



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 2nd September 2026

Issue Number:

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and I am delighted with how well our new classes have settled in. The children have quickly established positive routines and are showing great enthusiasm for their learning.

We have also launched our new whole-school curriculum, with exciting new topics and opportunities for children to develop their knowledge, skills and curiosity. It has been fantastic to see children so engaged and eager to share what they have been learning.

Our new library is now up and running, and the children have an amazing selection of books to choose from. Reading will continue to be a key priority for us this year, and we are looking at ways to raise additional funds so that we can continue to grow and refresh our book collection.

We are delighted to have achieved the School Games Platinum Award again, recognising the breadth of sporting opportunities and participation our children enjoy. We have also achieved the Music Mark Recognition Award for 2026-2027 to reward our commitment to providing high-quality music education! A huge thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

As we approach the end of term, we look forward to our Harvest Festival service in church on Tuesday 20th October at 9.30am. We will be collecting donations for Dover Foodbank; please see the poster for suggested donations. Everyone is very welcome to join us for this special service.

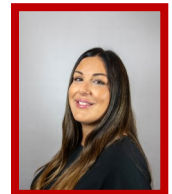
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a very positive start to the year, and there is lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

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



This term, I have shared some resources from the Kent Community Health team on Dojo.

The Kent Community Health Team replace the work done by Health Visitors. Kent Community Health provide a great resource called Kent Child. Here you can find resources to support with your child's development.



[Child - Kent family](#)



Kent Family Hub have teamed up with local dads to create the podcast, Dad Chat.

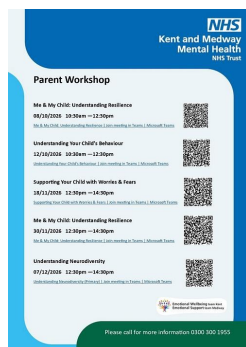
Dad Chat is a series of honest, real-life conversations exploring the ups and downs of parenthood, from becoming a dad and life with a new baby to mental health, relationships, and finding support. Please find the link below.

<https://music.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqG7yXZbknPinq28flm18zNaHb5XqOC3N>

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are providing parent workshops on the following areas:

- Understanding resilience
- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Supporting your child with fears and worries
- Understanding Neurodiversity

For more information, see the enlarged poster the back of the newsletter.



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Attendance:

Duckling	96%	Jackdaw	83.3%
Wren	88.9%	Starling	96.9%
Robin	94.3%	Owl	92.2%
Swan	93.1%	Whole School	91.4%

Certificates:

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



Duckling:	Billie-Jean and Lina
Wren:	Effie, Rayan, Alysha, Myla and George
Robin:	Skye, Amioluwa, Alfie, Gracie and Nancy-Rae
Swan:	Matilda, Roman, Lilly-May, Ivy and Ezra
Jackdaw:	Emilly, Henry, Taylor, Millie and Minnie
Starling:	Nela, Jacob, Johanna and Pranav
Owl:	Lexi, Sharan, Harper, Arabella and Alma

House Points:

Diamonds	Emeralds	Rubies	Sapphires
733	668	684	698

Congratulations to Diamonds

Updated Uniform Information

You spoke, we listened!

Our Updated

SCHOOL UNIFORM

SIMPLE. INCLUSIVE. PRACTICAL.

Thank you to all our parents who completed our survey!

We have made changes to reflect the wishes of the majority parent body.

We have worked hard to keep the number of branded items to a minimum and to be inclusive to all. Our uniform is gender neutral.

OUR EVERYDAY UNIFORM

Choose from:

- White school polo shirt
- Black/grey school trousers/shorts/skirts/skorts
- School logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- Summer red gingham dress/skort dress (playsuit style school dress)
- Plain black school shoes (no Crocs) / plain black trainers/ plain black ankle boots (no Ugg-style, no wellies, no studs, fur, glitter, buckles/similar decoration)
- School bag of choice (optional branded book bag available)

PE KIT

(To be worn to school on PE days – this means you will need less non PE day uniform as at least one day a week children will be wearing PE kits.)

PE HOODIES MUST NOT BE WORN ON NORMAL SCHOOL DAYS.

- Black leggings/joggers/PE shorts (all plain supermarket)
- Plain white T-shirt
- Trainers/plimsolls (plain black)
- Plain maroon hoodie or plain maroon sweatshirt (supermarket) OR branded school PE hoodie
- Swimming costumes for when children swim – one piece costume, no bikinis/tankinis
- No additional items needed for sports clubs although a PE bag is useful

☆ **OPTIONAL ITEMS – YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO HAVE:**

School branded PE bag

School branded book bag

School branded coat

School branded PE fleece

♥ **JEWELLERY, MAKEUP, NAIL VARNISH AND HAIR**

Earrings – small, plain stud style only.

NO hoops/dangly/large for safety reasons.

All earrings MUST be taken out or taped up with micropore tape for safety reasons for PE.

Hair – if long enough to tie up MUST be tied up.

Hair is not to be coloured.

No nail varnish.

No makeup.

Watches – simple/non expensive watches allowed – NO Smartwatches/Fitbits due to safeguarding reasons and cost.

No other jewellery.

♥ Thank you for your continued support in helping us to promote pride, equality and a sense of belonging for all our pupils.

Together, we can make our school a positive, safe and happy place for everyone.

The full uniform policy is available on our website and from the school office.

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.

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
	Early Drop Off 8:20am – 8:35am	£2.50 per child
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
Monday 5th October	Thriftwood Parents Information Meeting	Owl Class
Wednesday 7th October	EYFS Parents Phonics Workshop	Parents of Duckling Class
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow Day	Whole School
Tuesday 20th October	Harvest Festival Church Service at 9:30am	Whole School
Thursday 22nd October	Gospel Singing Workshop	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
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day (children can wear Service uniforms)	Whole School
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying	Whole School
Friday 20th November	Children in Need (more details to follow)	Whole School
Tuesday 15th December	Pantomime (Dick Whittington at the Tower Theatre)	Whole School
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term 2	Whole School

Parents Evening Meetings

Booking for Parents' Meetings are currently live on the MCAS app.

We will be holding morning sessions for each class, as well as an evening session for the whole school on Wednesday 14th October.

Please see the dates below for the morning sessions:

Reception - Wednesday 14th October - 9:00-11:30

Year 1 - Friday 16th October - 9:00-11:30

Year 2 - Thursday 15th October - 9:00-11:30

Year 3 - Monday 19th October - 9:00-11:30

Year 4 - Monday 12th October - 9:00-11:30

Year 5 - Tuesday 20th October - 9:00-11:30

Year 6 - Tuesday 13th October - 9:00-11:30

Where there are two dates available for your child's class, there is no need to book an appointment on both dates. The meetings will cover the same content, so please choose the date that is most convenient for you.

If you would like to book a meeting with our SENCo, Mrs Martin, please contact the school office directly. We will be happy to arrange an appointment for you.

New Reception Parent Tours

We will be holding tours on the following dates for our new Reception starters joining us in September 2027:

Thursday 15th October—5:00-6:00pm

Tuesday 20th October—1:30-2:30pm

Tuesday 3rd November—9:15-10:15am

Wednesday 25th November—9:15-10:15am

Thursday 3rd December—1:30-2:30pm

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

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- ☒ CUPPA SOUPS
- ☒ UHT MILK
- ☒ FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- ☒ INSTANT RICE
- ☒ TINNED SPAGHETTI
- ☒ TINNED TOMATOES
- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ TINNED SOUP
- ☒ TINNED VEGETABLES
- ☒ PASTA SAUCES
- ☒ MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT
- ☒ PASTA N SAUCE
- ☒ NOODLES
- ☒ TOILET ROLLS

PLEASE NOTE

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of Pet Food &
Nappies

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CHARITY NO. 1212901

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes
at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between
1 September 2015
and 31 August 2016,
Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2027

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026. Other LA deadlines may differ.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (Monday 1 March 2027) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 15 March 2027. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1 st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15 th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13 th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Kent and Medway
Mental Health
NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

08/10/2026 10:30am — 12:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

12/10/2026 10:30am — 12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)



Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

18/11/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)



Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience

30/11/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

[Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)



Understanding Neurodiversity

07/12/2026 12:30pm — 14:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity \(Primary\)](#) | [Join meeting in Teams](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)



Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

**St. Peter & Paul
Charlton Church**

St Alphege Rd, Dover CT16 2PU



PET SERVICE

Sunday 4th October 2026

3pm

led by

Reverend Melissa Carter



As we celebrate all our beloved pets and the joy they bring to our lives you are welcome to bring along your fluffy, furry, friend or a photo of them, including those who are no longer with us, so all can be blessed for the wonderful moments they give or have given us.

IT'S A BOY!

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SONGS!

LOL!



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for *adventure!*

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18:30 – 20:00
DURING TERM TIMES

 IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL
10th@doverdistrictscouts.org.uk






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Are you 6-8 years old?

Do you like:

- Having fun
- Learning new skills
- Making friends
- Earning Badges

Then come join Beavers! We meet every Monday in term time at St Paul's Church Hall 5-6pm.

Email davymcr@googlemail.com for more details

TERM TIME CLASSES

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



Art Classes

FOR AGES 5-12

Now Booking for Autumn Term 2026

Safari Adventures

- Cheetah with Watercolour
- Safari Tent with Soft Pastels
- Elephants at Sunset with Watercolour & Ink
- Binoculars Still Life with Pencils
- Zebra Print Land Rover with Printing
- 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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Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

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- Learn how to waste less

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All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and post photos of your lovely food, then at the end we'll send you a free gift and more great budget-friendly recipe sheets.

How long does it take?

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How do I join?

Sign up online:
<https://bagsoftaste.org/students>

Phone / text / WhatsApp
07813 678 660

Email:
dealanddover@bagsoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery

*For qualifying participants only