



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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'Transforming lives through God's embrace.'



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the lovely spring weather! It's been a busy and exciting time at school recently, and we're delighted to share some highlights with you.

Firstly, a big thank you to our amazing PTA for their generous donation of Easter eggs for each child. The smiles on our pupils' faces were priceless, and we truly appreciate the support you provide to our school community.

Year 1 is buzzing with excitement as they plan a trip to Wingham Wildlife Park! Please keep an eye out for further communication from the school office regarding details and arrangements. It promises to be a fantastic learning experience for our young learners.

Additionally, Year R and Year 1 enjoyed a delightful spring walk to Connaught Park. The children had a wonderful time exploring nature and learning about the environment around them.

Year 3 had an amazing Roman Day, filled with engaging activities that brought history to life. It was a joy to see the children so involved and enthusiastic about their learning.

We're also proud to announce that Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a Times Tables Rock Stars competition with other Aquila schools. Both classes performed incredibly well and emerged victorious in their respective competitions. Well done, everyone!

As we approach the Easter break, we say goodbye to Mrs Pettersen, who has been our headteacher for the past three years. We're sad to see her go and wish her all the best in her new role. We're excited to welcome our new headteacher, Sarah Graham, after the holidays. She is very much looking forward to joining our school community.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!

Warm regards,

Amy Moat



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



Parent Workshop
 Understanding Your Child's Behaviour
 29/04/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm
 Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears
 11/05/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm
 Understanding Neurodiversity
 19/05/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm
 Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School
 10/06/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm
 Starting Primary School
 23/06/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm
 Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School
 04/07/2025 12:30 – 03:30pm

Happy Easter to you all. I hope that this break brings an opportunity for you to rest and reset before the busy Summer Term

NEFLT have shared their summer offer of parent workshops. Please find details of these below. There will also be a paper copy of this poster in the school office.

In the previous newsletter, I shared a new resource called "The Parent Consultation Line". This is a tool 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	84.2%	Jackdaw	86.9%
Wren	86.8%	Starling	89.7%
Robin	90.8%	Owl	83.9%
Swan	88.7%	Whole School	84.2%

Certificates:

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



- Duckling:** Ayana, Ajay and Lily
- Wren:** Stacey, Sophia and Taylen
- Robin:** Amber, Willow, Roman and Devapriya
- Swan:** Aron, Nelson and Minnie
- Jackdaw:** Daisy, Faheema and Imogen
- Starling:** Kez, Evalyn and Ronnie
- Owl:** Elliott, Layla and Brody

House Points:

Diamonds	Emeralds	Rubies	Sapphires
835	724	691	785

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
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term 4	Whole School
Monday 20th April	First Day of Term 5	Whole School
Wednesday 22nd April	Year 4 Catch-up Swimming Session	Jackdaw Class
Thursday 23rd April	Year 1 Trip to Wingham	Wren Class
Wednesday 29th April	Year 4 Pond Dipping	Jackdaw Class
Wednesday 29th April	Year 4 Catch-up Swimming Session	Jackdaw Class
Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs	Owl Class
Friday 15th May	Year 3 and 4 TTRS Competition	Swan and Jackdaw Classes
Monday 18th May	School Photographer in for Class Photos	Whole School
Tuesday 19th May—Friday 22nd May	Year 6 Residential to Thriftwood	Owl Class
Friday 22nd May	Last Day of Term 5	Whole School
Monday 8th June	First Day of Term 6	Whole School

FAB Club Terms 5 and 6

Faith and Belief Club with Reverend Melissa and Mrs Tyler will run on the following dates. Booking will be live on the MCAS app at 7:30am on Monday 20th April:

Monday 20th April

Monday 27th April

Monday 18th May

Monday 8th June

Monday 15th June

Monday 29th June

Monday 6th July

Monday 13th July

Monday 20th July

Tag Rugby



On Tuesday 17th March, 14 of our Year 5 and 6 girls visited Crabble Athletic grounds for a Tag Rugby Festival. There were approximately 150 children in attendance, and the team had a great time playing Tag Rugby against a variety of schools. Thank you to Mrs Coleman for your help.

Clubs for Term 5

Monday	Board Game Club—Miss Mitten—Years 3 and 4	27th April 11th May 18th May
Monday	Year6 Boys Football Club— Ms Lanigan— Year 6 Boys	27th April 11th May 18th May
Tuesday	Story Club—Mrs Ross—Years 3 and 4	28th April 5th May 12th May 19th May
Tuesday	Drawing Club—Mrs Buchanan—Years 1 and 2	28th April 5th May 12th May 19th May
Tuesday	Sports Club—Ms Lanigan—Year 5	28th April 5th May 12th May 19th May

PE for Term 5

Please see below for this term's PE schedule:

Monday	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Catch-up Swimming Sessions
Thursday	Year 4 Year 5
Friday	Reception Year 2 Year 3

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

EASTER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

GO
ALL
IN!



BUTTERFLY KITES (AND FLUTTERING SIGHTS) Colour in a butterfly template, copying spring butterflies (or design your own). Add a stick and string. Try running with your kite to make it fly. Which butterflies can be seen in April? Spot them on the reserve.

BOTANY BUTTON BOOKS Mini, flower-filled, button books to make and keep. Fun filled notebooks for secrets and treasures. Spring flower hunt.

FALLING BLOSSOM Make a pretty, pale pink blossom, garland using egg box flowers. Hunt for blossom around the reserve.

BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified.

NESTING BALLS FOR BIRDS Give the birds a helping hand this spring with these garden nesting balls. Use twigs (or chicken wire) shaped into a ball or cone, and fill them with nest friendly materials for birds.

PARSLEY AND POTS Plant parsley in an ice-cream cone, ready to plant on outside. Make a hanging, beaded plant pot using egg box cones. Fill it with tiny plants grown on the reserve.

STORY ZONE IN THE DOME (FREE): Drop into the Dome on Tuesday afternoons during the Easter break, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Sink into comfy cushions and soft rugs. Three short children's stories will be read by our volunteers at 2.30pm, 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Get stuck into our children's books in the Dome. No need to book, but please be prompt for the timed story telling. In support of [The National Year of Reading 2026](#).

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty, fire-fuelled lunch; a spring vegetable risotto, cooked together, outdoors.

APRIL 11.00AM	11.30AM	1.00PM	2.30PM
7th Parsley & Pots		Botany Books	Story Zone
9th: Kites	Wild C'room	Nesting Balls	
10th: Falling Blossom		Big Bug Hunt	
14th Botany Books		Parsley & Pots	Story Zone
16th: Nesting Balls		Falling Blossom	
17th: Big Bug Hunt		Kites	



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

FREE
FAMILY EVENT

FARM AND FOREST DAY

KEARSNEY ABBEY DOVER

WED 15 APRIL 2026

10am-3pm

LIVE ANIMALS

BIRDS OF PREY

MARSHMALLOW TOASTING

FACE PAINTING

MAKERS MARKET

ECO CRAFTS

SEED SEWING

TOUCH TABLE

FIRE MAKING

HAMMERSCHLAGEN

AND LOTS MORE

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL