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Weekly Bulletin

W/C 17th November 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.

Overall attendance for this week is: **96.6%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6T
94.6%	93.8%	95.8%	95.8%	98.3%	94.8%	92.4%	99.4%	97.6%	100%	99.6%	99.2%	97.6%	93.8%

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 Notices:

Tuesday 18th November - Recorder Club and Netball Club is cancelled. These clubs will resume on 25th November.

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

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 18th November

Friends' Association Christmas Raffle

Ticket stubs and monies can be **returned by Friday 5th December**, to the Friends' association post box which is found in the reception area under the buzzer. Draw will take place Monday 8th December. Extra tickets can be collected from reception. Good luck!



Christmas Pyjama Party - Friday 5th December

Tickets on sale now **via Arbor under CLUBS** - ticket sales close on **Tuesday 2nd December at 5pm**. We will not be able to accept any bookings after this time.

EYFS - 3-3.30pm - an adult must attend with the child

Y1 & Y2 - 4pm-5.15pm

Y3,4,5 & 6 - 5.45pm-7.15pm



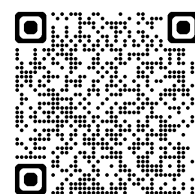


Severe Weather

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.

Strategies to Support your ADHD Child Webinar - 25th November 2025. Full details can be found on the attached flyer. To book a place please enrol using this [link](#) or QR code.



Admissions for September 2026

Starting School Information Sessions at Great Chart Primary School:

Thursday 27th November 2025 between 3:30pm and 5:30pm - **Please note: last tour is at 5.00pm.**

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 between 3:30pm and 5:30pm - **Please note: last tour is at 5.00pm.**

Please contact the school to book your guided tour.

We are holding this information session for all parents of pre-school children who may want a place at this school in September 2026. This will be a chance for you and your child to receive a guided tour of the school and to find out about everything which happens at Great Chart Primary School. You will also have a chance to speak to the admissions team, senior members of staff and governors.

Great Chart Singers

Our Christmas Performance is on **Monday 1st December at 3:45pm** in the Large Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend including siblings, grandparents, friends...All we ask is that if any 'smaller people' attend and become unsettled that you take them out so that the performance is not disturbed.

'Costume' requirements - Mondays from 17th November

Black top AND White top - **children will need both**

Black trousers/leggings

Woolly hat and scarf

Christmas deely boppers/headwear

Tinsel or similar to wear around neck

Do feel free to speak to Miss Fillmore if there are problems with any of the above.



EYFS

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 – Christmas Concerts Ticket Sales

We will be selling tickets (2 per family) in the Parent shelter in the KS1 waiting area on the following days and times:

- Monday 24th Nov **2:45pm**
- Tuesday 25th November **8:20am & 2:45pm**
- Wednesday 26th Nov **8:20am & 2:45pm**

Concert dates:

- Tuesday 9th December at 9:15am
- Wednesday 10th December at 9:15am
- Thursday 11th December at 9:15am
- Friday 12th December at 9:15am

As in previous years, we cannot admit pre-school children or babies to the morning concerts, so you would need to find someone to look after your pre-school child. The show should be over by 10:15am. Alternatively, there is also a show on Monday 8th December at 2:00pm where the pre-school children are welcome with a parent. Only 1 additional adult ticket will be available and these will be sold on a first come first served basis (limited seats available). Please note – no pushchairs or buggies are allowed in the hall due to Fire Safety Regulations.

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.

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Year 3

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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

Bikeability Cycle Training. 4TOKE - Tues 18th November 4GRIFFIN - Weds 19th November

Thursday 20th November - Swimming for 4 Toke

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Year 5

Tuesday 25th November - Maths Academy Ashford School. For those children who have a place, please ensure you are at Ashford School (East Hill) to drop your child off at 4pm and collect them at 5pm.

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

Monday 24th November - School trip to Kent Life. Please see the original email for full details.

Residential - Please note the next instalment is due on 30th November.

Goldwell

Wednesday Riding: please come to school wearing joggers, a jumper and trainers. Please put a uniform in a bag as we will change into our uniform when we return to school. All children will need to bring a snack.

Enter Our SuperDraw

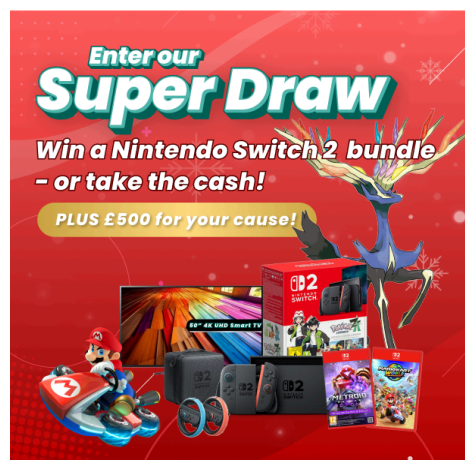
**Win a Nintendo Switch 2 bundle (or cash)
AND £500 to your cause!**

As the festive season approaches, our November Super Draw brings an extra special sparkle: this month, one lucky person will win the **Ultimate Nintendo Switch 2 gaming bundle** - the perfect surprise to find underneath the tree on Christmas morning: No gamers in your family? Opt for the cash alternative, and spend it your way. But we've got an extra surprise this month – we'll also donate £500 to the winner's cause - Now THAT'S a Christmas bonus! Get your tickets before **Saturday 29th November** for your chance to win for you AND your cause!

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>