



# Charlton Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

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**Date:**

Friday 14th February 2025

**Issue Number:**

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

With short days and the temperature drop, Duckling Class have been exploring the 'Wonders of Winter' with enthusiasm! This past week, our Year R pupils enjoyed an exciting outing to Connaught Park, where they spotted all the signs of winter—like bare trees and muddy puddles! Meanwhile, Year 1 have been studying the 'Man on the Moon' and writing some lovely Alien poetry.

Adding to the fun, Year 6 and Year 1 visited Dover Grammar School for Girls for lively PE sessions where there were a range of activities for them all to try - some children came back with a lot of stickers! Year 4 have been swimming this term; we know they enjoyed all of their sessions. Thank you for the on-going support from parents for getting their kit together every week. It is Year 3's turn next term! Year 3, who visited the church this term, meet the Reverend Melissa to discuss baptism. Year 2 have been learning more about money. The head of Maths for Aquila paid a visit and said that he had never heard such excitement from a group of children using blocks and coins.

We hope you all have a fantastic half-term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Moat, Mrs Plummer and Mr Ives

### Baby and Toddler Group

**Baby and Toddler Group will run every Thursday morning during term time between 9am—10am**



- ◆ Drink and snack for the little ones
- ◆ Activities, games and toys
- ◆ A chance to chat and meet new people



**The first session will be held on Thursday 26th September**

**Please keep spreading the word—this is open to the whole community so please do bring friends and relatives with little ones.**

*Mrs Hazelden and Miss Kew*



**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.

### 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.

#### Community Library

The library shed will be located on the Key Stage One playground and will be open 5 days a week to our school community. The shed will be stocked with a selection of books aimed at toddlers and adults. Please feel free to browse and borrow the books on offer!



### Attendance:

|          |       |              |       |
|----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Duckling | 92.4% | Jackdaw      | 98.9% |
| Wren     | 87.1% | Starling     | 88.7% |
| Robin    | 87.2% | Owl          | 89.7% |
| Swan     | 90.3% | Whole School | 90.3% |

### Certificates:



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

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Duckling:</b> | Freya, Filip and Stacey            |
| <b>Wren:</b>     | Grace L, all Wrens and Kolby       |
| <b>Robin:</b>    | Lottie, Oliwia and Sienna-Rose     |
| <b>Swan:</b>     | Tessa, Chloe and Charlie           |
| <b>Jackdaw:</b>  | All Jackdaws, Matilda and Arabella |
| <b>Starling:</b> | Denva, Layla and Remy-Jayne        |
| <b>Owl:</b>      | Isabel, Zoe-Ann and Antony         |

### House Points:

| <u>Diamonds</u> | <u>Emeralds</u> | <u>Rubies</u> | <u>Sapphires</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 537             | 721             | 602           | 690              |

**Congratulations to Emeralds**

## Diary Dates

| Date                                 | Event   | Year groups                      |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Friday 14th February                 | Last Day of Term 3                                    | Whole School                     |
| Monday 24th February                 | First Day of Term 4                                   | Whole School                     |
| Tuesday 25th February                | Reception Hearing Screen                              | Duckling Class                   |
| Thursday 6th March                   | World Book Day—Dress as your favourite book character | Whole School                     |
| Wednesday 12th March                 | KS2 Author visit                                      | Key Stage 2                      |
| Friday 21st March                    | Red Nose Day—Non-uniform day                          | Whole School                     |
| Monday 24th March<br>1:00—4:00 pm    | Years R, 3 and 6 Parents Evening Meetings             | Duckling, Swan and Owl Class     |
| Tuesday 25th March<br>1:00—4:00 pm   | Years 1, 4 and 5 Parents Evening Meetings             | Wren, Jackdaw and Starling Class |
| Wednesday 26th March<br>3:30—6:00 pm | Whole School Parents Evening Meetings                 | Whole School                     |
| Thursday 27th march<br>1:00—4:00 pm  | Year 2 Parents Evening Meetings                       | Robin Class                      |
| Monday 31st March                    | Rocksteady Concert at 9:15 am                         | Parents of Rocksteady children   |
| Tuesday 1st April                    | Whole School Easter Service in Church (2:00-3:15pm)   | Whole School                     |
| Friday 4th April                     | Last Day of Term 4                                    | Whole School                     |
| Sunday 6th April                     | Charlton Church Orchestra<br>5:00—6:00 pm             | Invitation open to all           |

### Swimming in Term 4—Year 3

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Wednesday 9th July 2025

### Winter PE Kits

During the colder months, we will still be holding our PE sessions outside as much as possible if the weather is dry. On PE days, please ensure children come to school wearing tracksuits or leggings and a warm jumper. Children are also able to wear hats, scarves and gloves.

### Parents Evening Meetings

In Term 4, we will be holding Parents Evening Meetings, booking for these time slots can be made via the My Child at School app.

### Clubs for Term 4

|          |   |  |
|----------|---|--|
| Monday   | Boys Football Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 5 and 6<br>Children can come to school on this day in their PE kits | 3rd March<br>10th March  |
| Tuesday  | Curling Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 3 and 4<br>Children can come to school on this day in their PE kits.      | 4th March<br>11th March  |
| Thursday | Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 1 and 2  | 6th March<br>13th March  |
| Thursday | Drawing Club—Mrs Buchanan—Years 3 and 4   | 6th March<br>13th March<br>20th March<br>27th March<br>3rd April |
| Thursday | Board Game Club—Miss Mitten—Years 3 and 4   | 6th March<br>13th March<br>20th March<br>27th March<br>3rd April |

### PE for Term 4

Please see below for this term's PE schedule:

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday    | Year 6                               |
| Tuesday   | Year 2                               |
| Wednesday | Year 5<br>Year 3 Swimming            |
| Thursday  | Reception with Mrs Plummer<br>Year 4 |
| Friday    | Year 1<br>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

## Bat and Trap Competition

On Thursday 13th February, Ms Lanigan took 7 of our Jackdaws to a Bat and Trap Competition.

The children had a fantastic time learning a new sport and played several rounds, and were amazed to find out they were the winners of the entire competition!

Well done to the children who participated, we are very proud of you all.



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SHOWS, EVENTS  
AND  
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EXAMS  
AND  
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**FOR DOVER**



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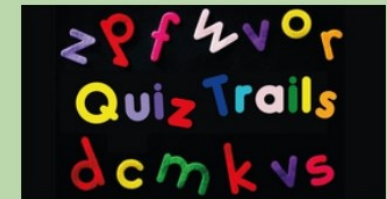
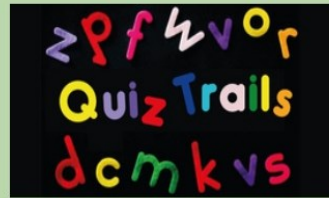
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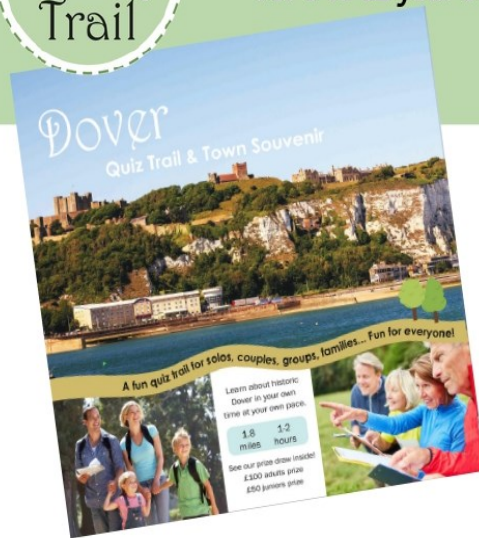


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**At just £5.99 a copy for a group to share,** Quiz Trails are the perfect way to spend time outdoors in the fresh air with loved ones - *great to do with grandparents too!* ALL trails are accessible.

# BUZZERS ACADEMIES

## February half-term 2025

Fencing • Circus Skills • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Boxing  
Sand Art • Taekwondo • Dance • Science • First Aid • Cooking

Where?

**BALHAM** - Telferscot Primary School, Telferscot Road, Balham, SW12 0HW

**BECKENHAM** - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY

**BEXLEYHEATH** - Upland Primary School, Church Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4DG

**BROMLEY** - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR

**CHISLEHURST** - St Nicholas Primary School, School Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5PQ

**CROYDON** - Gresham Primary School, Limpfield Road, South Croydon, CR2 9EA

**LEE** - St Winifred's Primary School, Newstead Road, Lee, SE12 0SJ

**SEVENOAKS** - Chevening Primary School, Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, TN13 2SA

**WEST WICKHAM** - Oak Lodge Primary School, Chamberlain Crescent, West Wickham, BR4 0LJ

Who?

Boys and Girls aged 4 (Reception class) to 12

When?

**Monday 17th to Friday 21st February**

8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Camp day)

Price?

£37 per day (Camp day)

£7 morning extended hours & £7 afternoon extended hours

We accept **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS**

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### WHEN?

February half-term

Easter holiday

May half-term

Summer holiday

October half-term

Christmas



Our Buzzers Camps are aimed at children aged 4 to 12 years and are tailored to suit all sporting interests and abilities. All our Camps are based around **Sports** and **Multi-Activity Team Games**.

Each day of our Camps are tailored to ensure, inclusion and maximum participation in a **fun** and **safe** environment. Our team will ensure that all children make **new friends**, **are physically active** and **have their say** on the Camp day-to-day activities.

Throughout the Camp week, there will also be various **'Special Events'** such as Archery, Science, Pottery Painting, Fencing, Taekwondo, Cooking, Sand Art, Circus Skills, First Aid and Inflatables.

All Buzzers Camp staff hold enhanced DBS certificates and are trained in First Aid, Safeguarding Children and Child Protection. All senior (Lead) Buzzers staff come from a school based PE teaching background, therefore each Camp day will have a 'learning outcome' focused around:

- **ABC's** (Agility, Balance & Co-ordination)
- **Communication Skills**
- **Leadership**
- **Team Building**

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# FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS February Half-Term

## BEACH BIRD BONANZA - GREATSTONE DUNES

**MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

Spot wildlife through our scope, and step into the role of an oystercatcher as you scour the beach for food and hidden treasures.



## BIRD BINGO - FORT BURGUYNE

**FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Join us for a guided walk as we search for a variety of birds to fill up our bingo cards. Can you get a full house?

## BEACH SCAVENGER HUNT - SAMPHIRE HOE

**SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 1:00 - 2:30 PM**

Discover the wonders of the shore! Hunt for mermaid's purses, cuttlefish bones, and other exciting coastal finds.



All bookings via the website:

[whitecliffscountryside.org.uk/events/whats-on](http://whitecliffscountryside.org.uk/events/whats-on)



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