










# Newsletter

## Attendance



Rabbits	 Squirrels	Otters	 Woodpeckers	Foxes	 Badgers	Owls
						
96%	86%	92.6%	96.8%	97.9%	95.7%	87.4%
92% Whole School		93.7% Year to date			Target – 96%	

Another week has passed at Charing Church of England Primary School, and I find myself once again reflecting on the remarkable progress and commitment of our children and staff. This week has been particularly noteworthy, with numerous prospective parents visiting us to explore our school for September 2026. Each tour reinforces my pride in what we are achieving and the positive learning environment we have cultivated.

**I want to address some important staffing changes that will take effect after the Christmas break.** Miss Rawlin has been presented with an opportunity to return to her previous school and will be leaving us at the end of this term. We extend our warmest wishes to her for her future endeavours and thank her for her contributions to our school community.

In the interest of maintaining stability for our children and minimising any potential uncertainty, I have moved quickly to reorganise our teaching arrangements. For the **Squirrels class, Miss Humphries will be teaching on Monday, Thursday, and Friday, and we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Thompson, who will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday.** I was keen to ensure that the class would be supported by two teachers who are familiar with our school, children, and routines to guarantee a smooth transition. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Thompson for agreeing to return and support our children during this period.

These changes will also impact other class arrangements. With Miss Humphries now having responsibilities in Squirrels class: **Mrs Horsford will teach Foxes class five days a week, and Mrs Golden will be responsible for Owls on Fridays.**

I would like to celebrate a significant moment from this week. In my previous communication, I expressed how impressed I was with the children's approach to our lockdown drill. Their composure and adherence to protocols were commendable. We will be conducting another drill in the coming weeks, focusing on lunchtime procedures, which I have already discussed with the children.

There are a few important notices for parents. Reports for children in Rabbits to Owls classes were sent out this week. If you have not received your child's report, please contact the school office. Should you wish to discuss the report in more detail, I encourage you to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher either in person or by phone.

Attendance reports will be distributed next week. While we have seen some improvement, there is still room for progress. Attendance remains crucial to a child's educational success, and I urge all families to continue supporting our efforts to maintain high attendance levels.

We remain committed to providing the best possible educational experience for every child at Charing Church of England Primary School. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Have a great weekend.

Tom Bird

Head Teacher

# Celebration Worship



Teddy    Ellie    Jack H    Jezreel

Delilah    Charlotte    Albert

Alfie    Eliza F    Millie S    Liana    Nancy

Jimmy    Maisie    Zak    Dariosh    Charlie

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*Friendship*

*Forgiveness*

*Resilience*

*Hope*

# This week in worship

In this week's Worship we concluded our Old Testament learning about David. Our Bible Text was I Samuel 17. We thought about times when we may have felt like we couldn't get over or around a big barrier and we needed some sort of shield to protect us from something that was difficult for us. Today's story features an enormous barrier/problem but also shows that we do not always need a real shield for protection, if God is on our side. In today's story, David was simply delivering food to his older and stronger brothers who were serving in King Saul's army. He found the whole army lined up, watching a massive giant Philistine. His name was Goliath. He wanted a man to fight him. He wanted to settle the battle with a single blow. David thought Goliath was insulting the whole army and was cross. The King was offering a reward to the man who kills the giant. No one was prepared to battle the giant Goliath. No one, that is, except David, the shepherd boy.

David went to see King Saul, told him he was not scared of Goliath, he would fight him. Saul agreed, told him to get his armour on. David said no he did not need armour. He picked up his Shepherd's stick and his sling instead, 5 smooth pebbles from the stream and walked down the valley to meet Goliath.

David met Goliath. Goliath laughed because he thought they had sent a young boy to fight him. He shouted at David who reminded Goliath that he actually had a spear, a sword and a javelin to fight with; David was going to fight with the help of God, who was stronger than Goliath or his army. Goliath was furious. He stepped towards David, who quickly slipped a stone into his sling and hurled it at the Philistine. It hit his forehead; the giant swayed and fell heavily on his face. The Philistine army saw what had happened and fled; the cheering Israelites chased them away. It was a complete victory. After the battle with Goliath, David was very popular with everyone; except for King Saul who became very jealous of David. He was worried they would make David, King. From then on, he could not trust David again.

David still played his harp to soothe Saul but that didn't work. Saul tried to harm David, he wanted him out of his sight. He sent him out to battle to lead an army hoping he would be hurt but David won more victories and became more popular. He did not try to fight Saul, although the King was so set on harming David. He tried to keep out of his way. He had opportunities to get his own back but said he would never harm Saul as God had chosen Saul to be King



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*Dear Father God,*

*Help us to remember that when we are  
faced with big problems and challenges  
that we are never alone as you are  
always beside us.*

*Help us to be brave, like David and  
always trust in you.*

*Thank you that you love each one of us  
so we need never be afraid.*

*Amen*



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# 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.

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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

**After School Club telephone number: 07903521466**

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## TERM 2

<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2:15pm Nursery Nativity Performance to the parents</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2pm Adult led Christingle Service in the school hall – parents welcome</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30am – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents; 2.15 - Year R Nativity performance to Parents</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30 - Year R Nativity performance to Parents; 2.15 – KS1 Christmas performance to Parents Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.15 Christmas service at the church PM – Christmas Fayre in the hall</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>AM EYFS and KS1 – Sing along with Santa PM KS2 movie afternoon</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closed – Inset Day</b>



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  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 for 6 weeks

**Tuesday**

Adult Ed

### Exploring Behaviour Strategies

14<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

**Thursday**

### Talking Walk In

9.30am - 11.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

### SEND Stay and Play

10.00am - 11.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

Adult Ed

### Confident Parent Confident Child

26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month  
Not on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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

26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:beyou@porchlight.org.uk)  
or  
[ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ekhuft.ashfordmidwives@nhs.net)

@ashfordfamilyhubs



@ashfordfamilyhubs11to19



@ashfordfamilyhubs



[www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub)

Family Hub Sites are run  
by Kent County Council

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# Information



## 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](mailto: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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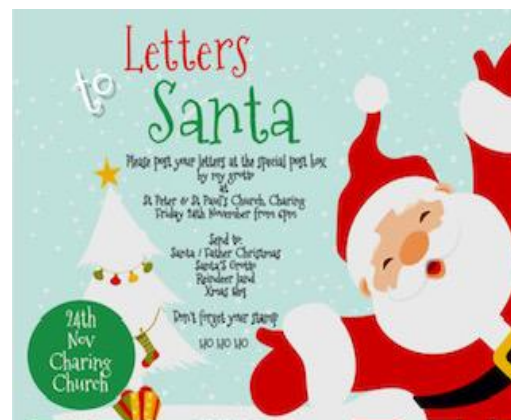
## Please Note:

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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub)

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

Email: [office@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@charing.kent.sch.uk)

Website: [www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub) Telephone: 01233 712277

Email: [office@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@charing.kent.sch.uk)

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