



Weekly Bulletin

W/C 24th February 2025

TERM 4 STARTS MONDAY 24TH 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: **94.5%**

FG	FT	1G	1T	2G	2T	3G	3T	4G	4T	5G	5T	6G	6GO	6T
96.7%	93.2%	98.3%	94.8%	86.7%	96.1%	92.1%	88.9%	99%	92.9%	96%	94%	96.9%	96.3%	100%

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.



Ofsted is aiming to introduce the new report card system from September 2025. Please could I urge everyone to read this document and then to complete the consultation to add your views.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-the-way-ofsted-inspects-education>

School Uniform - Exciting News

We have been reviewing our uniform suppliers and whilst we are still giving parents the option to use our existing supplier, we are also giving the option to use an alternative. The uniform with both suppliers remains the same but may be slightly different in cost and lead times.

At the same time we are introducing a new PE t-shirt to replace our existing one. We feel that the fabric is a better quality and more modern. T-shirts will still need to be purchased in the house colours.

Please be assured that our old style t-shirts are absolutely fine to carry on wearing. The new style ones can be purchased as and when.

To purchase uniform, please visit our school website:

<https://www.great-chart.kent.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

Club Start Dates:

Monday 24th Feb - TSS (KS1), Choir, Music Club

Tuesday 25th Feb - Irish Dancing, Netball, Chess Club, Reading Club and Story Art Club.

Wednesday 26th Feb - Morning Yoga, Natalie's Stars, TSS (KS2), Girls Football

Thursday 27th Feb - Gymnastics (Thurs session), ESCYT Drama

Friday 28th Feb - Gymnastics (Fri session), Boys football training



Our suave (sophisticated) word of the week is: reflect

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?



Kent Teacher of the Year 2025

We're excited to invite you to [nominate someone for a Kent Teacher of the Year Award](#). From the dedicated teaching staff who inspire and educate, to the support staff who keep everything running smoothly, we recognise the hard work and dedication of each and every person who contributes to our schools.



Stop Think Choose - To help ease the pressure on the medical services the NHS is encouraging parents to seek the right support at the right time and ensuring parents have what is necessary to try and treat their child at home.



<https://www.stophinkchoose.co.uk/>

[https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/application/files/7917/0913/6363/NHS toolkit for primary school children.pdf](https://www.kmhealthandcare.uk/application/files/7917/0913/6363/NHS_toolkit_for_primary_school_children.pdf)



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>

Pre loved uniform <https://www.facebook.com/greatchartpreowneduniform> or the next sale will be on **Thursday 24th April**

Next Friends' Association Meeting: Tuesday 11th March 7pm

Adult Education Session at the school - Family First Aid -

19th March 9:30-11:30 (adults only)



Join our essential course designed to equip parents with life-saving skills in managing incidents involving illness or injury. Learn how to provide care and support until medical help arrives. This course ensures readiness and confidence in handling emergency situations. Please sign up via ARBOR from the **17th Feb 9am**. Places will be limited.



Kent Adult Education at Great Chart Primary School - Easter Crafts for Years 2-4 -

Thursday 3rd April



A creative experience for the whole family. Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness. Families will extend their knowledge of crafts and create a variety of craft items.

Please sign up via ARBOR from 28th February 9am. Places will be limited.

EYFS

Wednesday 26th February - NHS School Health Team will be visiting to carry out hearing screening.

Year 1

Year 2

Thursday 27th February - Forest School. Children will need a change of warm comfortable clothes and a waterproof coat as we go out in all weathers.

Year 3

Tuesday 25th February - 3T Swimming

Tuesday 25th February - 3 Toke swimming payment deadline. Please see the original email for full details.

Year 4

24th April 2025 - Educational Visit to Folkestone - payment deadline 25th March. Full details can be found in the original letter.

Year 5

Year 6

Y6 Safety In Action Workshop. Can we remind parents to please complete the [google form](#) relating to this.

Wednesday 26th February 6pm - KS2 SATs Talk to Y6 parents and Y6 pupils only - large hall - Please come to our KS2 SATS talk to find out a little more about the process and to take part in Mrs Carter's SATs quiz! Please could we kindly ask that all Y6 children sit with their parents and leave their mobile phones at home. Thank you

28th February - Please be reminded of the **payment deadline** for Year 6 residential

Goldwell

Win a Year of Adventures with the next SUPERDRAW!

Play our lottery this month and you could win a Year of Adventures (or £1,000 cash alternative, of course!) - an annual family membership for English Heritage, the National Trust, and a Merlin Pass too!
Get your tickets before Saturday 22nd February 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>

