



## Weekly Bulletin

W/C 5th January 2026

Happy New Year 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: **94.5%**

| FG   | FT   | 1G   | 1T | 2G   | 2T | 3G   | 3T   | 4G | 4T   | 5G   | 5T   | 6G   | 6T   |
|------|------|------|----|------|----|------|------|----|------|------|------|------|------|
| 93.3 | 88.8 | 99.1 | 95 | 94.4 | 90 | 93.5 | 92.9 | 98 | 93.1 | 99.2 | 93.3 | 96.3 | 95.8 |

**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.**

**New menu for Term 3 - please click [here](#).**

### Ingredient of the Month for January

This month it's all about - **CELERIAC**. 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 13th January**

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

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?



### 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](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk)). Parents will need to simply register for alerts.

**NEW Family Learning Online Courses starting January and February 2026.** Please see the attached flyer for full details.



**Clubs run by outside agencies - Term 3 start dates:**

**Monday 5th Jan** - TSS Football (EYFS/KS1)

**Tuesday 6th Jan** - Irish Dancing. Please see attached for registration details.

**Wednesday 7th Jan** - Natalie's Stars & TSS Football (KS2)

**Thursday 15th January** - ESCYT drama

**Thurs 8th and Friday 9th January** - Gymnastics

**EYFS**

**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.

**Year 1**

**Thursday 8th January - 1 A4 sheet of cardboard due**

**Thursday 29th January - small cardboard box due**

In DT next term, Year One are learning about wheels and axles. Please can children bring in one A4 sheet of cardboard and a small cardboard box - approximately the size of a cereal box.

**Year 2**

**Year 3**

**Tuesday 6th January - Swimming begins for 3 Griffin.** 3 Toke will be swimming in Term 4. 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**

**Year 5**

**Year 6**

**Residential** - Please note the next instalment is due on 31st January.

**Goldwell**

Please remember to bring PE kits on the first day back. Also, a healthy snack and water bottle.

# Christmas Golden Draw - £10,000 Cash Bonanza!

5K for you and 5K for the school.

It's simple just buy one or more tickets before **20/12/2025**. Each weekly ticket gives you a chance to win. So more weekly tickets mean more chances to win!

Plus a local winner **EVERY SATURDAY**.



<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-chart-primary-school>