



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 9th February 2026

LAST DAY OF TERM - 13TH FEBRUARY. TERM 4 STARTS MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY.

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: **96.8%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
96.7	96.6	92.1	100	95	98.8	94.8	100	99.2	95.6	95.6	96.7	97.2	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.**

Club Finishing Dates:

Monday 9th Feb - TSS (KS1)

Tuesday 10th Feb - Irish Dancing, Story Art Club, Beginners Recorder Club, Computing Club

Wednesday 11th Feb - Natalie's Stars, TSS (KS2), Girls Football

Thursday 12th Feb - Gymnastics (Thurs session), Chess Club, Dance Fit, ESCYT Drama

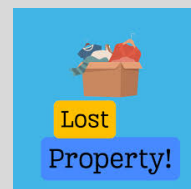
Friday 13th Feb - Gymnastics (Fri session), Boys Football

CLUB CANCELLATIONS

Tuesday 10th February - Y3 recorder club **CANCELLED**

Lost property.

The lost property table will be outside reception from Monday 9th - Thursday 12th February. Please take a look if your child has lost something. Any items that are left over will be donated to charity.



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!**

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

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 10th February

Friday 27th February - Y1-6 school discos organised by The Friends' Association - please book a place via ARBOR under CLUBS. Booking will run until **24th February at 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



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

Tuesday 10th February - Superhero Day. We will be having a Superhero day to finish off our topic for this term. Your child can come to school dressed as their favorite Superhero. Please can we ask that there are no props or masks on the day. If it is cold they will need a layer under their costume.

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

Books and Biscuits Parent Session - Tuesday 10th March & Thursday 12th March from 2:15 - 3.00pm.

Would you like to come and share some books with your child and get some top tips on how we teach reading, writing and maths and how you can support your child with their learning at home?

1 adult per child can sign up on one of the days on Arbor to secure a place.

There will be 15 spaces for 1T and 15 spaces for 1G on each day. The rest of the children on each day will do reading activities with the teachers and teaching assistants.



Year 2

Year 3

Tuesday 10th February - Swimming for 3 Griffin - last session.

Monday 23rd February - 3 Toke swimming **payment deadline**. 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

Friday 27th March 2pm - Y4 Performance to parents in the large hall.

The children will be performing songs, dances and instrumental skills.

Year 5

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. Please let Mrs Horton know on DOJO if you will be attending.

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