



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 27th January 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: **96.7%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6GO	6T
91.7%	92%	96.7%	97.3%	98.3%	98.3%	96.4%	99.4%	97.8%	91.8%	98.4%	99.5%	97.9%	97.5%	96.5%

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 2 emergency numbers for your child.

Thursday 30th January - Lunar New Year Menu

We will be celebrating the Lunar New Year by having a special menu on this day (for more details see attached menu)

Red - Chicken Chow Mein 1,3,16

Green - Sticky Tofu Bao Buns 1,3,7,9,16,V

Blue - Jacket Potatoes

NO YELLOW OPTION



Friday 31st January 3:15- 4:30pm - Lunar New Year Craft Activity - Ashford Library - no booking necessary. Just turn up when you can and join in - see flyer

Clubs Reminder - No ESCYT Drama on Thursday 30th January

Tuesday 11th February 8pm - Online Safety Meeting for Parents - Please note this will be an online session (NOT face to face at the school). Please sign up via Arbor - refer to the email sent previously.



Stop Think Choose - To help ease the pressure on the medical services the NHS is encouraging parents to seek the right support at the right time and ensuring parents have what is necessary to try and treat their child at home.

<https://www.stopthinkchoose.co.uk/>



[https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/application/files/7917/0913/6363/NHS toolkit for primary school children.pdf](https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/application/files/7917/0913/6363/NHS_toolkit_for_primary_school_children.pdf)



Kent Teacher of the Year 2025

We're excited to invite you to [nominate someone for a Kent Teacher of the Year Award](#). From the dedicated teaching staff who inspire and educate, to the support staff who keep everything running smoothly, we recognise the hard work and dedication of each and every person who contributes to our schools.



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

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>

Pre loved uniform <https://www.facebook.com/greatchartpreowneduniform> or the next sale will be on **Thursday 24th April**

PJ Parties Friday 7th February

EYFS 3pm-3:30/3:40pm (with parents)

Years 1&2 - 3:50pm (4pm start)-5:30pm

Years 3,4,5&6 - 5:50pm (6pm start)-7:30pm

Please book via the link below:

<https://friends-association-of-great-chart.sumupstore.com/product/pyjama-party-2025-great-chart-pupils-only>



Booking closes Tuesday 4th February at 6pm

When booking please scroll to the bottom of the payment screen, in the 'note to merchant' section add your child's name, year group and any allergies.

Adult Education Session at the school - Family First Aid -

19th March 9:30-11:30 (adults only)



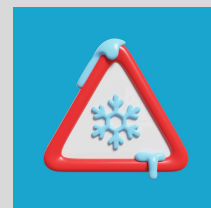
Join our essential course designed to equip parents with life-saving skills in managing incidents involving illness or injury. Learn how to provide care and support until medical help arrives. This course ensures readiness and confidence in handling emergency situations. Please sign up via ARBOR from the **17th Feb 9am**. Places will be limited.



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.



Ashford Libraries Winter Mini Challenge- Simply encourage children from ages 4 to 11 to read at least three books of their choice between **1st December 2024** until the **20th February 2025** and add them to their online profile at wintermini.org.uk. Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition digital badge and a new Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.



Year 1

Friday 31st January 3:15-3:45pm - Classroom Open Session

Parents are invited to come to the classroom and see the childrens' work.

Year 2

Year 3

Tuesday 28th January - 3G Swimming.

Friday 14th February 3:15-3:45pm - Classroom Open Session

Parents are invited to come to the classroom and see the childrens' work.

Tuesday 25th February - 3 Toke swimming payment deadline. Please see the original email for full details.

Year 4

Thursday 30th January - Forest School. Please could the children make sure they have appropriate footwear and clothing for their forest school session.

Friday 7th February 3:15-3:45pm - Classroom Open Session

Parents are invited to come to the classroom and see the childrens' work.

Year 5

Thursday 30th January 2:15pm - French Cafe in the large hall. Please ensure you have signed up via Arbor by 27th January.

Year 6

Year 6 Residential Trip 2025 - Please be reminded of the next instalment dates for the Year 6 residential:

- 31st January
- 28th February

Friday 31st January 3:15-3:45pm - Classroom Open Session

Parents are invited to come to the classroom and see the childrens' work.

Goldwell

Win a £1,000 Aldi Gift Card to KICK-START 2025!

£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>

Please support the school, we have a local winner every Saturday!

