



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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'Transforming lives through God's embrace.'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended our harvest festival. The children sung beautifully - I think I will be singing "Big Red Combine Harvester" for weeks! Thank you to all the donations to the food bank, it is truly appreciated and makes a significant difference in our community.

This term has been filled with remarkable achievements across our school. Year 6 have completed their swimming lessons, with many children achieving the fantastic milestone of swimming 25 metres. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination.

I am delighted to share an exciting achievement from our Year 3 and 4 pupils. They participated in a Times Table Rock Star competition across the trust, battling against 11 other schools. Their enthusiasm and performance were truly impressive. I am particularly proud to announce that Year 4 were triumphant, coming first with an outstanding score of 754 - significantly ahead of the second-place school, which scored 431.

In our Reception class, the focus has been on exploring the wonders of autumn. The children have been investigating the season's changes and creating beautiful autumn crowns. Their creativity shines through in each of their unique creations, demonstrating the imaginative spirit of our youngest pupils.

These moments remind us of the vibrant learning community we have at Charlton, where every achievement, big or small, is celebrated.

We hope the children have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 27th October.

Sally-Anne Pettersen
Headteacher

Baby and Toddler Group

Baby and Toddler Group will run every Thursday morning during term time between 9am—10am



- ♦ Drink and snack for the little ones
- ♦ Activities, games and toys
- ♦ A chance to chat and meet new people



The first session will be held on Thursday 26th September

Please keep spreading the word—this is open to the whole community so please do bring friends and relatives with little ones.

Mrs Hazelden and Miss Kew



Pastoral Lead

Message from Miss Kew

Contact details:

Phone: school number and select line 2

Email: kkew@charltonprimary.school



As the Pastoral Lead at Charlton, I am available to support families in many different ways, whether this be any concerns for your child or your own wellbeing, difficulties at home and financial support which could consist of:

Food Bank: If anyone would like to access the food bank please do contact Miss Kew. **Fuel Bank:** This is accessible for pre-paid meters. Again, please do contact Miss Kew if you would like support with this.

Any support offered to you will always be treated with the strictest confidence.

SEND Space with Mrs Martin

Email: kmartin@charltonprimary.school



Firstly, I wanted to introduce myself as the new SENCo at Charlton. I am very much looking forward to getting to know more members of our community and continuing to support the children in our school to thrive.

This term, we held a coffee morning with NELFT's Emotional Wellbeing Team. The Emotional Wellbeing Team support children with their mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you were unable to attend, but would like to know more about their services, please follow this [link](#). Throughout this term, the Emotional Wellbeing Team have also been running a workshop with our Starlings called "Emotional Explorers". Next term, it's the Robins turn with the Emotional Wellbeing Team running a workshop to develop understanding their emotions.

Finally, we have started exploring Makaton. Makaton is a communication programme that uses signs alongside speech to support communication and understanding. Using signs alongside speech can help children understand what we are saying as we are giving them extra visual cues. Here are two signs that I know our children will be using a lot this half term.



Food



Drink

Attendance:

Duckling	92%	Jackdaw	97.5%
Wren	94.3%	Starling	93.4%
Robin	88.8%	Owl	98.3%
Swan	91.9%	Whole School	94.1%

Certificates:

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a certificate. Well done!



Duckling: Levi, Reggie C and Effie
Wren: Norah, Kamelia and Sonny
Robin: George, all Robins and Maisie
Swan: All Swans, Millie and River
Jackdaw: Samuel, Korede and Teddy
Starling: Winner, Sharan and Ruben
Owl: Reggi-k and Elliott

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
1200	1297	1193	1343

Congratulations to Sapphires

Reminders:

Named Uniform

This term we seem to have a large pile of leftover uniform and unfortunately these items have no names on them which makes it difficult to return to the correct child. Please could you ensure that all uniform is named and checked regularly to ensure the name is still clear and visible.

Road Safety

Please ensure that you use the crossing, as we have been made aware of incidents of children crossing the road unsafely.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and well-being. The attendance target is 96%. Please be aware that holidays in term time will usually be unauthorised and a referral may be made to KCC for a Penalty Notice. Please see our Attendance Policy (on the website) for further guidance. Please ensure that you phone the Office to inform of your child's absence by 9:30am.

Communication

Please email (office@charltonprimary.school) or phone the office with any queries or to arrange an appointment with your child's teacher.

Collection from school

A reminder that all children, apart from Year 6, need to be collected from school by an adult. Year 6 children can walk home alone if their parents have given permission. These Year 6 children will be given a pass. Safeguarding is our highest priority. If parents have arranged for another adult to collect their child, the office must be informed and a message will be passed to the class teacher. Thank you for your support with keeping our children safe.

Morning Gate

Just a reminder that parents are not to enter the school grounds during morning drop off.

Cheerleading Workshop

On Thursday 16th October, Ms Lanigan took 5 of our Robins to a Cheerleading/Gymnastics Workshop with the Vista Twisters at The Base. The children participated in a range of gymnastic based activities including jumping and climbing with lots of other local schools in attendance. The children had lots of fun and wanted to say a huge thank you to Mrs Coleman for taking them.



Free Family Art Workshop at Dover Museum!

Saturday 18th October 2025

10.00 - 3.00 drop in

Make a haunted room!!!!



Suitable for children aged 6+
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

MINI MAESTROS MUSIC

At Deal Library

COME AND JOIN US!
TUE 21 OCT | 11-11.45AM
AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED
3-5 BUT ALL AGES WELCOME!
PLEASE BOOK HERE:



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Mini Maestros Music are working with Kent Music to provide children with their first musical experiences. Sessions are designed to be a first step in your child's musical journey, and are a perfect mix of exciting performance using voice, live music and puppets and opportunities to learn basic musical concepts and explore different instruments (including the voice!). These classes build on listening skills, imagination, play, early musicianship and above all are fun for everyone!

£1.50 PER FAMILY



Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year groups
Friday 17th October	Last Day of Term 1	Whole School
Monday 27th October	First Day of Term 2	Whole School
Monday 27th October	Year R and 6 Measurement Screenings	Duckling and Owl Classes
Tuesday 28th October	Year 1 and 2 Musical Theatre Workshop	Wren and Robin Classes
Monday 3rd November	Flu Vaccinations	Whole School (if parents have given consent)
Monday 3rd November	Year 4 and 5 Stuart Day	Jackdaw and Starling Classes
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day (Children can wear service uniforms)	Whole School
Friday 14th November	Year 4 and 5 trip to Leeds Castle	Jackdaw and Starling Class
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity (more details to follow)	Duckling, Wren and Robin Classes
Monday 15th December	Rocksteady Concert at 9:00am	Parents of Rocksteady children
Tuesday 16th December	KS2 Christingle Service (more details to follow)	Swan, Jackdaw, Starling and Owl Classes
Wednesday 17th December	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at the Tower Theatre	Whole School
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term 2	Whole School

Parents Evening Meetings

Next term, we will be holding Parents Evening Meetings, booking for these time slots can be made via the My Child at School app.

The dates are as follows:

Monday 10th November—1:00-4:00pm— Years 1, 3 and 6

Tuesday 11th November—1:00-4:00pm— Reception, Years 4 and 6

Wednesday 12th November—9:00am-12:00pm—Year 2

Wednesday 12th November—3:30-6:00—Whole School

Swimming in Term 2—Year 5

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Wednesday 10th December 2025

Clubs for Term 2

Monday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 3 and 4	3rd November 10th November 17th November 24th November 1st December
Tuesday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 1 and 2	4th November 11th November 18th November 25th November 2nd December
Thursday	Card Making Club—Mrs Beaman—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	6th November 13th November 20th November 27th November 4th December
Thursday	Dungeons and Dragons Club—Mr Ives—Years 5 and 6 There is a limit of 6 spaces in this club	6th November 13th November 20th November 27th November 4th December

PE for Term 2

Please see below for this term's PE schedule:

Monday	Year 3
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1 Year 5 Swimming
Thursday	Year 5
Friday	Reception Year 2 Year 6

Children can still come to school wearing their PE kits consisting of:

White t-shirt

Navy blue/ black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms/ leggings

Trainers

School jumper/ fleece/ hoody

Jewellery: only studs are to be worn in school. Hoops are unsafe at school due to the risk of tearing during playtimes and games. Children/ parents will be asked to remove hoops

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at

kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at
midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between
1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022,
Transferring to Primary school
in September 2026

What to do

Choose a school	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form. Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions . You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.	A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026 . You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted. You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.	On offer day (Thursday 16 April 2026) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Thursday 30 April 2026 . A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email. If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Friday 7 November 2025	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Thursday 15 January 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Thursday 16 April 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Thursday 30 April 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at

kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at
midnight on Friday 31 October 2025

For children born between
1 September 2014
and 31 August 2015,
Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2026

What to do

Choose a school	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form. Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions . You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.	A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at midnight on Friday 31 October 2025 . If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it. You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.	On offer day (Monday 2 March 2026) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 16 March 2026 . If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

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Key dates

Monday 1st September 2025	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Friday 31st October 2025	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 2nd March 2026	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 16th March 2026	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
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