



# Charlton Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a real privilege to introduce myself properly as the new Headteacher of our school. I am delighted to be joining this vibrant community and it has been wonderful spending the first two weeks of the term getting to know our children, families and staff. I bring with me more than 30 years of experience in primary education, including 26 years as a class teacher and Deputy Headteacher. Most recently, I spent the last five years as Headteacher of a school in Ramsgate, where I had the pleasure of leading a thriving school community.

I am passionate about ensuring every child feels happy, safe and inspired to learn. I believe that strong relationships between home and school are key to helping children flourish, and I look forward to working closely with you to provide the very best opportunities for all our pupils. Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I am excited for the journey ahead and for all that we will achieve together.

The school has started Term 5 with great enthusiasm and already classes have been settling well back into school routines. We have had Y2 visit Connaught Park and Y4 have been river dipping! Our Y6 children are on the last stretch towards their SATs tests now and are being fabulously resilient and hard working! It will all be done and dusted soon and they will be able to concentrate on their residential trip and Y6 performance - lots to look forward to!

The weather has been lovely the last two weeks and I hope it holds up over the bank holiday - have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Sarah Graham

Headteacher



Pastoral Lead

## Message from Miss Kew



Contact details:

Phone: school number and select line 2

Email: [kkew@charltonprimary.school](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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	94.5%	Jackdaw	96.4%
Wren	98.7%	Starling	93.6%
Robin	95.3%	Owl	98.9%
Swan	91.1%	Whole School	95.6%

### Certificates:

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



- Duckling: Amy, Denis and George
- Wren: Stacey and Daisy
- Robin: Kolby and Harrison
- Swan: Primrose and Nelson
- Jackdaw: Hunter and Nakchathira
- Starling: Esmee and all Starlings
- Owl: Skylar and Shir

### House Points:

Diamonds	Emeralds	Rubies	Sapphires
783	665	700	783

Congratulations to **Diamonds** and **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](mailto: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
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday—School closed	Whole School
Wednesday 6th May	Walk-in Wednesday	Whole School
Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs	Owl Class
Wednesday 13th May	New Reception Parents Open Evening—5:30pm	Reception 2026 Parents
Thursday 14th May	Joe Wicks Live Movement session	Whole School
Friday 15th May	Year 3 and 4 TTRS Competition	Swan and Jackdaw Classes
Monday 18th May	School Photographer in for Class Photos	Whole School
Monday 18th May	Year 4 lunchtime concert at Charlton Church	Jackdaw Class
Tuesday 19th May—Friday 22nd May	Year 6 Residential to Thriftwood	Owl Class
Friday 22nd May	Non-uniform day for House Point winners	Winners to be confirmed
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 18th May

Monday 8th June

Monday 15th June

Monday 29th June

Monday 6th July

Monday 13th July

Monday 20th July

## Sports Day 2026

We are pleased to let you know that Sports Day will be held on **Friday 3rd July** at The Danes.

Further details, including timings and arrangements, will be shared with you soon.

We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable day for all pupils.

### Clubs for Term 5

Monday	Year6 Boys Football Club— Ms Lanigan— Year 6 Boys	11th May 18th May
Tuesday	Story Club—Mrs Ross—Years 3 and 4	5th May 12th May 19th May
Tuesday	Drawing Club—Mrs Buchanan—Years 1 and 2	5th May 12th May 19th May
Tuesday	Sports Club—Ms Lanigan—Year 5	5th May 12th May 19th May
Thursday	Board Game Club—Miss Mitten—Years 3 and 4	Tuesday 5th May 14th May 21st 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