



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some wonderful updates from our school community. This term, our Year 4 and 5 students have been learning to play the violin, showcasing their musical talents and dedication. Additionally, Year 4 has made impressive progress in their swimming lessons, demonstrating great enthusiasm and skill in the water. We recently held a dodgeball competition, where our students displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

I am also thrilled to announce that both Year 3 and Year 4 have emerged victorious in the Times Table Rockstar Competition, highlighting their hard work and commitment to mastering their multiplication skills. Meanwhile, our Reception class has been engaging in a variety of sensory activities, fostering their creativity and exploration.

Looking ahead, I am excited to inform you that we will soon be constructing a new canopy over the nurture area, which will provide a welcoming space for all children during lunchtime. This development aims to enhance our outdoor learning environment and ensure that every child has a comfortable place to enjoy their meals, play and learn.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we celebrate these achievements together. We wish you a wonderful half term and we will see you back at school on 23rd February. Let's hope the weather improves!

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 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



With Valentine's Day approaching, there are two new Makaton signs to introduce: to cuddle and heart.

To learn these signs, please click the link here: [To Cuddle](#) and [Heart](#).

In addition to Valentine's Day, we have Half Term approaching. White Cliffs Country website has listed the activities that are on during this school holiday. You can find this list here: [What's going on around here?, Page 1 results - White Cliffs Country](#) There is something for everyone on there, from a Dino Hunt to Bird Bingo.

If you are looking for something a little more relaxing, there are lots of wellbeing resources on the Children in Need website here: [Mindfulness Hub - BBC Children in Need](#) and the Cosmic Yoga website here: [Cosmic Kids Yoga | The Home of Positive Screen Time](#)

Attendance:

Duckling	93.5%	Jackdaw	91.1%
Wren	85.9%	Starling	97.8%
Robin	90.8%	Owl	93.3%
Swan	94.4%	Whole School	92.2%

Certificates:



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

Duckling:	Levi, Harry and Ajay
Wren:	Jack, Jude and Marcelina
Robin:	Noah and all Robins
Swan:	Sharan, Finn and Fateema
Jackdaw:	Charlie, Chloe and all Jackdaws
Starling:	Matthew, Oscar and Mason
Owl:	Brody, Tia and all Owls

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
896	740	856	819

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
	<u>Full Time</u> 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	<u>Full Time</u> 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
Friday 13th February	Last Day of Term 3	Whole School
Monday 23rd February	First Day of Term 4	Whole School
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Thursday 5th March	Reception Vision and Hearing Screen	Duckling Class
Friday 6th March—Thursday 12th March	Scholastic Book Fair	More information to follow
Thursday 12th March	Year 1 Trip to Connaught Park	Wren Class
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief Own Clothes Day	Whole School
Monday 30th March	Rocksteady Easter Concert at 9:00am	Parents of Rocksteady Children
Tuesday 31st March	Easter Service—2pm—Charlton Church	Whole School
Thursday 2nd April	Non-uniform day for House Point Winners	To Be Confirmed
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term 4	Whole School
Monday 20th April	First Day of Term 5	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 and goes live at 5pm on Friday 13th February:

Monday 16th March—1:00-4:00—Reception, Year 3 and Year 6

Wednesday 18th March—9:00-12:00—Year 2

Wednesday 18th March—3:30-6:00—Whole School

Thursday 19th March—1:00-4:00—Year 4

Monday 23rd March—1:00-4:00—Year 1

Thursday 26th March—1:00-4:00—Year 5

Swimming in Term 4—Year 3

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Wednesday 4th March 2026

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Clubs for Term 4

Monday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 1 and 2	2nd March 9th March 16th March 23rd March 30th March
Tuesday	Sports Club—Ms Lanigan—Year 4	3rd March 10th March 17th March 23rd March 30th March
Thursday	Drawing Club—Mrs Buchanan—Years 3 and 4	26th February 5th March 12th March 19th March 26th March
Thursday	Board Game Club—Miss Mitten—Years 1 and 2	26th February 5th March 12th March 19th March 26th March
Thursday	Card Making Club—Mrs Beaman—Years 1 and 2	26th February 5th March 12th March 19th March 26th March

PE for Term 4

Please see below for this term’s PE schedule:

Monday	Year 3
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1 Year 3 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

Free Half Term Events at Local Libraries

Hearts and Crafts

Deal Library, Broad Street, Deal CT14 6ER

Tuesday, 17 February, 11 am - 12.30 pm

Just drop in, no need to book. Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information email deallibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31

Who will you share your heart with?

Dover Library, Market Square, Dover, CT16 1PH

Thursday, 19 February, 10 am – 12.30 pm

Just drop in, no need to book. Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information email doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31

World Book Day Costume Swap

Pick up a new-to-you World Book Day costume for free at Deal Library.

Running until Thursday, 5 March, during usual library opening hours.

For more information email deallibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31