



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 10th 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: **96.8%**

| FG | FT | 1G | 1T | 2G | 2T | 3G | 3T | 4G | 4T | 5G | 5T | 6G | 6GO | 6T |
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| 94.6% | 89.6% | 93.3% | 100% | 95.8% | 99.6% | 100% | 98.8% | 96.3% | 95.8% | 95.2% | 98.4% | 98.8% | 99.4% | 98.8% |

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.



On **Friday 14th March** we will be running our first Layer Up Power Down day. We will not be turning our heating on all day, although it will still be quite warm as it will be switched on from Monday -Thursday.

We will introduce the children to the idea of our carbon footprint in one of our Assemblies and so wanted to demonstrate how we could reduce it by one simple activity.

The children will continue to wear their uniforms but may need an extra under layer. If the forecast is for an exceptionally cold day we will of course review this. Thank you for your support.



Our suave (sophisticated) word of the week is: **Plead**

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?

Parent/Teacher Consultations

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

Wednesday 12th March - EYFS, Yrs 1 and 2

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. **Children will be asked to join the meeting if the teacher feels it is applicable.**



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

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

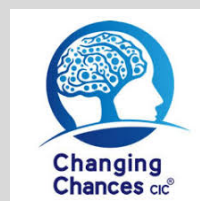


A creative experience for the whole family. Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness. Families will extend their knowledge of crafts and create a variety of craft items.

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 13th March - Forest School. Children will need a change of warm comfortable clothes and a waterproof coat as we go out in all weathers.

BY Friday 14th March - As part of the children's life skills curriculum and our 'people who help us topic', the children will be visiting the post office, and posting their very special letters for the 30th of March. Your child will need £1.65 to buy a 1st class stamp. Please put the exact amount in the money envelope provided (it will be in your child's home learning book/ keyword wallets for Friday the 7th March) and return to school by the 14th of March. We will provide the envelopes for their special delivery.

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.

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.

19th May April 2025 - Educational Visit to Chatham Dockyard - payment deadline 1st April. Full details can be found in the original letter.

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 11th March - 3T Swimming

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

Year 4

Friday 4th April 2:10 - 3:00pm - Y4 Musical Performance to Parents in the Large Hall.

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

Year 5

Wednesday 12th March - Pizza Express Visit

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.

Thursday 13th March - Egyptian Day

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

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

Goldwell

Wednesday 26th March - Parent consultations.

Friday 4th April 2:10 - 3:00pm - Musical Performance to Parents in the Large Hall.

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

THANK YOU for your support, the school raised just over £1500 in the first year!

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>

