



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our recent Book Day was a fantastic success and it was wonderful to see the whole school community celebrating the joy of reading together. We saw some fantastic costumes. The children and adults paraded their costumes to each other. We had a particular focus on the book 'Always Remember' by Charlie Mackesy. The children embraced the day with great enthusiasm, taking part in a range of engaging activities that helped bring reading and stories to life.

A particular highlight was our buddy reading sessions, where pupils from different year groups paired up to read together. It was lovely to see the older children supporting the younger ones while sharing their favourite books. The beautiful weather also meant that many classes were able to take their reading outdoors, enjoying stories in the sunshine and making the most of our school grounds.

Book Day has also helped to launch our Book Fair, which has already generated lots of excitement as children eagerly browse new books and discover new authors.

Elsewhere in the school, Swan Class have been enjoying their swimming lessons and are making great progress in developing both their confidence in the water and their important swimming skills.

Year 6 pupils recently took part in an exciting live online science lesson titled "To the Moon and Back," where they explored the fascinating topic of space and lunar exploration. The interactive session was a great opportunity for them to extend their scientific knowledge and curiosity.

Meanwhile, our Year 1 children have been making the most of the changing season by heading out on a spring walk, where they observed signs of new life and the natural changes taking place around them. It has been a busy and enriching time across the school.

Classes have been rehearsing songs in preparation for the Easter service. We hope to see many of you at the service on 31st March.

Best wishes,

Mrs Moat and Mr Ives



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



The Spring is finally here and with it comes the much-needed warmer weather. March also brings another parent workshop from NEFLT. The details of this workshop are below:



Understanding Neurodiversity

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

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting join | Microsoft Teams](#)

As you are aware, we have parents evening coming up. I will be available on Wednesday 18th March if you would like to meet to discuss any questions that you may have about our SEN provision.

Finally, I would like to highlight a new resource that had been shared with me. The Parent Consultation Line is for parents to access a free 30 minute telephone or video consultation with an educational psychologist to discuss issues regarding their children's wellbeing and/or learning that are causing concern. The aim of this service is to support parents and carers in finding ways forward and possible solutions through a joint problem solving conversation.

Topics or areas that parents and carers may wish to discuss might include:

- Social and emotional issues
- Concerns about learning
- Family relationships
- Concerns about behaviour
- Daily routines including sleep

If you believe that you would benefit from this service please send an email to kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk and to include the following information:

- name;
- phone number;
- convenient time to call (morning or afternoon)
- their child's education phase e.g. early years, primary school, secondary school;
- A brief description of what they wish to discuss.

Attendance:

Duckling	92.2%	Jackdaw	96.1%
Wren	95.7%	Starling	94.4%
Robin	96.7%	Owl	91.4%
Swan	93.8%	Whole School	94.3%

Certificates:

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



Duckling:	Henry B, all Ducklings, Myla and Reggie P
Wren:	James, Filip and all Wrens
Robin:	Amira, Harrison and Annmiya
Swan:	Sreeram, Oliwia and Kelly
Jackdaw:	Freddie, Nela and Pranav
Starling:	Evelyn, Lexi and Isla
Owl:	Fabian, Jomi and Shir

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
657	487	628	776

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.

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 20th March	Comic Relief Own Clothes Day	Whole School
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 Roman Dress up Day	Swan Class
Friday 27th March	Years 3 and 4 Times Table Rockstars Competition	Swan and Jackdaw Class
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
Thursday 23rd April	Year 1 Trip to Wingham	Wren Class
Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs	Owl Class
Monday 18th May	School Photographer in for Class Photos	Whole School
Tuesday 19th May—Friday 22nd May	Year 6 Residential to Thriftwood	Owl Class

Parents Evening Meetings

We will be holding Parents Evening Meetings, booking for these time slots can be made via the My Child at School app:

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 18th March 2026

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Clubs for Term 4

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

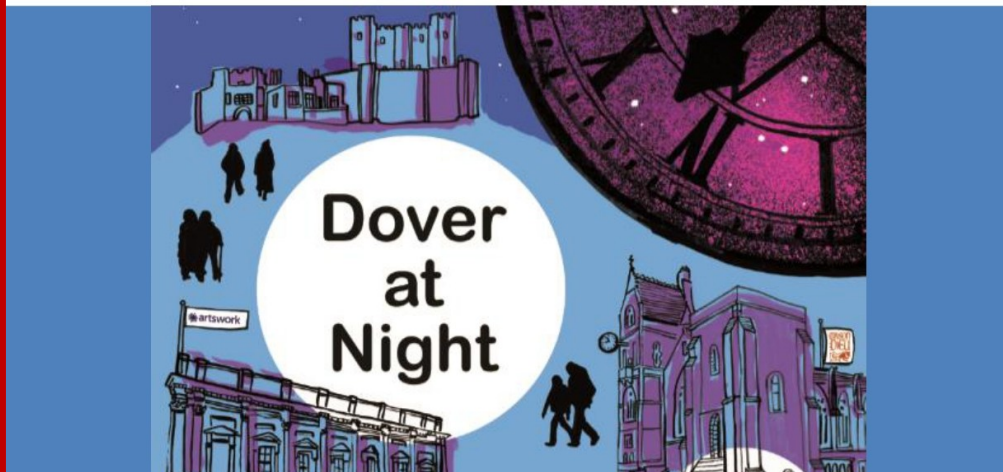
Trainers

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



Kent Libraries



FREE! Children's Craft Make a Roman Helmet

Dover Library Market Square, CT16 1NG
Friday 20 March, 5 to 6pm

Suitable for ages 4 to 8 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This event is free, and there's no need to book.

In partnership with **Maison Dieu** as part of **Dover at Night 2026**
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Dover Library

Dover Library also hold the following regular events:

Lego Club (currently fortnightly but will be changing to weekly soon) next session Saturday 21 March, 10 am – midday.

Story Time, every Saturday, 3 pm.

Saturday Children's Crafts, last Saturday of the month, 11am – 12.30 pm

All of these activities are suitable for ages 5 years and over, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Sessions are free of charge.

Dover Library, Market Square, Dover CT16 1PH

Telephone: 03000 41 31 31

Email: doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk