



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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'Transforming lives through God's embrace.'



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As we return to school life after the festive season, our students have embraced their learning with enthusiasm. This transition is vital for fostering a positive educational environment, and we are delighted to see our children engaging in various enriching activities.

As we navigate through a period of increased illness within our school community, we want to take a moment to emphasise the importance of health and hygiene. We have noticed a rise in student absences due to illness, and we kindly ask that if your child is genuinely unwell, please keep them at home and adhere to the recommended isolation times. This is crucial not only for their recovery but also for the health of their classmates and teachers. To support our efforts in maintaining a healthy environment, we are enhancing our hygiene measures.

Our cricket sessions for years 2 and 6, led by the Chance to Shine programme, have been a great way for students to develop physical skills while learning teamwork and sportsmanship. Through engaging drills and friendly matches, children are improving their batting and bowling techniques while building confidence on the field. In addition to cricket, our swimming lessons, for year 4, are in full swing, providing essential life skills and promoting well-being. Swimming is a key part of the National Curriculum, and our pupils are making excellent progress. From mastering strokes to learning water safety, these lessons are crucial for developing fitness and self-assurance.

Our violin lessons provided by Kent Music for year 4 and 5, are nurturing creativity and discipline among our young musicians. As they learn to read music and perform, students enhance their cognitive skills and foster a love for the arts. Making music together enriches their educational experience and strengthens our school community. These activities reflect our commitment to providing a well-rounded education that meets the diverse interests of our students and aligns with parental expectations. We encourage families to engage with these programmes, as they play a significant role in developing well-rounded individuals prepared for future challenges.

In the classroom, our pupils are continuing to enjoy their writing. The Talk for Writing approach, which was introduced last term, has significantly enhanced their writing skills, enabling clearer expression of thoughts and ideas. We have seen remarkable progress, with many students eager to share their stories and written work.

As we continue to support our students in their academic and extracurricular pursuits, we encourage families to celebrate these successes together. Each achievement, big or small, contributes to our school community and fosters a sense of belonging among our pupils.

Best wishes,

Mrs Moat

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 well-being, 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



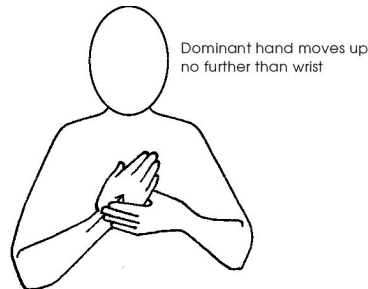
The Emotional Wellbeing Team support children with their mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you were unable to attend, but would like to know more about their services, please follow this [link](#).

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.

Please find the most recent signs below that we have introduced.



To Learn



New

Attendance:

Duckling	82.2%	Jackdaw	90.3%
Wren	91.7%	Starling	91.4%
Robin	92.2%	Owl	92.8%
Swan	92.3%	Whole School	91.8%

Certificates:



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

Duckling: Oscar, Sunday and Harry
Wren: Alfie, Fern and Annmiya
Robin: All Robins and Ruby
Swan: Harper, Jesika and Sienna-Rose
Jackdaw: Esmee, Deilan and Tessa
Starling: Obie, Reggie and Alma
Owl: Jasmine, Darcie and Kenley

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
721	613	602	559

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.

Please see the prices below for the Around Care Clubs that we offer, we have additional times for both Breakfast and After School clubs:

Early Birds Club	<u>Additional Time</u> 7:30am – 8:35am	Full Price - £4.50 Pupil Premium - £2.25 Sibling Price - £2.25
	8:00am – 8:35am	Full Price - £3 Pupil Premium - £1.50 Sibling Price - £1.50
	<u>Early Drop Off</u> 8:20am – 8:35am	£1 Not eligible for Pupil Premium or Sibling discount
After School Club	3:15pm – 5:00pm	Full Price - £6 Pupil Premium - £3 Sibling Price - £3
	<u>Additional Time</u> 3:15pm – 5:30pm Working parents only	Full Price - £8 Pupil Premium - £4 Sibling Price - £4 (Snack will be provided)

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year groups
Wednesday 28th January	Year 4 Swimming	Jackdaw Class
Wednesday 4th February	Year 4 Swimming	Jackdaw Class
Wednesday 4th February	Walk-in Wednesday	Whole School
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
Friday 6th February	Years 3 and 4 Times Tables Rock-stars competition	Swan and Jackdaw Classes
Wednesday 11th February	Year 4 Swimming	Jackdaw Class
Friday 13th February	Non-uniform day for House Point Winners	To Be Confirmed
Friday 13th February	Last Day of Term 3	Whole School
Monday 23rd February	First Day of Term 4	Whole School

Dodgeball Event

On Friday 16th January, Ms Lanigan took 7 of our Year 4 children to a Dodgeball event at Dover Christ Church with 15 other schools. The children played lots of games and had loads of fun showing fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. A massive thank you to Mrs Coleman and Miss Gouldthorpe for helping to transport the children to and from the event.



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in
Primary school



Understanding your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

02/02/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Autism and Sleep

09/03/2026 12:30 – 13:30pm

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Clubs for Term 3

Monday	Curling Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 1 and 2	26th January 2nd February 9th February
Monday	Board Game Club—Miss Mitten—Years 5 and 6	26th January 2nd February 9th February
Monday	Faith and Belief Club (FAB Club)—Reverend Melissa and Mrs Tyler—Whole School	26th January 2nd February 9th February
Tuesday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 5 and 6	27th January 3rd February 10th February
Tuesday	Story Club—Mrs Ross—Years 1 and 2	27th January 3rd February 10th February

PE for Term 3

Please see below for this term's PE schedule:

Monday	Year 3
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1 Year 4 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



Joining Our Learn to Swim

Our lessons offer a calm space for children to build confidence, learn water safety and start swimming. The SafelySwim team guide each swimmer through weekly sessions, helping them progress at a pace that suits them.

Entry Details

- Build water confidence with supported activities
- Learn safe entry, floating and basic movement skills
- Develop balance, coordination and water awareness
- Ideal for complete beginners and nervous swimmers
- Held at venues around Dover
- Easy online booking

Get Started Today!

Visit our website
join.safelyswim.co.uk

www.studysmartuk.online

STUDY SMART

Free Online Courses

**Starting
Monday 2nd
February**

Fully Funded Education Support Course
Online LIVE Webinars
6 Week Course
Mon - Fri 9.30 - 11.30 & 12.30 - 2.00
Support Session 4.00 - 4.30



Levels 1, 2 & 3 Available
Accredited Awards & Certificates in:
Prepare to Work in Schools
Wellbeing
Safeguarding & Prevent
Occupational Studies
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Principles of SEN