



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School has been really busy with lots of learning this week. We were delighted to support Children in Need, with our pupils showing tremendous enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone for your donations.



Our classes have been engaged in some wonderful learning experiences. Starlings have been developing their skills in Tchoukball, while our Wrens class embarked on an exciting exploration of light and dark, conducting fascinating shadow hunting activities. Duckling class produced some fantastic discovery work in Religious Education this week, which was particularly impressive.

We have been running a whole-school writing project that has been truly inspiring. Key Stage 1 and Swans are working with the book "Stanley's Stick", while the rest of Key Stage 2 are exploring "Leon and the Place In Between". The children have been immersing themselves in these texts through drama and oracy sessions, and they are really enjoying the creative process.

Last week, Owl class visited the Cathedral School's Day and led the service there. They were complimented by numerous people for their excellent behaviour, engagement, and singing. They represented our school brilliantly and made us all very proud. As I write this, our Jackdaws and Starlings classes are enjoying a day trip to Leeds Castle, and I cannot wait to hear all about their adventures.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe.

Mrs 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	95%	Jackdaw	95.6%
Wren	95.7%	Starling	98.6%
Robin	97.5%	Owl	91.7%
Swan	91.9%	Whole School	95.1%

Certificates:



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

Duckling:	Amelia C, Rocco and Tommy
Wren:	Nancy-Rae, Mason and Chelsie
Robin:	Kizzy, Amira and Kolby
Swan:	Taylor, William and Lottie
Jackdaw:	Pachu and Johanna
Starling:	Evie and Mason
Owl:	Denva, Albie, Darcie, Oscar and Evangeline

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
397	390	396	373

Congratulations to Diamonds

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.

Tag Rugby Festival



On Friday 7th November, Ms Lanigan, Mrs Paine and Mrs Coleman took 10 of our Year 5's to a Tag Rugby Festival at the Duke of Yorks School. The children had a fantastic time and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship.



We also wanted to say a massive thank you to Mrs Coleman and the PTA for buying us some new Tag Rugby belts. Don't they look smart!

Swimming in Term 2—Year 5

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Wednesday 10th December 2025

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year groups
Wednesday 19th November	Reception Tours for September 2026—6:00pm	
Monday 24th November	Reception Tours for September 2026—9:30am	
Tuesday 25th November	Year 4 Trip to The Base	Jackdaw Class
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner	Open for Whole School to book
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity—2pm—Charlton Church	Duckling, Wren and Robin Classes
Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Friday 12th December	Years 3 and 4 TTRS Competition	Swan and Jackdaw Classes
Friday 12th December	PTA Christmas Fair	Whole School
Monday 15th December	Rocksteady Concert at 9:00am	Parents of Rocksteady children
Tuesday 16th December	KS2 Christingle Service—2pm—Charlton Church	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



Clubs for Term 2

Monday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 3 and 4	17th November 24th November 1st December
Tuesday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 1 and 2	18th November 25th November 2nd December
Thursday	Card Making Club—Mrs Beaman— Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	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	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