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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful pupils, families, governors and our dedicated staff. I feel incredibly proud of the commitment, care and hard work of our whole staff team, who go above and beyond every day to ensure that our children are happy, safe and able to thrive.

We are especially proud of our Year 6 pupils and wish them every happiness and success as they begin the next chapter of their lives. We will be very sad to say goodbye to them, but look forward to hearing about all they achieve in the future. They will be missed!

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Beaman and Mrs Buchanan, who are leaving us to move onto new adventures. We thank them both for all they have contributed to the life of our school and wish them every success and happiness for the future.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break. Stay safe and thank you for all that you do to make our school such a special community, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Have a wonderful summer!

Kind regards,

Sarah Graham

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 holidays can be a chance for the children to rest for the routines of school, but it can be hard to find things to entertain the children for 6 weeks. Below, I have added some information about local groups, activities and offers.

Kids Eat Free Deals

Local restaurants and supermarkets are offering free meals for children over the summer holidays. To find out more, click the link below.

[Kids Eat Free Deals UK 2026 | Restaurants Where Kids Eat Free](#)

Dover Library Activities

- Baby Rhyme Time for 0 to 3 year olds on Wednesdays, with sessions at 10:15am and 11:15am. Booking essential.
- Lego Club on alternate Saturdays, 10:30am to midday.
- Saturday Children's Craft Club monthly on the last Saturday, 11am to 12:30pm.
- Storytime fortnightly on Saturdays at 2pm.

Dover Town Council Information

[What's On in Dover – July 2025 - Dover Town Council](#)

Free events in Dover

Dover Dinosaur Day on 5th August

[Dover Dinosaur Day 2026 - White Cliffs Country](#)

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: Reggie and All of Duckling Class
Wren: All of Wren Class and Marcelina
Robin: Kolby and Braedon
Swan: Emmanuella and Finn
Jackdaw: Isla and Pranav
Starling: Lacey and Mason
Owl: Brody and All of Owl Class

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 re-tailers.

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.

Breakfast and After School Club 2026

From September 2026, our Breakfast and After School Club prices will be increasing. This decision has not been taken lightly and reflects the significant financial pressures facing schools, including rising staffing, employment, food and operational costs.

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to continue subsidising wraparound care at the current level if we are to ensure that these important services remain sustainable and available to working families in the future.

We appreciate that any increase in costs can be difficult for families and have worked carefully to keep the new prices as reasonable as possible. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Early Birds Club	<u>Additional Time</u> 7:30am – 8:35am	£5 per child Includes Breakfast
	<u>Full Time</u> 8:00am – 8:35am	£4 per child Includes Breakfast
	<u>Early Drop Off</u> This session will be removed from September 2026	
After School Club	<u>Full Time</u> 3:15pm – 5:00pm	£7 per child Includes Snack and Drinks
	<u>Additional Time</u> 3:15pm – 5:30pm Working parents only and numbers to be reviewed in September	£9 per child Includes Snack and Drinks

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year groups
Wednesday 22nd July	Last Day of Term 6	Whole School
Wednesday 2nd September	First Day of Term 1	Whole School
Thursday 3rd September	First day for Ducklings– 9:30-2:30	Duckling Class
Friday 4th September	Second day for Ducklings– 9:30-2:30	Duckling Class
Monday 7th September	First full day for Ducklings	Duckling Class
Thursday 10th September	Year 6 Kent Test (only those children who have applied to sit the test)	Owl Class
Friday 11th September	School Photographer in– individual and sibling photos	Whole School
Friday 2nd October	Year 1 Connaught Park Trip—10:30-12:00	Wren Class
Monday 5th October	Thriftwood Parents Information Meeting	Owl Class
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow Day	Whole School
Friday 23rd October	Last Day of Term 1	Whole School
Monday 2nd November	First Day of Term 2	Whole School
Monday 2nd November	Flu Vaccines (only children whose parents have given permission)	Whole School

School Games Mark 25/26

WE DID IT!!! I am so pleased to announce that for the second year running we have been awarded the have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

A key strength of our provision has been the increased participation in extra-curricular activities and clubs. More pupils than ever before have chosen to attend sporting clubs, helping to build confidence, teamwork and a positive attitude towards physical activity. These opportunities have been designed to be welcoming and enjoyable, ensuring that children of all abilities can access sport in a way that suits them.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Ms Lanigan and the wider school staff for ensuring that we deliver a strong PE curriculum to our pupils

We look forward to applying once again in 2027! We already have lots of exciting things planned!

Clubs for Term 1

Monday	Fun and Fitness Club—Ms Lani-gan—Years 1 and 2	14th September 21st September 28th September 5th October 12th October
Monday	Outdoor Adventure Club—Mrs Smith—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	14th September 21st September 28th September 5th October 12th October
Wednesday	Wake and Wiggle Club—Ms Lani-gan—Families of Years 1-6—8:10-8:30am	9th September 16th September 23rd September 30th September 7th October
Thursday	Choir—Mr Ives—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	17th September 24th September 1st October 7th October 14th October

PE for Term 1

Please see below for this term's PE schedule:

Monday	Year 3 Year 5
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 1 Year 6 Swimming
Thursday	Year 6
Friday	Reception Year 4

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

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

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Free Children's Activities at Dover Library

Free Music Workshops with members of the London Philharmonic Orchestra

Booking essential

Contact: doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk 03000 41 31 31

Saturday, 25 July:

10.30am - 11.30am for ages 4-6 years

Midday – 1pm for ages 7-9 years

2.30pm – 3.30pm for ages 10-11 years

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Explore what's on at kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



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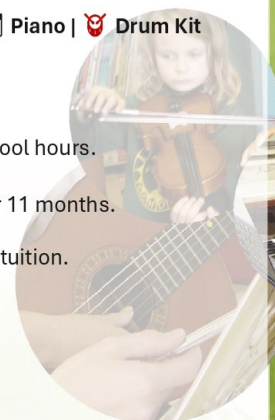
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BOGGARTS

Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROW A GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by local authors and our volunteers.

STORY WALK Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING: Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs		Story	Pond	11th:	Worms	Story	Folklore
23rd:	Bugs			Pond	13th:	Pond		Garden
24th:	Bugs			Pond	14th:	Bugs		Boggarts
28th:	Pond W.C'rm		Story	Folklore	18th:	Bugs	Story	Walk
31st:	Bugs			Boggarts	20th:	Walk		Pond
AUG 11AM					21st:	Bugs		Folklore
4th:	Boggarts		Story	Pond	25th:	Folklore	Story	Garden
6th:	Bugs			Walk	27th:	Bugs		Walk
7th:	Folklore			Garden	28th:	Pond		Boggarts



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

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Week One | New York

TUESDAY
28TH JULY

10.30am - 12pm: Empire State Building with Soft Pastels

12.30 - 2pm: Campbell's Tomato Soup with Ink

WEDNESDAY
29TH JULY

10.30am - 12pm: Yellow Taxi with Gouache

12.30 - 2pm: Statue of Liberty with Clay

Week Two | Rome

TUESDAY
4TH AUGUST

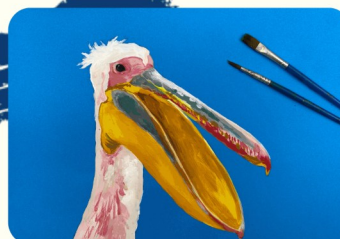
10.30am - 12pm: Wolf with Soft Pastels

12.30 - 2pm: Roman Coin with Clay

WEDNESDAY
5TH AUGUST

10.30am - 12pm: Centurion Helmet with Fineliner and Watercolour

12.30 - 2pm: Colosseum with Dip Pen and Ink



Week Three | Sydney

TUESDAY
11TH AUGUST

10.30am - 12pm: Sydney Opera House with Fineliner and Ink

12.30 - 2pm: Blueface Angelfish with Soft Pastels

WEDNESDAY
12TH AUGUST

10.30am - 12pm: Pelican with Gouache

12.30 - 2pm: Surfer with Watercolour Pencils and Soft Pastels

Week Four | Tokyo

TUESDAY
25TH AUGUST

10.30am - 12pm: Mount Fuji with Watercolour

12.30 - 2pm: Shibuya with Oil Pastels

WEDNESDAY
26TH AUGUST

10.30am - 12pm: Tanuki with Pencil

12.30 - 2pm: Koi Fish with Printing



Book onto our Autumn Term!

Theme: Safari Adventures



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- Hippo with Acrylic
- Painted Dog with Charcoal
- Edward Saidi Tingatinga Painting with Oil Pastels
- Giraffes with Watercolour Pencils
- Meerkat with Clay



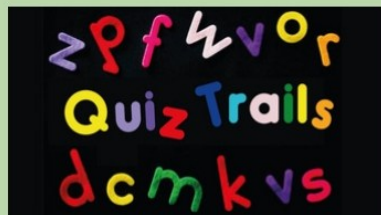
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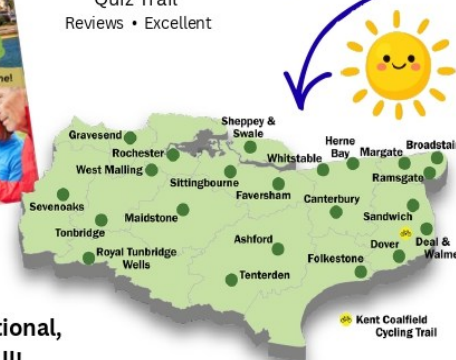
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