



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 10th November 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: **96.9%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
95.8%	94.6%	96.6%	99.2%	97%	98.4%	97%	99.2%	100%	94.5%	96%	96.3%	95.6%	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 3 emergency numbers for your child.**

Ingredient of the Month for November

This month it's all about - **LEEKS**. Simple, seasonal, sensational!

Our catering staff will, once again, showcase the chosen ingredient through displays on the counter, in salads, or samples for the children to taste. We hope this will inspire children to explore new flavours, and we encourage parents to try the recipes at home as well. For those who complete the colouring, these need to be handed to the kitchen and some children will win a prize. Also any photos of completed recipes will be in for the prize. Please click [here](#) for more details.



TRAVEL SURVEY

We have been asked to provide some data regarding how pupils travel to school in order to calculate our carbon footprint. The questions are quite specific and so we felt it would be easier for parents to complete the survey themselves. If you have more than one child attending Great Chart Primary School, please complete the survey for each child. Please follow the link: <https://forms.gle/Em9bFwVuJDUfJ3Rq6>



Poppy Appeal - Tuesday 11th November

We will hold our remembrance assemblies on Friday 7th November, but will observe the silence on **Tuesday 11th November** at 11.00am. Those pupils who belong to the different girl guide and scouting movements can come to school in their uniforms on the 11th November. Please encourage your child to wear a poppy.

Children in Need - Friday 14th November 2025

In order to support this great charitable cause children can wear non-uniform for a donation which will be collected in buckets at the KS1 and KS2 gates (and at Breakfast Club) in the morning. Please note we are asking for cash donations only and not online donations. We are hoping Homewood School will be joining us for their annual Dance Dash in the afternoon and all money donations from our bucket collections in the morning will be handed over to them to add to their Children in Need grand total! If not, we will pay the money donations directly to the charity.



Parent/Teacher Consultations EYFS, KS1 and KS2

KS2 - Thursday 13th November

EYFS & KS1 - Wednesday 12th November

Our suave (sophisticated) word of the week is:

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?



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>

Next Friends' Association Meeting: Tuesday 18th November

Friends' Association Christmas Raffle

Over the next week your child will be bringing home raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle! We have some amazing prizes which include tickets for ice skating, days out, restaurant vouchers, child and adult hampers and many more!! Also our first prize - £100 in cash!!

Ticket subs and monies can be **returned by Friday 5th December**, to the Friends' association post box which is found in the reception area under the buzzer. Draw will take place Monday 8th December. Extra tickets can be collected from reception. Good luck!



Severe Weather

During the winter months we are likely to experience severe weather where there may be the possibility that the school would need to remain closed, partially open, open later than normal or close earlier. We would endeavour to make decisions as early as possible and inform parents of this decision via the following ways:

- * Announcement via the school website
- * Email
- * Text message

* Class Dojo announcement

* Kent Closures website (www.kentclosures.co.uk). Parents will need to simply register for alerts.

Admissions for September 2026

Starting School Information Sessions at Great Chart Primary School:

Thursday 27th November 2025 between 3:30pm and 5:30pm - **Please note: last tour is at 5.00pm.**

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 between 3:30pm and 5:30pm - **Please note: last tour is at 5.00pm.**

Please contact the school to book your guided tour.

We are holding this information session for all parents of pre-school children who may want a place at this school in September 2026. This will be a chance for you and your child to receive a guided tour of the school and to find out about everything which happens at Great Chart Primary School. You will also have a chance to speak to the admissions team, senior members of staff and governors.

Great Chart Singers

Our Christmas Performance is on **Monday 1st December at 3:45pm** in the Large Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend including siblings, grandparents, friends...All we ask is that if any 'smaller people' attend and become unsettled that you take them out so that the performance is not disturbed.

'Costume' requirements - Mondays from 17th November

Black top AND White top - **children will need both**

Black trousers/leggings

Woolly hat and scarf

Christmas deely boppers/headwear

Tinsel or similar to wear around neck

Do feel free to speak to Miss Fillmore if there are problems with any of the above.



EYFS

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Year 1

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Year 2

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Christmas Crafts for Parents & Children for Y2-4 (run by Kent Adult Education) - Thursday 11th December 2025, 3:15pm-5:15pm. Please sign up via Arbor to secure your place from the 10th November. All children must have an adult with them.

Year 3

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ADVANCE NOTICE - Roman Costumes

As some of you may know, in Year 3 we investigate life in Roman times. As part of this we have two days in which we ask the children to dress up in a Roman costume. One of these days is for our school trip to the Museum of Kent Life in April, where the children will be taking part in Roman workshops which they are asked to dress up for. The other occasion will be in term 6, where we will be holding our own Roman day in school. We hope that by wearing the costumes twice, it will be better value for money. Thank you very much.

Year 4

Please order your child's Christmas Dinner via the school office by **9am Monday 17th November**. Please refer to the email sent.

Bikeability Cycle Training. 4TOKE - Tues 18th November 4GRIFFIN - Weds 19th November

If you wish your child to take part, please complete the [consent form](#) and return it to the school by Friday 14th November. Alternatively, you can use the QR code below to access the Bikeability consent form.



Thursday 13th November - Swimming for 4 Toke

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Year 5

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Tuesday 25th November - Maths Academy Ashford School. For those children who have a place, please ensure you are at Ashford School (East Hill) to drop your child off at 4pm and collect them at 5pm.

Thursday 4th December - Leeds Castle Trip

We are very excited to offer the children this brilliant opportunity. Please consult the letter for more details on this.

Year 6

Tuesday 11th November - Y6 walking to Great Chart to visit the war memorial. Please wear smart comfortable shoes and a coat.

Please order your child's Christmas Dinner via the school office by **9am Monday 17th November**. Please refer to the email sent.

Monday 24th November - School trip to Kent Life. Please see the original email for full details.

Your child will need a packed lunch. This can be provided by our catering company for £2.60. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, there won't be a charge. Please email the school with your choices of the following:
Cheese or Ham roll

Tortilla Chips

Fresh Fruit Cake or Cookie

Please note, **THESE MUST BE PRE-ORDERED at least one week in advance.**

Residential - Please note the next instalment is due on 30th November.

Please find attached a flyer with details of **Homewood Schools Assessment Day** in December.

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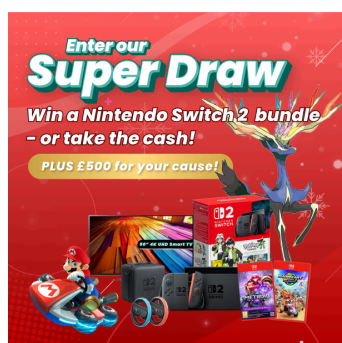
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Wednesday Riding: please come to school wearing joggers, a jumper and trainers. Please put a uniform in a bag as we will change into our uniform when we return to school. All children will need to bring a snack.

Enter Our SuperDraw

**Win a Nintendo Switch 2 bundle (or cash)
AND £500 to your cause!**



As the festive season approaches, our November Super Draw brings an extra special sparkle: this month, one lucky person will win the **Ultimate Nintendo Switch 2 gaming bundle** - the perfect surprise to find underneath the tree on Christmas morning: No gamers in your family? Opt for the cash alternative, and spend it your way. But we've got an extra surprise this month – we'll also donate £500 to the winner's cause - Now THAT'S a Christmas bonus! Get your tickets before **Saturday 29th November** for your chance to win for you AND your cause!

Each weekly ticket gives you a chance to win. So more weekly tickets mean more chances 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>