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Weekly Bulletin
W/C 8th Sept 2025



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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.

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.**

School Lunches Menu - Term 1 - [please click here to view.](#)

Ingredient of the Month

This year we are introducing an Ingredient of the Month feature. Each month, our catering staff will showcase a 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.

This month, it's all about **BUTTERNUT SQUASH**. Please visit [this link](#) on our school website to find some interesting facts and also try tasty recipes.

Club Start Dates (external agencies). Please see the attached sheet for details on how to sign up.

TSS Football for EYFS-Yr 2 - Mon 8th Sept

Irish Dancing - Tues 9th Sept

Natalie's Stars - Wed 3rd Sept

SAMA Martial Arts - Wed 10th Sept

Gymnastics (Thurs session) - Thurs 11th Sept

Gymnastics (Fri session) - Fri 12th Sept

Details regarding school run clubs will follow in due course.



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](#)

Please take a look at the attached timetable from Kent Family Hub for activities and clubs that are free to attend.



Strategies to support your child with English 10th September 2025 10am-11am

Kent Adult Education will be running a really useful course for parents to help support their child with English. This one hour **ONLINE** course is designed for parents who wish to enhance their children's literacy skills during the critical primary school years. The course provides practical strategies, tools, and activities that can be used at home to support and strengthen children's understanding of literacy including writing, speaking and listening and reading. Booking for this course **opens on 14th July**. Please use this [link](#).



Asthma and Medical Needs

As we begin a new school year please ensure relevant information regarding asthma and medical needs is updated on Arbor. It is essential that we have the information to keep everyone safe. Although we do not routinely administer medicine in school we understand some pupils may need emergency medication on site. Please complete this form if your child has a medical need that means we will need to have emergency medication in school. This information will be kept securely and shared with relevant staff only. Please note it is the parent/carer's responsibility to check expiry dates of any medication.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnI9_Ye-8beM6lGa7fmKc_f-J8eeH8q9NhAnL9mtR26cIHbQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

If your child has asthma please also complete the asthma survey to ensure our register is up to date. Pupils who need an inhaler in school will have them in their classrooms. Please ensure they are clearly labelled.

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Bikes and scooters in school

At Great Chart we are proud to be supporting sustainable travel and have invested in scooter parking for KS1 and KS2 and a bike shelter on the KS2 playground. We have been really pleased to see the children making good use of these on a daily basis. To ensure the safety of all, please note the following:

- **Only Year 6 pupils** who have completed Bikeability Level 2 in Year 5 are invited to cycle to school. Please ensure they wear a helmet.
- KS1 and 2 pupils using scooters should park them in the racks provided.
- For the Health and Safety of everyone, **bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school grounds during drop off and collection. Please ask your child to push them until out of the school gates.**



Kent Adult Education would like to make parents aware of some useful online courses they will be running this year including: Behaviour, supporting with English, First Aid for babies, supporting ADHD, Autism and anxiety. Please see the attached flyer to book onto an online course.

EYFS

Monday 8th September - Parent & Pupil/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 9th September - **Toke** class - 8:45-12noon

Wednesday 10th September - **Griffin** class - 8:45-12noon

Thursday 11th September - **Toke** & **Griffin** class - 8:45-12noon

Friday 12th September - **Toke** & **Griffin** class - 8:45-1:20pm (including lunch)

Monday 15th September and every day afterwards - **Toke** & **Griffin** classes - 8:45-2:55pm

Save the Date - Friends' Association events

Tuesday 9th September 8:45am - Friends' Association Coffee Morning for Toke parents. Pop along to the community room and meet other parents.

Wednesday 10 September 8:45am - Friends' Association Coffee Morning for Griffin parents. Pop along to the community room and meet other parents.

Friday 26th September (after school) - Friends' Association Teddy Bear Picnic for EYFS pupils and their families - further information to be sent.

Year 1

In Year 1 we will update Class Dojo on a daily basis. Please check frequently as there will be information and classroom news for you to see.

Year 2

Year 3

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

Plain white T-shirt - 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 later on this term. See details in the termly letter.

Thursday 25th Sept 3:15- 5:15pm - Coding Y3-5

Kent Adult & Family Education are leading a Coding workshop for children (**a parent must attend with their child**). Welcome to Ready Steady Code – a thrilling two-hour coding adventure for families with children. Get ready to embark on an exciting journey of coding and problem-solving as we build mazes and program our robot mouse to race towards the cheese. Please book a place via ARBOR.

Year 4

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Thursday 11th Sept - Swimming for 4 Griffin

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Year 6

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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>

