



Great Chart Primary School Newsletter for Parents and Pupils Term 4 2026



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MESSAGE FROM MRS PANG, HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our Term 4 newsletter. It's lovely to know that Spring is just around the corner and that we can start to look forward to the longer days and lighter evenings. It really was a very miserable start to the year!

During Term 3, as part of our school values, we looked at Responsibility and how we all need to try to make the right choices and take responsibility for that choice. We also looked at the different types of responsibility from caring for our families to caring for our world. We also focused on ensuring that we take responsibility to wear the correct uniform to school thinking also about hairstyles and the correct footwear. During Term 4 we have reinforced with our pupils the concept of RESILIENCE: not giving up when things get difficult. We have encouraged the children constantly to try their best, to not give up when they find things difficult and to welcome challenges. We have taught them strategies to help them when they get stuck and to persevere when things get tough!

In February the children celebrated The Lunar New Year. We had dedicated Assemblies and some year groups continued this learning back in the classroom with food tasting, dragon and lion dancing and lantern making. We have also been finding out about Ramadan and Eid, with special Assemblies.

We also celebrated World Book Day - please read the article further in the newsletter.

Our Y5 and Y6 Mini Police Cadets have been very busy during Term 3 and 4 have now graduated - please read the article further in the newsletter.

We must also celebrate the achievement of being recognised as part of the Wilder Kent Awards. Thank you to the Eco Warriors and also to Mrs Dale and Mrs Burton.

It's been great to see many parents during our consultation sessions, open sessions and parent workshops during Terms 3 & 4. I hope you have found all of the information useful and feel more confident to support your child.

Please remember, if you have any concerns or worries please make an appointment to see a member of staff. We can also communicate with parents via emails or phone calls. Please speak to Mrs Butcher to arrange any appointments.

At the start of Term 5 we will say goodbye to Mrs Gibbins who has worked in the school and finance office since 2019. I would like to thank Mrs Gibbins and wish her all the best for her new role. I would like to welcome Mrs Faulkner as our Attendance Officer and Mrs Playford as our Finance Officer.

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Please could I welcome the following members of staff: Mr Brown as our new Site Manager, who is working with Mr Roberts, and Mrs Sutton and Mr Judd who joined our cleaning team.

Thank you to the Friends' Association for running some fun events. The Discos were a success once again and the Book Hunt was enjoyed by families over a weekend at the beginning of March and then the popular Buy Something for Someone Special Sale was back again. Thank you also for your very kind donations via the Amazon Wishlist. Please visit the school website to find out about future events and how you can support the Association.

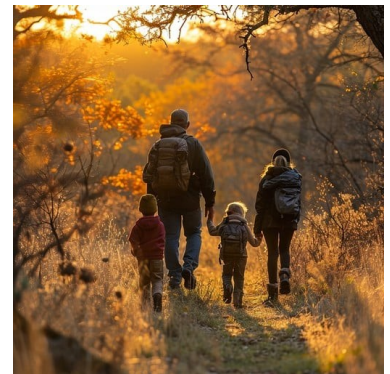
Finally, thank you for your continued support and have a lovely Easter break with family and friends.



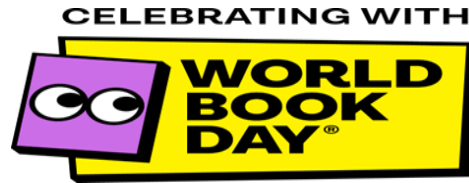
Easter Holiday Ideas

With Spring in the air the Easter Holidays are a perfect time to explore the local area and get out and about. We have found there are many great places to visit locally that are free or with minimal charges that many pupils have not been to. Here are some ideas if you need some inspiration:

- * **Practice your cycling skills.** [Victoria Park](#) has great pathways to practice and have a whole new cycle track and café.
- * **Take a nature walk** - Singleton Lake and Bucksford Meadow are lovely places to spot plants and wildlife and enjoy the outdoors.
- * [Singleton Environment Centre](#) is free to visit with woodland areas to explore. They also run events.
- * **Go on a playground safari.** There has been lots of investment in children's play areas recently and the [Playground Buddy App](#) is great for finding new play areas.
- * **Go for a picnic** - This [site](#) has some brilliant ideas for free days out.



World Book Day



At Great Chart Primary, this year's World Book Day theme, "Go All In", encourages children to immerse themselves in reading, discovering new books, authors and characters along the way. Throughout the week at Great Chart Primary, our pupils certainly did just that. During their drama workshops with Perform UK, the children truly went all in, throwing themselves into the stories they had read in class through acting, movement and music. Their enthusiasm and creativity brought the books to life and inspired many ideas that continued back in the classroom.



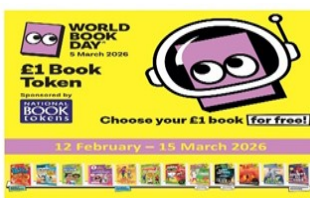
Classes also paired up across the school so that older children could read and share books with younger pupils. These sessions were a real highlight of the week, with children enjoying the chance to spend time together and share their love of stories. The younger pupils loved listening to the older children read, while the older children took great pride in helping to bring the books to life. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and enjoying reading together.



Go All In Reading Challenge!

To celebrate this year's **World Book Day** theme – "Go All In", we are encouraging everyone to keep the love of reading going at home. Why not try some of these challenges?

- Read for **15 minutes** a day
- Try a book by a **new author**
- Read to a **younger sibling or family member**
- Swap books with a **friend**
- Share your favourite book with someone and explain **why you love it**



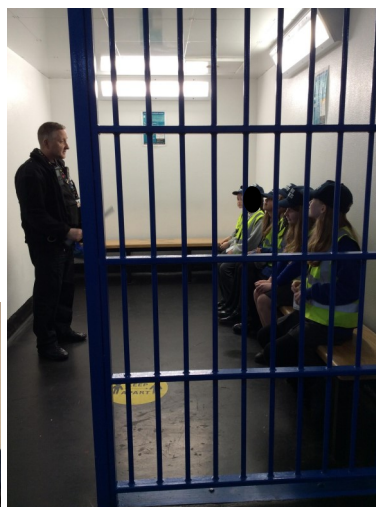
Don't forget to use **your World Book Day token** to choose one of the special £1 books or receive £1 off a book of your choice when visiting a participating bookshop. Happy reading!

Mini Police Cadets (Yrs 5&6)



This program is designed to let young people experience being part of the mini cadet course. The course stretches nine weeks long, designed to build confidence, teamwork and positive relationship with the police. Furthermore, this includes trips such as going to a police station and litter picking in the local area. Some activities are first aid, fitness, team building... Your child will be given lanyards, notepads, high-vis jackets and more. This is a thank you from the police cadets towards the Kent Police and who helped and supported us. We appreciate what you have done and the opportunity you have given us. This experience is something we will all remember.

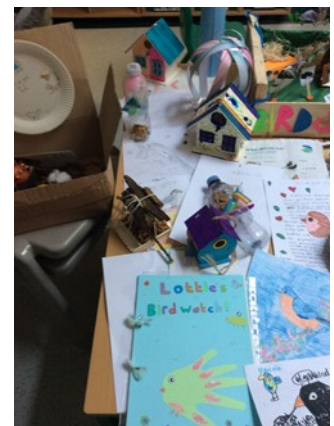
Sincerely yours,
Mini Cadets.



RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

Great Chart School recently participated in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, contributing to a nationwide effort to monitor garden wildlife across the U.K. and identify trends in bird populations. Through this initiative, children developed their observational skills by studying the distinctive colours and markings of various bird species. The range of children's contributions was impressive, including paintings, bird boxes, feeders, and creative projects that demonstrated genuine engagement with the subject. This experience has provided valuable opportunities for children to cultivate curiosity, develop outdoor learning skills, and foster an appreciation for the natural world. Mrs Pang had the very difficult task of choosing the winners of our Bird Watch Competition this year, as we received over 100 fantastic entries! The high standard of drawings, observations, and creativity made the decision incredibly challenging. A huge congratulations to everyone who took part – you should all be very proud of your brilliant work and for helping make the competition such a wonderful success.

Congratulations to our winners: Freddie (EYFS), Lottie (KS1), Liyana, Jessica and Phoebe (KS2).



Wilder Kent Awards 2026



We are delighted to announce that we have won silver in the Wilder Kent Awards. The competition was set up by the Kent Wildlife Trust back in 2020 as a way of recognising and rewarding the positive actions that groups across Kent are taking in order to protect wildlife and safeguard nature for future generations.

We won the award based on the work your children have undertaken in school to protect the environment - this includes creating and installing animal homes, planting nectar rich flowers to attract bees and butterflies, making fat balls to feed the birds, planting trees and recycling. We have also worked hard to reduce our carbon footprint through making energy savings, our focus on walking or wheeling to school and using locally sourced produce in our school lunches. These are just a few of the ways we are working towards saving our planet.

On Saturday 7th March, our Eco Warriors, along with our Sustainability Leads, Mrs Burton and Mrs Dale, went to the awards ceremony in Chapel House Estate, Ramsgate to collect the award. We were amongst 90 winners including nurseries, schools, colleges, universities, towns, villages and businesses from the area. Eco Warriors Finley S, Rowan C and Harry B said that they were extremely happy to receive this award and very proud to be there.





Diary Dates

Please also refer to the e-bulletin

Thursday 2nd April—Last Day of Term—Great Chart & Goldwell

Monday 20th April—First Day of Term—Great Chart & Goldwell

Monday 20th—Friday 24th April—Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 21st April—EYFS Hearing & Vision screening

Thursday 23rd April—Swimming starts for 5 Griffin

Friday 1st May—Goldwell inset day. Great Chart open to all students.

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May—David Attenborough's 100th Birthday Celebrations

Monday 11th—Friday 16th May —Year 6 SATS, including breakfast every morning

Thursday 14th May—Kent Adult & Family Education Green Warriors

Wednesday 20th May—Class photos

Thursday 21st May—Last swimming session for 5 Griffin

Friday 22nd May—Last Day of Term—Great Chart & Goldwell

Monday 1st June—First Day of term—Great Chart & Goldwell

Thursday 4th June—Year 3 Roman Day

Thursday 4th June—Swimming starts for 5 Toke

Wednesday 10th June 6pm—New Parents' Evening—September 2026 Intake

Thursday 4th June—Stepping Up To Secondary for Yr 5&6 parents, 1-3pm

Thursday 11th June—Kent Adult & Family Education Bug Hunt

Thursday 11th June—Year 5 Consultations

Wednesday 17th June—Year 5 Consultations

Thursday 18th June—Kent Adult Education Secondary School Session for Yr 5&6 parents

Tuesday 23rd June—Sports Day

Thursday 2nd July—Last swimming session for 5 Toke

Wednesday 8th July—Year 6 Show to parents, 6pm

Friday 10th July—Picnic in the Park

Saturday 11th July 7-9:30pm —Year 6 Leavers' Party

Friday 17th July 1:30pm — Last Day of Term with early finish

Tuesday 21st July—Last Day of Term—Goldwell

Wednesday 2nd September—First Day of Term

Up Coming Exciting Dates

Wednesday 29th April

Year 3 Visit to Kent Life

Thursday 30th April

Year 4 Visit to Folkestone Harbour

11th May

Year 2 Visit to Chatham Dockyard

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th May

Year 5 Aqualab

Wednesday 3rd June

EYFS Visit to Wingham

Friday 5th —Sunday 7th June

Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 9th June

Year 1 Visit to Samphire Hoe

Wednesday 1st July

Year 4 Visit to Godinton House

Friends' Association Events

Tuesday 28th April 7pm —Friends' Meeting

Friday 1st May—Sponsored Colour Fun Run

Friday 15th May—Movie Night

Tuesday 19th May 7pm —Friends' Meeting

Friday 22nd May—Doughnut Sale 3-4pm

Friday 5th June—Frozen Fridays Start

Saturday 13th June—Quiz Night

Tuesday 16th June 7pm —Friends' Meeting

Friday 19th June—Someone Special Sale

Saturday 20th June—Summer Fete

Tuesday 7th July 7pm—Friends' Meeting