



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 19th January 2026

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%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
96.7	90.9	97.9	90.8	96.7	99.2	98.8	100	98.6	96.4	98.4	95.8	91.9	97.9

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.**



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 10th February

SAVE THE DATE - Friends' Association Discos - 27th February

Yrs 1 & 2 4pm-5pm

Yrs 3 & 4 5:15-6:15pm

Yrs 5 & 6 6:30-7:30pm

More information to follow.



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.

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

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?

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





Easter Craft Workshop for Yrs 2-4 - Thursday 26th March, 3:15 - 5:15pm

Kent Adult and Family Education are leading an Easter craft workshop in the large hall for Yr 2-4 children (plus a parent). A creative experience for the whole family. Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness. Please book a place via Arbor from 26th February 2026.

EYFS

Thursday 22nd January - Vision and Hearing Screening being carried out by Kent Community Health

Friday 27th March 3pm - EYFS Open Session - a chance for you to come and look inside your child's classroom and for your child to share their work with you.

Year 1

Thursday 22nd January - Wheely Good Fun Club 3:10-4pm for children who have previously registered.

Thursday 29th January - small cardboard box due

In DT next term, Year One are learning about wheels and axles. Please can children bring in one A4 sheet of cardboard and a small cardboard box - approximately the size of a cereal box.

Friday 30th January 3:10pm - Y1 Open Session- a chance for you to come and look inside your child's classroom and for your child to share their work with you.

Year 2

Friday 20th March 3pm - Y2 Open Session- a chance for you to come and look inside your child's classroom and for your child to share their work with you.

Year 3

Tuesday 20th January - Swimming for 3 Griffin.

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

Wednesday 21st January - Forest School **4T**

Thursday 22nd January - Forest School **4G**

Please ensure the children have warm outer clothing, wellies and a pair of jeans/joggers/leggings to change into.

Friday 20th January 3:10pm - Y4 Open Session- a chance for you to come and look inside your child's classroom and for your child to share their work with you.

Year 5

Upcoming event: Wednesday February 4th 15:55-17:00 - Chemistry Workshop at Ashford School (East Hill)

For those children who have gained a place, please drop your child to Ashford School (East Hill) to meet Mrs Warman and Mrs Barker at 15:55 ready for the workshop to begin at 16:00. Please then collect your child at 17:00.

Year 6

Residential - Please note the next instalment is due by 31st January.

Friday 6th March 2:15pm - Y6 SATs Talk & Open Session- You are invited to our Y6 SATs information session in the large hall at 2:15pm followed by the Y6 Open Session.

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