



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 9th March 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: **97.4%**

| FG | FT | 1G | 1T | 2G | 2T | 3G | 3T | 4G | 4T | 5G | 5T | 6G | 6T |
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| 97.5 | 97.4 | 98.3 | 100 | 95.4 | 98.3 | 92.7 | 98.3 | 97.2 | 100 | 96.7 | 95.2 | 99.5 | 97.5 |

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.**

Ingredient of the Month for March

This month it's all about - **Broccoli**. 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 March

Parent/Teacher Consultations - ARBOR is open for bookings

Thursday 12th March - Years 3, 4 & 6 (Year 5 will be later in the year)

Wednesday 11th March - EYFS, Yrs 1 and 2

May we remind you that Face-to-Face Parent/Teacher Consultations are now available to book through Arbor. Please log onto the Parent Portal or App to book your child's Parent/Teacher Consultation. Please could we remind parents that it is extremely important that you attend these meetings, parental support is essential if children are to progress at school. Teachers will inform you of progress that is being made and what help you can give to your child at home. If you have any issues with booking your appointment please contact the school office.

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

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?



Comic Relief - Friday 20th March

Children are invited to bring in a donation in exchange for wearing their own clothes.

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

12th March 2026 - My Mum 2026. The KM will be printing all of the special Mother's Day drawings the children have created in a special supplement next week. You can get the special My Mum 2026 supplement from any local newsagent, or supermarket.



Supporting your child with Phonics - 25th March 2026. Kent Adult Education are leading a face to face session in school for parents of EYFS and Y1 children who would like the opportunity to learn more about how they can support their child at home. Bookings open on Arbor at **9am Monday 2nd March.**

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.

3rd June - Educational Visit to Wingham Wildlife Park - payment deadline 22nd April. Full details can be found in the original letter.

Year 1

12th March 2026 - My Mum 2026. The KM will be printing all of the special Mother's Day drawings the children have created in a special supplement next week. You can get the special My Mum 2026 supplement from any local newsagent, or supermarket.

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.



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9th June - Educational Visit to Samphire Hoe - payment deadline 28th April. Full details can be found in the original letter.

Year 2

12th March 2026 - My Mum 2026. The KM will be printing all of the special Mother's Day drawings the children have created in a special supplement next week. You can get the special My Mum 2026 supplement from any local newsagent, or supermarket.

19th & 20th March - Year 2 Parent Session.

Both Year 2 classes will be holding two parent sessions, one on 19th March and one on 20th March. The sessions will take place in your child's classroom and will begin at 2:30pm. Bookings are now open on Arbor. We are able to offer 15 places per class on each day. The session will focus on reading, writing and maths in Year 2. Following the presentation, parents will have the opportunity to look at their children's books during an open classroom session.

11th May 2026 - Educational Visit to Chatham Dockyard - payment deadline 1st April. Full details can be found in the original letter.

Year 3

Tuesday 10th March - Swimming for 3 Toke.

29th April - Educational Visit to Museum of Kent Life - payment deadline 23rd March. Full details can be found in the original letter. Children to dress up as Romans.

Year 4

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

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

30th April - Educational Visit to Folkestone - payment deadline 25th March. Full details can be found in the original letter.

Year 5

Tuesday 10th March - Paddle Tennis at Square One. We will be off to Padel Tennis again. Please ensure PE kits are worn on this day ONLY. We will walk to Square One again, so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat if it rains. Please also provide your child with a water bottle.

Thursday 12th March - Living History Workshop

We are lucky enough to have our workshop within school on this date. The children DO NOT need to provide a costume on this day. They will be invited to pop on some Egyptian make up. Please let us know if you would rather your child did not wear it.

Forthcoming events

Padel Tennis Tuesday 17th March

Chemistry Workshop 18th March (For those who have been successful in gaining a place - you may remember this had to be cancelled last term) 4-5 Ashford School, East Hill

Week commencing 20th April - Bikeability. If you wish your child to take part, please pay via Arbor and complete the forms via the link or QR code that was emailed to parents. Booking closes on Friday 27th March.

Year 6

Goldwell

Thursday 12th March - Teacher/Parent Consultations

Friday 13th March - Bikeability. Children are to wear their PE kits.

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