



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of Term 5 very quickly and we will soon be heading towards the end of the school year! It has been wonderful starting to get to know the school community and it feels like 'home' already.

Classes have had a busy couple of weeks - our Year 6 children have made everyone extremely proud. They tackled their SATS week with incredible resilience and were able to calmly show all they know - they certainly tried their hardest! Many of Year 6 are currently enjoying their residential activity week at Thriftwood, and have been ziplining and water rolling amongst other exciting activities - all of which look like amazing fun! Huge thanks to Mr. Ives, Mrs. Gasking and Miss Dawkins for giving up their time to take the group away - trips like this would not happen without such dedicated staff to support. The weather has been kind for the group and they have learnt lots of new skills.

In some sporting news: some children have had swimming sessions these last two weeks which has been a new and exciting experience for them. The whole school also participated in a Joe Wicks online PE session this week which got everyone livened up and out of breath! The adults have also been active - they have been taking part in some very exciting training in 'Active Learning'. This is something which we are looking to develop in our curriculum next year and will be an excellent addition to the educational provision for children here at Charlton.

There are lots of things to look forward to next term however I hope you have a restful and relaxing half term break and we will see you all in two weeks.

Kind regards
Sarah Graham
Headteacher



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



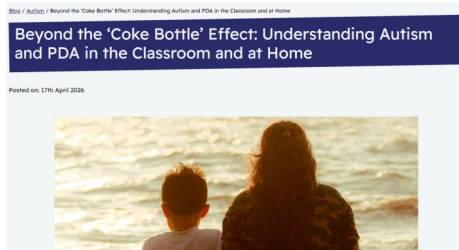
Happy Half Term to you all!

This term, we have updated our SEND Information Report which is a document that schools are legally required to publish to explain how they identify, support, and include pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

In the report, we have shared our process for identifying need; some training opportunities that staff have access to; and our school's "offer" of support for children with SEND.

The updated report can be found here: [Charlton Church of England Primary School - SEND](#) On this page, you can also find other useful links for support.

In previous newsletters, I have shared information about support and resources available for parents. This week, I would like to share a website called "Nip in the Bud" which can be found here: [Nip in the Bud | Child Mental Health Resources for Parents and Teachers](#) This website was set up to encourage awareness about mental health disorders in children. And it shares information through Podcasts, films and fact sheets. An example of a podcast can be found below.



Finally, I hope that you have an enjoyable half term—fingers crossed the sun makes an appearance. For ideas and activities to do in the local area, please check out this useful website: [What's going on around here?, Page 1 results - White Cliffs Country](#)

Attendance:

Duckling	94.5%	Jackdaw	94.4%
Wren	96.2%	Starling	98.1%
Robin	96.7%	Owl	99.1%
Swan	91.7%	Whole School	96%

Certificates:



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

Duckling:	Rayan, Denis and Ayana
Wren:	Maisie, Chelsie and Emma
Robin:	Roman, Leo and Ruby
Swan:	Ted, Henry and Daniella
Jackdaw:	Lillie-Anne, Jack and Aarush
Starling:	Harper, all Starlings and Luther
Owl:	Oscar and all Owls

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
598	447	517	471

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 22nd May	Last Day of Term 5	Whole School
Monday 8th June	First Day of Term 6	Whole School
Monday 22nd June	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic	New Ducklings for September
Wednesday 24th June	Year 2 visit to Fort Burgoyne	Robin Class
Wednesday 1st July	Year 3 visit to Dover Museum	Swan Class
Thursday 2nd July	Whole School Transition Day	Whole School
Friday 3rd July	Whole School Sports Day at The Danes	Whole School
Tuesday 7th July	KS2 Royal Ballet event	KS2 Classes
Wednesday 8th July	EYFS Parent/ Teacher meetings	New Ducklings for September
Wednesday 15th July	EYFS Parent/ Teacher meetings	New Ducklings for September
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Play performance - 6:00pm at the Church hall)	Owl Class
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Prom—5:00pm in school	Owl Class
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly—1:00pm at Charlton Church	Owl Class
Wednesday 22nd July	Non-uniform day for House Point winners	To Be Confirmed
Wednesday 22nd July	Last 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 8th June

Monday 29th June

Monday 6th July

Monday 13th July

Monday 20th July

Sports Day 2026

Weather permitting; Sports Day for Years R-6 will take place on Friday 3rd July at The Danes from 10am-12:30pm. The children will walk up to The Danes, leaving school at around 9:30am. We welcome parents and carers to join us from 10am for the traditional sports day. This is then followed by a family picnic and then an outdoor games and activities afternoon. Please feel free to bring your own outdoor games and activities to play with your children if you wish. From about 12:30pm we welcome you all to bring a picnic lunch for a school family picnic. ALL children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day and a snack for mid-morning. You may also wish to bring picnic blankets and fold up chairs.

Clubs for Term 6

Monday	Multi-Sports Club—Ms Lanigan— Reception	22nd June 29th June 6th July 13th July
Monday	Mindfulness Club—Miss Alldridge— Years 3 and 4	15th June 22nd June 29th June 6th July 13th July
Tuesday	Fun and Fitness Club—Ms Lanigan— Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	16th June 23rd June 30th June 7th July 14th July
Thursday	Choir—Mr Ives—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	18th June 25th June 2nd July 9th July 16th July

PE for Term 6

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

South East Gulls FC



South East **M&R** GULLS FC

*MORE THAN A CLUB,
WE ARE A FAMILY!*

**DISABILITY FOOTBALL CLUB
AGES 5+**

★★★
**KDFL
PREMIERSHIP
CHAMPIONS
3 YEARS
IN A ROW!**



SUNDAYS
11.30AM – 1.30PM



**DOVER BOYS
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**



**ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME**
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Build confidence • Make friends • Play football

South East Gulls FC

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HALF TERM AT THE RESERVE MAY 2026



TUESDAY 26TH 11AM **BEADY TREES AND THE LITTLE SEED**

Tree bead craft* and 'The Little Seed', by Magdalene Tsirkas, an interactive story telling. The little seed is blown underground and rained on. A shoot appears and the sun shines. Something is growing – what will it be? This session is for preschoolers 3+, and the young at heart, in celebration of The National Year of Reading. * *Warning - activity contains small parts.*

12.00PM **STORY TIME - THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING**

Free story time in the picnic area at midday. No need to book.

1PM **SLUGS AND SNAILS**

What's the difference between a slug and a snail? *Shell* we find out? Discover the benefits of these slimy gastropods. Learn how to label the parts of a snail and make your own paper snail with a curly shell. How many types of slugs and snails can you identify on the reserve?

THURSDAY 28TH 11AM **BEE BUDDIES**

Join us for a hands-on candle rolling session to learn the craft of beeswax candle rolling. Discover the properties of natural beeswax. Take home your beautiful creation. Create a honeycomb hive poster and then 'bee spot'.

1PM **BEADY TREES AND THE LITTLE SEED (SEE ABOVE)**

FRIDAY 29TH 11AM **SLUGS AND SNAILS (SEE ABOVE)**

1PM 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.



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

(includes entrance to the reserve per child and for accompanying adults)



WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG
THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)



NONINGTON CRICKET CLUB

MAY HALF-TERM 2-DAY JUNIOR CRICKET CAMP

Batting, bowling, fielding and match play
All abilities welcome.



CAMP DETAILS

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- 9am to 3pm
- Ages 8 - 15
- ECB Qualified coaches

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per day

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EMAIL: NONINGTONCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM



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abilities



ALL STARS

Ages 5 to 8

Fridays, 17th April to 5th June, 6pm to 7pm

Scan for All Stars



DYNAMOS

Ages 8 to 11

Fridays, 17th April to 5th June, 6pm to 7pm

Scan for Dynamos



Holt Street, Nonington, Dover, CT15 4HU

For more information contact Rebecca Smith on 07443605873 or email noningtoncricketclub@gmail.com

THE WESTERN HEIGHTS PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS
**DROP REDOUBT
 OPEN WEEKEND**



20-21st June 2026

Adults £5
 Children Free
 Drop Redoubt Fort,
 Drop Redoubt Road, Dover

DOVER WESTERN HEIGHTS 2026 OPENING TIMES, EVENTS & WORKDAYS

WWW.DOVERWESTERNHEIGHTS.ORG

FIND US USING W3W AT ROUTINE.VARIETY.CATAPULT

WORKDAYS

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER WORK PARTIES, MEET
 AT THE DROP REDOUBT DROP REDOUBT ROAD,
 DOVER 10:30AM TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

15TH March, 19TH April, 17TH May,
 19TH July, 16TH August, 18TH October,
 15TH November

SEE WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS, SITE INFORMATION,
 AND SUMMER MONTHLY TOUR DATES



THE GRAND SHAFT

15TH MARCH	10:30AM - 4:00PM
19TH APRIL	10:30AM - 4:00PM
17TH MAY	10:30AM - 4:00PM
19TH JULY	10:30AM - 4:00PM
16TH AUGUST	10:30AM - 4:00PM
18TH OCTOBER	10:30AM - 4:00PM
15TH NOVEMBER	10:30AM - 4:00PM

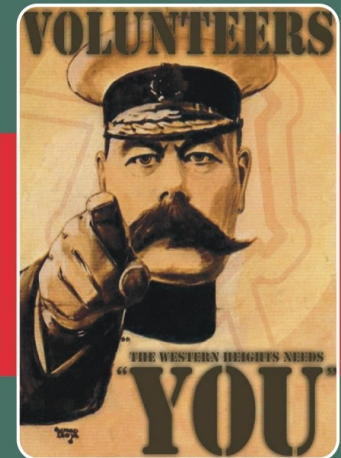
DROP REDOUBT OPEN WEEKEND

20th - 21st June

NORTH ENTRANCE OPEN

19th & 20th September

DETAILS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER VIA WEBSITE



 THE GRAND SHAFT, SNARGATE
 STREET, DOVER, KENT.

 SEARCH FOR US ON FACEBOOK
 Western Heights preservation Society

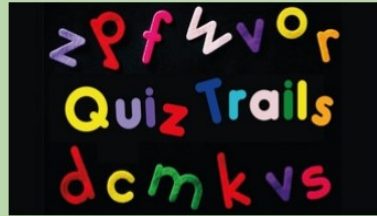
 DONATE TO THE WORK OF THE
 SOCIETY VIA OUR GOFUNDME

 WESTERN HEIGHTS
 Preservation Society

Enter our FREE family competition



Enter at Prize Draws on our home page - good luck!



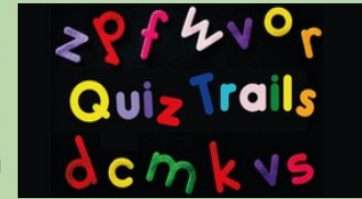
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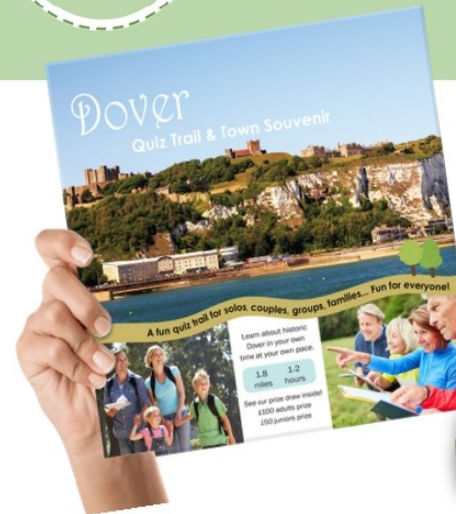
We've teamed up with What's On In Kent to give away a 'Best of Kent Explorer Adventure Pack'!

Top Prize: One lucky winner will win a wicker picnic hamper with plates, cutlery and glasses, one each of the Quiz Trail short stories books, 5 Quiz Trails of your choice and lots of sweet treats!

Three runner-up winners will each win 3 Quiz Trails of your choice!

Enter on our website www.QuizTrail.co.uk

*Closing date 31st May 2026 at 11:59pm. Free to enter - no purchase necessary.



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