



## Weekly Bulletin

W/C 22nd Sept 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: **97.1%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
99.2%	96.3%	97.5%	97.1%	93.3%	98.8%	99.6%	96.7%	98.8%	97.6%	99.2%	97.9%	94%	94.2%

**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.**



### Wednesday 24th September - Individual & Sibling School Photos

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct school uniform.

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to [www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk)
2. Enter your unique code **JRRE9PZ3KZ**
3. Include your child's full school register name.



### Thursday 25th September - European Languages Day - French Menu

Please see the attached poster for full details.



### Friday 26th September - Harvest Festival

On Friday 26th September we will be holding our Harvest Service. We will once again be supporting the Ashford Family Food Bank. If you would like to make any donations we would be most grateful. Please send in any donations from **Monday 22nd September**. Below is a list of suggestions:

- Tinned Meat (Curry, Chilli, Meat Balls, Hot Dogs, Pies, etc.)
- Tinned Veg (Peas, Carrots, Potatoes, etc.), Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Desserts (Fruit, Custard, Rice Pudding, etc.)
- Soups (Tinned & Packets)
- Dried Rice/Pasta
- Sauces (Jars - Pasta, Curry, Chilli, etc)
- Long Life Milk, Tea/Coffee
- Cereal, Biscuits
- Preservatives
- Hygiene & Baby Products





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

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 23rd September**

**Friends' Association Survey 2025**

The Friends' Association have once again been working really hard over the year to support the staff and pupils of Great Chart Primary School. They would welcome your feedback to help them review their plans for next year.

Many thanks for your time. [Feedback form](#)



**Friday 10th October- Y1-6 school discos organised by The Friends' Association- please book a place via ARBOR under **CLUBS**. Booking will be run until 8th October 5pm. **NO further tickets will be issued after this date!** 4-5pm Y1-2/ 5:15- 6:15pm Y3-4/ 6:30- 7:30 Y5-6**



The Immunisation Service will visit the school on 5th November 2025.

Parents are invited to complete the seasonal flu form at [www.kentimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk) before 4pm on 31st October 2025. Please indicate whether you consent to your child receiving the vaccine by selecting accept or decline. Your school code is: **KT118375**



**Adult Family Education - Kite Making Thursday 9th October Y2-4 (one pupil plus an adult to attend) 3:15- 5:15pm**

Families will extend knowledge, work together, design and make kites and fly their kite, weather permitting. Please book a place via ARBOR from 15th September

## EYFS



**Friday 26th September (after school) - Friends' Association Teddy Bear Picnic for EYFS pupils and their families.** A fun afternoon making teddy masks, colouring, taking part in a quiz, singing and of course enjoying our picnic.

£5 per child - siblings welcome (each sibling requiring a lunch box would need to purchase a ticket)

Please click on this [link](#) to get your tickets now. **Closing date is Wednesday 24th September**

**ADVANCE NOTICE - Tuesday 14th October at 2.15pm**

We will be running a phonic session to EYFS parents in the large hall. Please do not bring young children to the session. The session will finish in time for pick up at 2:55pm.

## Year 1

Please check Class Dojo regularly as we will post on a daily basis. There will be lots of information about what we are doing in class and what the children need.

**Handwriting Parent Workshops for Year 1 and 2 Parents**

Letter formation is a key skill children need to do to become able writers. Poor letter formation can affect your child's progress in English and other areas of the curriculum. If you feel that your child is struggling with this or you would just like to see how we teach handwriting in school, please sign up (via arbor) for one of the sessions below:

**Tuesday 7th October @ 8:50am**

**Wednesday 8th October @ 2:25pm**

Please note: the content will be the same as last year so you may have already attended but please come along again for a refresher if needed!

## Year 2

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## Year 3

**Only a fruit or veg snack is allowed at breaktime for ALL children**

**Monday 6th October - Deadline for Plain White T-shirts to be in by** - can the children please bring in a named plain white t-shirt that they will decorate and then wear during our hunt for Woolly Mammoth.

## Year 4

**Only a fruit or veg snack is allowed at breaktime for ALL children**

**Thursday 25th Sept - Swimming for 4 Griffin**

**Monday 6th October - Viking Day**

We will be holding a Viking Day in school. We would love the children to come dressed as Vikings, this can either be in the form of a costume or in dark brown/black clothing. We have held our Viking days for the past few years so it is always a good idea to contact previous members of Year 4 to see if they may have a costume you could borrow.

## Year 5

**Only a fruit or veg snack is allowed at breaktime for ALL children**

**Next week - Monday ONLY** - children are to wear their **PE kit**. We will be holding BOTH PE lessons on Monday afternoon. School uniform for the rest of the week please.

**Thursday 25th September at 2pm - 🍷 FRENCH CAFE 🍷**

We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Year 5 French Cafe. This will be held in the large hall from and will include games as well as French food and refreshments. As you know, school budgets are very stretched right now! We are asking for a contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of running this event - this can be paid now via Arbor. Merci!

## Year 6

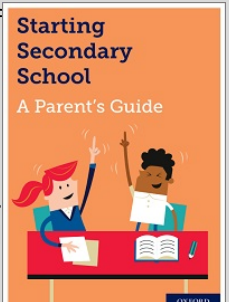
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**Wednesday 24th September - Due to school photos, please ensure the children wear their full correct uniform to school and NOT the PE kit**

**Secondary School Open Mornings** - with secondary school open mornings starting over the next few weeks, please could we ask parents to email the office in advance to inform them of any dates and times their child will not be in school. Ideally it would be great if the children could be registered first by popping to the office from 8:20am. If this is a problem please phone the school office on the day to register your child and notify them of their meal choice.

**Wednesday 24th September 6pm in the large hall - Secondary School Presentation**

Y6 parents and pupils (Y6 pupils only) are invited to our secondary school evening presentation with Mrs Pang where she will share information about the secondary school admission process. Two local secondary schools - John Wallis Academy and Chilmington Green Secondary School - will also be represented.



### Applying for a Secondary School place

You must apply for a secondary school place for your child to start year 7 at secondary school. You will need to do this when your child is in year 6 at primary school. Applications opened on Monday 1 September 2025. Apply before Friday 31 October 2025. Apply via [this link](#)

Please follow the instructions carefully to apply and make your 4 choices.

**Residential** - Please note the next installment is due by **30th September**. Please see the original email for full details.

**Monday 24th November - School trip to Kent Life.** The cost per pupil is £23.00 and must be received by 8th October. Please see the original email for full details.

### Goldwell

Named **PE kits** to be sent into school for **Tuesday** (returned Friday).

Water bottles and fruit/veg snack sent in daily please.

## Enter Our SuperDraw - Win a £1000 Aldi Giftcard

Play our lottery this month and you could win a £1000 Aldi Giftcard.  
Get your tickets before **Saturday 27th September** 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>

