange represents God's world which he filled with love for all of us, the 4 sticks with marshmallows and sultanas are the 4 seasons, showing God's care for us by providing food.

The red ribbon reminds us that Jesus sacrificed himself for us on the cross. The silver star and the candle remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.



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*Dear Father God,
Thank you for making our world and
all that is good in it and for all we
have to eat and to enjoy. Thank you
for the Christingles that remind us of
this and of your love for each and
every one of us. Help us to share what
we have. Jesus Light of the World,
shine in the darkness.*

Amen.



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ACTIVE TRAVEL



Being active keeps your mind happy and healthy



Walking, cycling or scootering to school are great for the environment



Travelling to school in an active way helps to keep you physically fit



Being active helps to keep your heart healthy



Being active helps you to sleep better and gives you more energy for the day



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**SPORT
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PLAY FOOTBALL, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!

FOOTBALL CAMP

**MONDAY 29TH & TUESDAY 30TH
DECEMBER**



THE NORTH SCHOOL

ASHFORD TN24 8AL



JOIN US FOR A FUN AND INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL CAMP FOR
AGES 5-13. £20 PER DAY. LED BY UEFA QUALIFIED & DBS
CHECKED COACHES IN A SAFE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

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Announcements



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.

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.

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.

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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

After School Club telephone number: 07903521466



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

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

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



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

Adult Ed

Talking Walk In

1.00pm - 2.30pm

3rd Wednesday of the month

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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27th October 2025 - 19th December 2025

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>

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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

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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
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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. 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



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@ashfordfamilyhubs11to19



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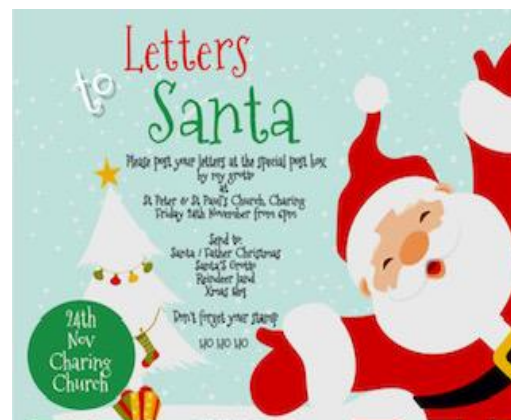
Please Note:

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



Please note that the Postcode to address Santa's letter is XM4 5HQ and not XMAS 5HQ.

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

Website: www Telephone: 01233 712277

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

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