



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 3rd March 2025

Whole School

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts - Our target is for children to attend school every day; a target of 100%. If you view Arbor you will be able to see your child's attendance. If it is below 96% we will start to monitor their attendance.

Please remember holiday requests will be unauthorised and penalty notices will be issued. Please refer to our new Attendance Policy on the school website which includes the new government rules.

Overall attendance for this week is: **95.5%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6GO	6T
97.5%	84.2%	92.5%	97.2%	88.8%	98.3%	98.8%	97.1%	100%	95.4%	98%	96.4%	96.9%	96.3%	97.5%

Absences - Please remember that all absences MUST be reported to the school each day unless otherwise agreed. Absences can be reported preferably by the Arbor portal or via the absence line or an email. This is part of our absence and safeguarding policies. Home visits will take place if we have not had any communication from parents.

Please also ensure that Arbor contains at least 2 emergency numbers for your child.

World Book Day

Week beginning the 3rd March, we are asking the children to bring in any age appropriate books from home for their year group that they are happy to donate. They would then hand in their book token and choose another book to take home. Children can donate more than one book.

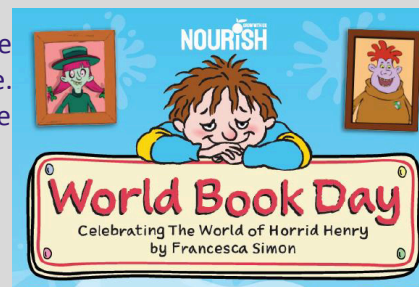
Change of Menu - Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Horrid Henry's Greedy Burger (Beef Burger) 1,5,6

Moody Margaret's Miserable Morsels (Vegetable Nuggets) 1vg

Miss Battle-Axe Jacket Potatoes 7,8,9

NO YELLOW OPTION



Ashford Libraries - World Book Day

After school next Thursday (6th March) Ashford Library are holding a craft event making bookmarks and giving a free treat courtesy of Brogdale Café (whilst stocks last) to children that visit the library in their costumes and borrow some library books between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. They will also be holding a Storytime session in the morning from 10:30-10:50am for our younger customers. Please see attached posters for further info.



Our suave (sophisticated) word of the week is: woe

Does your child understand the meaning of this word? Can they use this word in a sentence? Can they spell the suave word? How many times can they use the word throughout the week in their speech or writing?

School Uniform - Exciting News

We have been reviewing our uniform suppliers and whilst we are still giving parents the option to use our existing supplier, we are also giving the option to use an alternative. The uniform with both suppliers remains the same but may be slightly different in cost and lead times.

At the same time we are introducing a new PE t-shirt to replace our existing one. We feel that the fabric is a better quality and more modern. T-shirts will still need to be purchased in the house colours.

Please be assured that our old style t-shirts are absolutely fine to carry on wearing. The new style ones can be purchased as and when.

To purchase uniform, please visit our school website:

<https://www.great-chart.kent.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

Parent/Teacher Consultations - ARBOR is open for bookings

Wednesday 5th March & Thursday 13th March - Years 3, 4 & 6 (Year 5 will be later in the year)

Thursday 6th March & Wednesday 12th March - EYFS, Yrs 1 and 2

May we remind you that Face-to-Face Parent/Teacher Consultations are now available to book through Arbor. Please log onto the Parent Portal or App to book your child's Parent/Teacher Consultation.

Please could we remind parents that it is extremely important that you attend these meetings, parental support is essential if children are to progress at school. Teachers will inform you of progress that is being made and what help you can give to your child at home.

If you have any issues with booking your appointment please contact the school office.



For anyone wanting to enrol with TSS football, please follow this [link](#)



Kent Teacher of the Year 2025

We're excited to invite you to [nominate someone for a Kent Teacher of the Year Award](#). From the dedicated teaching staff who inspire and educate, to the support staff who keep everything running smoothly, we recognise the hard work and dedication of each and every person who contributes to our schools.



If you'd like to keep up to date with the **Friends' Association** please feel free to follow them on their various social media groups:

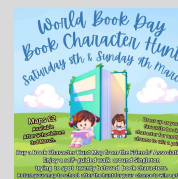
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofGreatChartPrimarySchool>

<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofgreatchartprimary>

Pre loved uniform <https://www.facebook.com/greatchartpreowneduniform> or the next sale will be on **Thursday 24th April**

Next Friends' Association Meeting: Tuesday 11th March 7pm

Friends' Association Scavenger Hunt tickets go on sale Monday 3rd March after school outside reception.



Adult Education Session at the school - Family First Aid - 19th March 9:30-11:30 (adults only)



Join our essential course designed to equip parents with life-saving skills in managing incidents involving illness or injury. Learn how to provide care and support until medical help arrives. This course ensures readiness and confidence in handling emergency situations. Please sign up via ARBOR from the **17th Feb 9am**. Places will be limited.



Kent Adult Education at Great Chart Primary School - Easter Crafts for Years 2-4 - Thursday 3rd April



A creative experience for the whole family. Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness. Families will extend their knowledge of crafts and create a variety of craft items.

Please sign up via ARBOR from 28th February 9am. Places will be limited.

The Empowerment Approach with Kit Messenger

On Wednesday 30th April 7:30- 8:30pm, we will be offering parents the chance to join an online training event with Kit Messenger who is the founder of the Empowerment Approach. She will be talking about how parents can support their children with this approach. Please book your place via Arbor from Monday 31st March 2025.



Channel 4 Junior Bake-off- please see attached flyer

EYFS

Thursday 6th March - Book Swap event.

Year 1

Family Survey: [2025 Scootability Training Feedback](#)

Please don't forget to give your feedback on the Scootability, Level 1 training your child received. If you have more than one child that took part in the training sessions please complete a survey form for each child.

Thursday 6th March - Book Swap event. See Dojo post for details.

Thursday 6th March - Forest School. Children will need a change of warm comfortable clothes and a waterproof coat as we go out in all weathers.

Year 2

Family Survey: [2025 Scootability Training Feedback](#)

Please don't forget to give your feedback on the Scootability, Level 1 training your child received. If you have more than one child that took part in the training sessions please complete a survey form for each child.

Thursday 6th March - Book Swap event. See Dojo post for details.

Year 3

Family Survey: [2025 Scootability Training Feedback](#)

Please don't forget to give your feedback on the Scootability, Level 1 training your child received. If you have more than one child that took part in the training sessions please complete a survey form for each child.

Tuesday 4th March - 3T Swimming

Thursday 6th March - Book Swap event.

29th April 2025 - Educational Visit to Kent Life - payment deadline 14th March. Full details can be found in the original letter.

Year 4

We will have our Year 4 book swap on Thursday 6th. The children can bring in up to 2 age-appropriate books that they wish to swap with their year group. We will give them a book token for the swap on the day.

24th April 2025 - Educational Visit to Folkestone - payment deadline 25th March. Full details can be found in the original letter.

Year 5

Pizza Express Visit - Wednesday 5th March or Wednesday 12th March

The children are very excited about our forthcoming trip to Pizza Express. We will be leaving school after registration and boarding the coach to the store. The purpose of the visit is to further support our learning around cooking and nutrition. They will explain where the food comes from and how the pizza dough is prepared before providing the children with the opportunity to create their own pizzas.

We will then leave to walk back to school via Victoria Park. Here we will eat our pizzas and have a play in the park before returning to school for lunch. With this in mind, you may wish to prepare them a lighter lunch on this day, school dinners will run as normal.

As you are aware, half of each class will be visiting on one of the two dates. Your child should have been sent home with a slip detailing which date they will be attending.

Please can the children ensure they have a waterproof coat and water bottle for the visit. They must wear school uniform but may be more comfortable in trainers.

World Book Day

As part of the celebration, we are inviting the children to take part in a book swap. We are inviting them to donate up to 2 books that they no longer want. They can donate it to the Year 5 book swap and will then be issued with a token to choose from the book swap shop. We will be holding this as a year group on Friday 7th March so please donate by this date.

Next week - Egyptian Day Thursday 13th March

The children do NOT need a costume for this as they will be provided by Living Workshop who will be holding the event. However, they are providing the opportunity for the children to have face paint. If your child does not want this or cannot have it, please let Mrs Barker or Mrs Warman know in advance. Thank you.

Year 6

Monday 3rd March - Secondary School National Offer Day. Emails will be sent out from KCC after 4pm. You may not receive it straight away. If you would like an appointment to speak to Mrs Pang please book an appointment via the school office.

Thursday 6th March - Book Swap event.

Y6 Safety In Action Workshop. Can we remind parents to please complete the [google form](#) relating to this.

Goldwell

Thursday 6th March - Book Swap event.

Wednesday 26th March - Parent consultations.

Can we please remind parents to send children to school with a piece of fruit for a snack.

Win a HOME ROBOT BUNDLE with the next SUPERDRAW!

Play our lottery this month and you could win a Home Robot Bundle (or £1,000 cash alternative)

Get your tickets before Saturday 29th March for your chance to win!

Plus a local winner EVERY SATURDAY.

£1 per ticket. For every ticket you play, 74.2% goes to our school.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-chart-primary-school>

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