



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 2nd February 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: **95%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
93.8	96.1	98.8	92.1	93.3	95.8	94.4	97.9	92.7	95.9	98.4	95.8	95.1	92.5

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 3 emergency numbers for your child.**



Big Schools' Birdwatch

We are joining thousands of other schools to find out which birds visit our school grounds and our gardens.

We are asking your child to have fun over the next coming half term, either creating a project about a bird, making a bird home, drawing or painting birds, doing a bird watch, taking photos of birds in and around your area. Once completed, your child can hand in their work at the school the first week after half term.

There are prizes to be won! Happy bird watching!

Ingredient of the Month for February

This month it's all about - **Carrot**. Simple, seasonal, sensational!

Our catering staff will, once again, showcase the chosen ingredient through displays on the counter, in salads, or samples for the children to taste. We hope this will inspire children to explore new flavours, and we encourage parents to try the recipes at home as well. For those who complete the colouring, these need to be handed to the kitchen and some children will win a prize. Also any photos of completed recipes will be in for the prize. Please click [here](#) for more details.



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

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

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). Parents will need to simply register for alerts.



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

13th February - Deadline for Photo of your house

As part of our Understanding the World learning, we are exploring how to draw information from a simple map. The children are working towards the following learning objectives:

I know where I live

I know where I go to school

I know some simple features of a map

To support this learning, we kindly ask that you send in a photo of your house. This will help the children make personal connections as we talk about places that are important to them and begin to understand simple map features. Please send the photo via email by 13th February 2026.

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

Forest School - Thursday 5th February. Pupils need a change of trousers and wellies/old shoes to participate. The field is very muddy.

Wellbeing Day - Friday 6th February - Pupils will be offered rice, noodles and prawn crackers to taste. Please check allergens on Arbor as this is where we take our information from.

Empty cardboard tubes still required for DT project please.

Year 2

Year 3

Tuesday 3rd February - 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

Year 5

Wednesday 4th February 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 **FINAL** instalment is due by **28th February**.

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.

Goldwell

Thursday 12th Feb 2pm - Fun classroom event, more details to follow.

HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supports us with our school lottery.
Special thank you to some winners who also donate their winnings to school.

We managed to raise **£2800** so far and we are extremely grateful for this.
This money is used towards English, Maths, Art, DT and Science resources for all the children.

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