



## Weekly Bulletin

W/C 6th October 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: **96.6%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
97.5%	95.4%	93.8%	98.3%	97.5%	97.2%	97.1%	97.5%	96.4%	99.6%	95.2%	99.2%	96.8%	90.4%

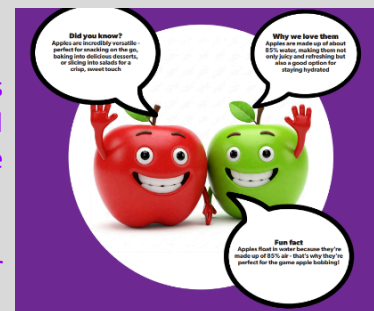
**Absences** - Please remember that all absences MUST be reported to the school each day unless otherwise agreed. Absences can be reported preferably by the Arbor portal or via the absence line or an email. This is part of our absence and safeguarding policies. Home visits will take place if we have not had any communication from parents. **Please also ensure that Arbor contains at least 3 emergency numbers for your child.**

### Ingredient of the Month for October

This month it's all about - **APPLES**. 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 visit the Meals section on the [school's website](#).



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

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?

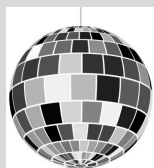


If you'd like to keep up to date with the **Friends' Association** please feel free to follow them on their various social media groups:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofGreatChartPrimarySchool>

<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofgreatchartprimary>

**Next Friends' Association Meeting: Tuesday 14th October**



**Friday 10th October - SCHOOL DISCO** - please book a place via ARBOR under **CLUBS**. Booking will 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



### Friends' Association Firework Event Sunday 2nd November

Tickets are on sale NOW. You can order your tickets using the following [link](#)

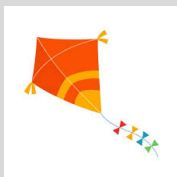




**Kent Community Health**  
NHS Foundation Trust

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. This activity is now fully booked.



**Hello Yellow - Friday 10th October 2025**

Pupils and staff are asked to wear a yellow t-shirt or hair band. The aim of the campaign is to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health and to raise vital funds for Young Minds. Please note pupils must wear their school skirt or trousers as normal. Pupils do not have to take part if they do not wish to. We would like to take this opportunity to signpost you to the Young Minds website if you would like to make a donation: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>



**Club Notices:**

Please note that due to the Autumn Disco Gymnastics is not running on Friday 10th October.

**EYFS**

**Handwriting Parent Workshops for EYFS, 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 OR 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!

**Tuesday 14th October at 2.15pm - EYFS Phonics Session**

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**

**Monday 6th October - Dinosaur Workshop**

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**Year 2**

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### Year 3

**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.

**Friday 17th October** - We would really like to watch the film 'Early Man'. It is categorised as a 'PG', so if you do not wish your child to watch it, please let us know and we can find something else for them to do.

### Year 4

#### **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.

**Thursday 9th October - Swimming for 4 Griffin**

### Year 5

**Monday 6th October** - PE kits to be worn

**Tuesday 7th October** - normal uniform to be worn on this day (No PE kits)

Girls Football for Yrs 5 & 6 will start on Wednesday 8th October. Please sign up on Arbor.

#### **Friday 10th October - Hello Yellow (Well Being Day)**

As part of our wellbeing day, we would like to take the children on an autumnal walk (weather permitting). For this, the children may wish to bring in wellies or old trainers in case it is a little muddy. We will be walking around the local area for this. We would also like to invite the children to bring in a board or card game to enjoy with their friends. Please note that these will be their responsibility on the day.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE - Thursday 30th October - Victorian Day**

Each year, we hold a Victorian School Day for the children. On this day, we go back in time with the children so that they can experience what life would be like as a poor Victorian child. We begin the day lining the children up and then go through some "typical" lessons that would have been taught during the early days of education in Victorian Britain. We all dress up and would like the children to do the same. If they could come in wearing a costume that would represent a child at school in Victorian Britain, that would be great. These can be bought from Amazon but do not feel you have to do this. Old clothing, torn and tattered would also be great. The children do need to bring in one penny and a potato on the day too. Although a very tiring day for us, the children gain a valuable insight into education during the Victorian era, together with a new found appreciation to how far education has come in more recent years.

#### **Thursday 4th December - Leeds Castle Trip**

We are very excited to offer the children this brilliant opportunity. Please consult the letter for more details on this.

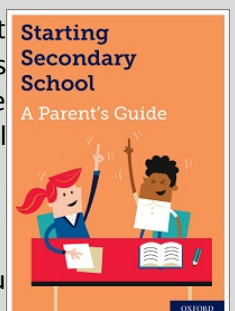
### Year 6

Girls Football for Yrs 5 & 6 will start on Wednesday 8th October. Please sign up on Arbor.

**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.

#### **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.



**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 an iPhone 17 Pro

It's simple just buy one or more tickets before **Sat 25 October 2025**. 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>

