



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 8th 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: **96.2%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
93.3	92.1	96.1	98.3	96.6	97.5	93.5	98.3	97.6	97.2	95.6	97.9	96.4	96.7

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



Thank you to **Chris Gibbins (Erigo Associates)** who will be sponsoring our Christmas Tree this year. We are very grateful for the support he has given the school over the years, firstly as a parent and then as a governor, stepping down only recently.

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.



Lost Property. The lost property table will be outside reception all week next week. Please take a look as we have a lot of items.

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](#).



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

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?

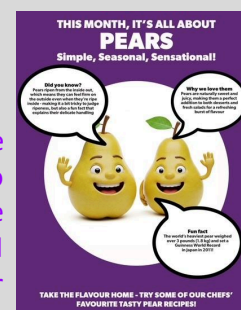
Last Dates for Clubs:

Learn to Draw Club - Tuesday 9th December
Recorder Club - Tuesday 9th December
Irish Dancing - Tuesday 9th December
Natalie's Stars - Wednesday 10th December
Debating Club - Thursday 11th December
Chess Club - Thursday 11th December
Kestrel Gymnastics (Thursday session) - 11th December
Kestrel Gymnastics (Friday session) - 12th December

Ingredient of the Month for December

This month it's all about - **PEARS**. 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.



Christmas Kindness for Homeless - donations until 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

Reindeer Food Sale.

Reindeer Food on sale after KS1 show from Weds 10th December - Fri 12th December while stocks last! £1 a bag.

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas party. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

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.

Year 1

Reindeer Food Sale

Reindeer Food on sale after KS1 show from Weds 10th December - Fri 12th December while stocks last! £1 a bag.

Thursday 11th December - Forest School. Pupils need a change of trousers and wellies as we will be on the field.

Monday 15th December - Christmas party. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

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Year 2

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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.

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas party. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

Year 3

Tuesday 9th December - Christmas party for 3 Griffin. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

Thursday 11th December - Christmas party for 3 Toke. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

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.

Monday 15th December - KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church Great Chart (pupils and staff only)

Children will be walking to the church with their classes so please ensure they are suitably dressed: warm, waterproof coats and school shoes. If they'd like to bring a small 'donation' for the collection tray that would be appreciated.

6th Jan - Swimming begins for 3 Griffin not 3 Toke as originally stated. 3 Toke will be swimming in Term 4. Please see the original email for full details.

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

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas party. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

Thursday 11th December - Swimming for 4 Toke

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3:15pm-5:15pm. All children must have an adult with them.

Monday 15th December - KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church Great Chart (pupils and staff only)

Children will be walking to the church with their classes so please ensure they are suitably dressed: warm, waterproof coats and school shoes. If they'd like to bring a small 'donation' for the collection tray that would be appreciated.

Year 5

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Year 6

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

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Goldwell

Thursday 11th December - Goldwell Family Christmas Celebration.

Thursday 18th December - Christmas party. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party but please remember that they will be going outside to play during break and lunchtimes so they need to be dressed warmly and will need their coats. Children can also bring a small snack and a drink. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks, thank you.

Christmas Golden Draw - £10,000 Cash Bonanza!

5K for you and 5K for the school.

It's simple just buy one or more tickets before **20/12/2025**. 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

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-chart-primary-school>