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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it has certainly been a seriously hot week, however we are incredibly fortunate to have air conditioned classrooms here at Charlton. I have been trying to find lots of excuses to spend time in classes as sadly my office is not! It has meant that our pupils have been having reasonably normal days in school feeling cool and comfortable and we have been able to keep everyone well.

I am delighted to announce the classes for next year and we look forward to next Thursday's transition days.

Reception Ducklings Class

Teacher: Mrs Hannah Ross/ Mrs Rebecca Plummer

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Jenny Norley

Year 1 Wrens Class

Teacher: Mrs Freya Cabbage

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Michele Westfield

Year 2 Robins Class

Teacher: Miss Chloe Alldridge

Teaching Assistant: Miss Natasha Dawkins

Year 3 Swans Class

Teacher: Miss Lynsey Mitten

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Laura Michael, Miss Helen Welsh and Mrs Carole Rayner

Year 4 Jackdaws Class

Teacher: Mr Paedar Ives

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Maria Jones, Miss Helen Welsh and Mrs Kasia Pawlak

Year 5 Starlings Class

Teacher: Miss Savannah Loom

Teaching Assistant: Miss Bethany Scally

Year 6 Owls Class

Teacher: Ms Lorraine Smith

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Natasha Gasking

Mrs Hunter will sadly be leaving us today after 2 years at Charlton Primary School. She will be very missed and we wish her the best of luck for the future.

I hope some cooler weather arrives over the next couple of days and that you all have a lovely weekend.

Sarah Graham

Headteacher

Message from Miss Kew



Pastoral Lead



Contact details:

Phone: school number and select line
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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 well-being, 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 summer term is always a busy one: jammed packed with events and opportunities to do things a little differently. The summer term also brings talk of new teachers and transitioning to new years. Though this can be exciting, some of our children may find these changes tricky.

To help support Children with any worries that they may be experiencing this term, Childline have created a toolbox of strategies which can be found here: [Calm zone](#) | [Childline](#)

Another strategy to support regulation during this busy term is heavy work. Heavy work is something that can be done at home, school or even in the park and it can be so many things! It can involve pushing, squeezing, pulling, lifting, jumping and chewing—anything that provides deep sensory input and feedback for our bodies. It is this reaction in our bodies that can help us calm and regulated. Heavy work doesn't need any equipment and it can be added into any part of your daily routine.



Attendance:

Duckling	86.1%	Jackdaw	95%
Wren	95.5%	Starling	95.3%
Robin	91.7%	Owl	90.5%
Swan	87.5%	Whole School	92.5%

Certificates:



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

Duckling: Ida, Effie and Lily
Wren: All of Wren Class and Fern
Robin: Harrison, Callum and Ezra
Swan: Daniella, Emily and Amelia
Jackdaw: Mojola and Jacob J
Starling: Dominika, Hollie and Reggie
Owl: Mikey and Remy-Jayne

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
948	1112	870	915

Congratulations to Emeralds

Updated Uniform Information

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent uniform survey. We received responses from 74 parents, and we have made some small changes to our uniform policy to reflect the views of the majority of our parent community. You wanted a smart uniform which was affordable, comfortable and durable.

Our expectations are that all children will wear correct uniform at all times. Please note that all shoes/trainers MUST be plain black including insides and soles.

These changes come into effect from September.

When reviewing the policy, we have worked hard to:

- ☐ Keep the number of branded items to a minimum.
- ☐ Ensure the uniform is inclusive and gender neutral.
- ☐ Provide affordable options, with many items available from supermarkets and high street retailers.

Our everyday uniform includes:

- White school polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirts or skorts
- School logo branded sweatshirt or cardigan
- Summer red gingham dress/skort dress (playsuit style)
- Plain black school shoes, trainers or ankle boots (please see the policy for footwear guidance)
- School bag of your choice (branded book bags remain optional)

PE Kit (to be worn to school on PE days only)

- Plain black leggings, joggers or PE shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black trainers or plimsolls
- Plain maroon hoodie/sweatshirt or a branded school PE hoodie

Please remember that PE hoodies should only be worn on PE days, not as part of the everyday school uniform.

There are also a small number of optional branded items available, including PE bags, book bags, coats and PE fleeces.

To help keep everyone safe:

- Only small plain stud earrings are worn.
- Long hair is tied back (no coloured hair)
- No nail varnish or make-up is worn.
- Smartwatches/Fitbits are not brought into school.
- No other jewellery is worn.

What are the changes?

As per parental preference we have removed ties and the 'proper shirts' which were required. All everyday school shirts are to be plain white school polo shirts which are cheap and comfortable. Fleeces - are optional branded items to be worn as a coat in cool weather - not as an alternative to a jumper.

The ONLY compulsory branded items are a school jumper/cardigan. This keeps the cost of higher priced branded items to a minimum and all other uniform items can be purchased cheaply from supermarkets.

Plain, no logos maroon sweatshirts or hoodies may be worn for PE instead of a branded hoodie.

Thank you for your continued support as we introduce these changes. We believe the updated policy provides greater choice, affordability and consistency for all our families. The full uniform policy is attached here and will be available on our website and from the school office.

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
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
Monday 6th July	Lunchtime Concert for Year 6 at Charlton Church	Owl Class
Tuesday 7th July	KS2 Royal Ballet event	KS2 Classes
Wednesday 8th July	EYFS Parent/ Teacher meetings	New Ducklings for September
Monday 13th July	Rocksteady Concert at 9:00am	Parents of Rocksteady pupils
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
Wednesday 2nd September	First Day of Term 1	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 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	29th June 6th July 13th July
Monday	Mindfulness Club—Miss Alldridge— Years 3 and 4	29th June 6th July 13th July
Tuesday	Fun and Fitness Club—Ms Lanigan— Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	30th June 7th July 14th July
Thursday	Choir—Mr Ives—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	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

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Turn up the volume on reading this summer

The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge is back at Kent Libraries from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September – and it's completely free to take part.

This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates music, stories and creativity, encouraging children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy reading in a way that works for them.

Children can join at any time by visiting their local library, borrowing a book and getting started. They can also take part online by logging their reading digitally.

With flexible reading-related goals and rewards along the way, children can read to their own beat and build confidence over the summer.

Can't wait to start? As part of the National Year of Reading, you can Go All In and begin now by sharing your reading goals in the Kent Libraries Book Chat group on Facebook.

Library staff are on hand to help, and you can plan your visit with virtual tours and social stories available online.

Find out more at kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

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