



### Weekly Bulletin

W/C 15th December 2025

On behalf of the staff, governors and children, we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas!

**Term 3 Starts Monday 5th January 2026 - Great Chart & Goldwell**

#### 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: **95.8%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
90	90.4	99.1	95.8	92.2	98.3	94	99.2	96.8	96.4	97.6	98.3	98.8	94.6

**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.**

**Thank you to Mr Gibbins from Erigo Associates for buying our lovely Christmas Tree this year.**



#### Christmas Post Box

Last day to post a Christmas card will be on **Thursday 18th December**. The post box will be in the foyer in reception for children to post their cards to their friends who are in different classes. If your child wants to send Christmas cards to their friends could you please check whether they have written clearly

on the envelope: **FIRST NAME, SURNAME and THE CLASS THEIR FRIEND IS IN.**

It is impossible to deliver cards with just a child's first name and we do want the children to receive their cards.



**Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner.** Please remember to send your child in with a packed lunch if you have not pre-ordered a dinner.



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 13th January**

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

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?



### 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](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk)). Parents will need to simply register for alerts.

**NEW Family Learning Online Courses starting January and February 2026.** Please see the attached flyer for full details.



## EYFS

**Wednesday 17th December - Christmas party.** Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

### IMPORTANT TO ACTION

**Friday 9th January** - We will be starting PE. Please order your child's PE t-shirt asap, ready for January.

Please order online from our uniform supplier via the [school's website](#)

You will find your child's House on their Arbor account. **Bodiam - Red, Dover - Blue, Hever - Yellow, Leeds - Green.**

Your child will need the following in a named PE bag:

Plimsolls or trainers & socks & dark navy or black shorts & Great Chart logo coloured t-shirt as per house colours.

All PE kits need to be named and brought into school by Friday 9th January. PE kit will remain in school and will be sent home at the end of term.

## Year 1

**Monday 15th December - Christmas party.** Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

## Year 2

**Tuesday 16th December - Christmas party.** Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

## Year 3

**Monday 15th December - KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church Great Chart (pupils and staff only)**

Children will be walking to the church with their classes so please ensure they are suitably dressed: warm, waterproof coats and school shoes. If they'd like to bring a small 'donation' for the collection tray that would be appreciated.

**Tuesday 6th January - Swimming begins for 3 Griffin not 3 Toke as originally stated.** 3 Toke will be swimming in Term 4. Please see the original email for full details.

### 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

#### Monday 15th December - KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church Great Chart (pupils and staff only)

Children will be walking to the church with their classes so please ensure they are suitably dressed: warm, waterproof coats and school shoes. If they'd like to bring a small 'donation' for the collection tray that would be appreciated.

### Year 5

#### Monday 15th December - KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church Great Chart (pupils and staff only)

Children will be walking to the church with their classes so please ensure they are suitably dressed: warm, waterproof coats and school shoes. If they'd like to bring a small 'donation' for the collection tray that would be appreciated.

### Year 6

**Residential** - Please note the next instalment is due on 31st December.

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### Goldwell

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## Christmas Golden Draw - £10,000 Cash Bonanza!

**5K for you and 5K for the school.**

It's simple just buy one or more tickets before **20/12/2025**. Each weekly ticket gives you a chance to win. So more weekly tickets mean more chances to win!

**Plus a local winner EVERY SATURDAY.**



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