



Charlton Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy and exciting start to Term 3! Each class has enjoyed an exciting cricket session delivered by Tom from Kent Cricket, where they learned a range of new skills. It's clear we have some future cricket stars at Charlton! Continuing the sporting theme, we have a range of after-school clubs running this term, including cheerleading, gymnastics, multisports, and speedstacking. Year 1 and 2 created an impressive speed-stack tower with Ms Lanigan and demonstrated excellent teambuilding skills. Mrs Plummer was very impressed with Year 3 and 4's jumping and landing skills using the springboard in gymnastics club.

There's been lots of exciting learning going on across the school. In Duckling Class, the children have explored a range of space-themed texts and had a great time creating their own planets using various resources. Year 1 have also been focusing on space and loved designing their own rockets using junk modelling materials. Year 3 have delved into the Bronze Age, exploring a range of fascinating artefacts. In Geography, Year 4 have been studying the rainforest, with some thought-provoking discussions around climate change. Year 5's Jigsaw session sparked interesting conversations about different types of jobs and their dream careers for the future. Finally, Year 6 has been immersed in learning about World War 2, reading Goodnight Mr Tom, and producing some impressive writing linked to the book.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for such a positive start to Term 3! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Pettersen, Mrs Moat, Mr Ives, and Mrs Plummer

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



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	90.4%	Jackdaw	92.5%
Wren	89.9%	Starling	89%
Robin	85.6%	Owl	95.4%
Swan	95%	Whole School	91.2%

Certificates:



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

Duckling:	Maisie, Fern and Jude
Wren:	Harrison, Maisie and Devapriya
Robin:	Joseph, Amelia and William
Swan:	Korede, Imogen and Deilan
Jackdaw:	Rozi, Reggie, Eline and Evalyn
Starling:	Amaris, Evangeline and Cass
Owl:	Lucy, Mariam and Amelia S

House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
274	344	281	364

Congratulations to Sapphires

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year groups
Monday 6th January	First Day of Term 3	Whole School
Tuesday 28th January Tuesday 4th February Tuesday 11th February	Tiger Troop to visit Year 5	Starling Class
Tuesday 28th January Tuesday 4th February Tuesday 11th February	Vista Twisters Cheerleading Club 3:15—4:15 Children can come to school in their PE kits	Jackdaw, Starling and Owl Class Booking through MCAS app
Wednesday 29th January	Year 6 to DGGs for Athletics and Multiskills Children can come to school in their PE kits	Owl Class
Thursday 30th January	Year 1 to DGGs for Athletics and Multiskills	Wren Class
Friday 7th February	Number Day	Whole School
Tuesday 11th February	Thriftwood Meeting—parents and students	Owl Class
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

Swimming in Term 3—Year 4

Wednesday 29th January 2025

Wednesday 5th February 2025

Wednesday 12th February 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.

Wraparound Childcare Survey

In Spring 2023 the previous Government announced its ambition that all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term-time childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm. The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents and carers to determine interest in their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school-aged children. The information will help us assess if there are any gaps in provision and how best to meet the needs of all families. We would be very grateful if you could please complete by 30 January 2025. <https://survey.kent.gov.uk/AfterSchoolClub>



We have been very fortunate the last couple of weeks to be visited by Tom from Kent Cricket, the children have absolutely loved learning about a new sport.

Kent Cricket also run a free local cricket club on Fridays from 5—6pm at Buckland Community Centre, Roosevelt Road, Dover, CT16 2RA for ages 8-15

- Tape Ball Cricket
- Free coaching
- No equipment needed
- Wear what you want
- All genders welcome

To find out more, contact Tom Waters:

Email—thomas.waters@kentcricket.co.uk

Mobile—07531 541861



Bubble Church at
Charlton Church
Sunday 26th January
4pm
Come join the pup-
pets for a fun family
service
Suitable for children
8 years old and un-
der.

Cheerleading Workshop

On Thursday 23rd Janu-
ary, Ms Lanigan took five
children from Years 2
and 3 to a cheerleading
workshop at The Base.

The children practiced
handstands, forward
rolls and balance activi-
ties. The children had a

fantastic time and as usual made us all very proud with their
enthusiasm and teamwork.



Clubs for Term 3

Monday	Story Club—Mrs Ross—Years 1 and 2	27th January 3rd February 10th February
Monday	Multisports Club—Ms Lanigan—Year 5 Children can come to school on this day in their PE kits.	27th January 3rd February 10th February
Tuesday	Speed Stacking—Ms Lanigan—Years 1 and 2	28th January 4th February 11th February
Thursday	Gymnastics Club—Mrs Plummer—Years 3 and 4 Children can come to school on this day in their PE kits.	30th January 6th February 13th February
Thursday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 3 and 4	30th January 6th February 13th February
Thursday	Board Game Club—Miss Mitten—Years 5 and 6	30th January 6th February 13th February

PE for Term 3

Please see below for this term's PE schedule:

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

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