



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 1st December 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: **94.7%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
88.3	92.5	92.5	99.1	93.9	100	92.5	95	94.7	97.5	97.5	96.2	89.9	96.6

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.**



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 9th December

Friends' Association Christmas Raffle

Ticket stubs 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!



Christmas Post Box

From **Monday 1st December to Thursday 18th December** the Christmas 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.

UNIFORM - Black Friday Sale - [Click here to order](#)

Our Uniform Supplier Brigade will be offering a discount this weekend:

Brigade Promotion Details – BLACK FRIDAY:

- Discount: 10% off all items
- Promo Code: **BF10**
- Live From: Friday 28th November at 12:00am
- Ends: Sunday 30th November at 11:59pm

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

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?



Christmas Pyjama Party - Friday 5th December

Tickets on sale now **via Arbor under CLUBS** - ticket sales close on **Tuesday 2nd December at 5pm**. We will not be able to accept any bookings after this time.

EYFS - 3-3.30pm - an adult must attend with the child

Y1 & Y2 - 4pm-5.15pm

Y3,4,5 & 6 - 5.45pm-7.15pm



Christmas Story Writing competition

This year, we will once again be taking part in the **Christmas Story Writing competition** organised by The Rotary Club. It is open to Years 1 to 6. If children wish to enter, they need to write an original story with a Christmas theme, unaided and in their own handwriting. The story should be neatly presented on A4 paper, be around 150 words and may be decorated.

The pupil's name, Year, together with the name of the school, should be included on the reverse side of their story. Please could any entries be handed to teachers by **Tuesday 2nd December**.

The overall winner for each year group across all schools who enter will be awarded a £25 book token, the runner-up £20 book token and third a £15 book token (18). In addition some "Highly Commended" £10 prizes will be awarded. It would be great to see as many children giving it a go as possible.

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

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.



Friday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils are invited to wear a festive t-shirt/jumper with their school uniform trousers/skirt in return for a donation to Save the Children. To make it easier, donations will be made online using this [link](#).



Christmas Kindness for Homeless - donations from Monday 1st December to Friday 12th December



A Year 4 family will be spending Christmas day volunteering to help feed 60 homeless people at Singleton Barn. They are asking for some donations to help make Christmas a little more special: scarves, gloves, hats (they can be second hand providing they are clean, washed and in good condition), socks (adults size) toiletries like deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, sanitary products. Shoe boxes are being made up as gifts and these are desperately needed.

We will leave a box in the main reception from Monday 1st December - Friday 12th December, so if you would be able to kindly donate something, your support would be very much appreciated.



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.

EYFS

Dress rehearsal for the Christmas Show. Please ensure all costumes are in by **Monday 1st December.**

Christmas Concert dates:

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As in previous years, we cannot admit pre-school children or babies to the morning concerts, so you would need to find someone to look after your pre-school child. The show should be over by 10:15am.

Reindeer Food Sale

This year as part of our 'Money Matters' education we are teaching the children about money and where it comes from. As part of this the children will be involved in an enterprise project to see if they can make their money grow. In Year 1 the children are making reindeer food. It will be sustainable containing oats, seeds and plant based glitter and will be presented in a lovely hessian bag with a beautiful gift tag.

The children will be selling the bags after the EYFS/KS1 show from Weds 10th December - Friday 12th December for £1 a bag.

Story & Craft session (run by Kent Adult Education) - 8th January 2026 at 3:15-5:15pm for EYFS & Yr 1.

Strengthen family relationships through shared stories and crafting. Join us for a special reading experience where parents and carers read and discuss age-appropriate stories with their children. Create puppets and related crafts inspired by the tale to enhance enjoyment and promote creativity. **Sign up on Arbor from 1st December at 9am.**

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.

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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. All children must have an adult with them.

Year 3

Christmas Crafts for Parents & Children for Y2-4 (run by Kent Adult Education) - Thursday 11th December 2025
3:15pm-5:15pm. All children must have an adult with them.

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

Tuesday 2nd December - 4 Griffin Forest School

Please ensure the children have warm outer clothing, wellies and a pair of jeans/joggers/leggings to change into. We need some recyclable items - more information is on class dojo. This can be brought in before the forest school day.

Thursday 4th December - Swimming for 4 Toke

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Year 5

Thursday 4th December - Leeds Castle Trip

We are really looking forward to our trip to Leeds Castle. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat, packed lunch, snack and plenty to drink. We will not be visiting the gift shop so they do not need to bring any money with them. The children should wear school uniform on their top half but may wish to wear jogging bottoms/leggings or jeans on the bottom half. Trainers are also preferable as we will be walking from place to place. We are planning to be back in time for our usual 3:10 pick up but should we encounter any traffic issues, we will inform the school immediately.

Friday 5th December - Open Session 3:10-3:40

We would love to invite you into our classroom after school on Friday 5th December. Here you will be able to see where your child learns and look through all their books. The children love sharing their work with you, so please do pop along.

Year 6

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

Goldwell

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 - **LAST CHANCE**

**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>

