

Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



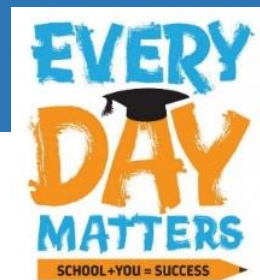
Friday 14th February 2025

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Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Owls
						
92%	93%	93%	99%	94%	98%	96%
Whole School – 95.2%		Year to date – 92%			Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now finished our third term and we are halfway through the school year. As I always ask, where has all the time gone? Time flies when you are having fun they say and I think this is so true. It has been a great term once again and the children are making excellent progress and working hard. They are also living out the school vision with the support of all stakeholders. I have been carrying out lots of monitoring of late and one sentence in our school vision that I feel I see lived out daily is the statement 'Inspired by Jesus, we walk beside each individual in our family by understanding and responding to their unique needs'.

I had the great privilege of taking the Year 6 children to the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. We had an early start but it was well worth it. We had a tour around Parliament, taking in the great history that oozes from the building and we were told a few stories about a range of people connected with the place including Henry VIII and Michael Jackson!! We then watched a live debate and saw the MPs in action. Before we departed we received the opportunity to meet and chat to our local MP Katie Lam, whose team arranged the tour for us. It was an amazing day and the children gained so much from it. They also enjoyed the sightseeing on our way to and from Parliament. This is the second year in a row that Year 6 have been on the trip and I aim for Year 6 to make the trip every year, as I truly feel it is an educational visit from which the children receive a wide range of good learning experiences. Also, I would like to thank the PTFA for their kind donation towards the trip, to ensure it could go ahead.

It was a week of educational visits as Ducklings and Rabbits went to Little Street in Maidstone on the train and had a wonderful time. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to ensure the trip progressed smoothly. Year 5 were also meant to take part in their residential visit this week but it has been postponed until the second week of next term to ensure all children who wish to attend can attend. This is another example of part of our vision being lived out in real life: 'Our inclusive school'.

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'Learning with parents' will come into force next term, as an online Reading Record for parents and staff. There will be a meeting about this at **2.45 on Wednesday 26th February**; it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. Also, this week, we have announced that our next Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 19th March. The office will soon send details to you regarding how to book a time slot for this important event.

Next week is half term, and considering the hard work everyone has put in this term, it is much needed. I wish everyone a wonderful week off and look forward to warmer and longer days next term. The new term starts on Monday 24th February 2025 and I look forward to seeing you all then.

Kind regards,

Thomas Bird
Head teacher



Please can I remind those who drive to school to drop off or pick their children up to please park respectfully of other drivers and our neighbours. Please do not park across or on other people's drives including local businesses. We need to ensure we are respecting our neighbours as they are all part of our school community. Parking on or across drives or parking spaces is not showing respect.

Please also do not move the yellow bollards that are up in front of the school and park in that space. These are in place deliberately to ensure there is access to the school.

Although School Road and Downs Way have limited parking, there is plenty of parking throughout the village. The slightly longer walk will do children good, if you are unable to park legally near the school.

Thank You

PARENTS EVENING

19th MARCH 2025 – WEDNESDAY

The Parents Evening tab went live on yesterday on 13th February on the MCAS app. Parents are advised to please book a time slot for their child/children.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated generously for the Air Ambulance Charity. We managed to raise **£ 166.71**.

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This week in Worship

Our Focus for this week's Worship continues to centre around Jesus' early ministry; we have been looking at different occasions when he has used his healing powers.

We read from Mark's Gospel, Chapter 1 verses 40 – 45, learning about when Jesus healed the leper. We tried to imagine how it would feel if we were so poorly that we couldn't come back to school or live in our house anymore. This is often what happens when people develop a terrible condition called leprosy. Many people suffered with it in Bible times, but there are still people today with it. Jesus met many people who had leprosy. They were all incredibly sad as they had to live on the outskirts of the town as people thought they could catch it if they went near or touched them. They could not be with their families, friends or go to work. Jesus showed that nobody was shut out and went amongst them touching them and talking to them so they felt much better.

A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. Jesus felt sorry for the man, So he put his hand on him...' 'Instantly he was healed.' I wonder why Jesus put his hand on the man to heal him. I wonder what this tells us about Jesus. We then moved on to Luke Chapter 5: verses 17-26. Jesus heals the paralysed man. Massive crowds continually gathered to hear Jesus and to be healed and just to get close to hear his message. One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there.

They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven get up and walk." What difference did Jesus make to this man's life? He went away thanking and praising God. I wonder what he might have said to Jesus after he had been healed. The paralysed man's friends went the extra mile for him. They brought him to Jesus because they knew he could be healed. Without the help of his friends, the paralysed man would have stayed paralysed and couldn't have lived a full life. I wonder what kind of friend we are.

I wonder what we would do for our friends if they needed our help. Wherever he went Jesus demonstrated God's power by healing every kind of disease and illness. Jesus cared for people, showed compassion, didn't like to see people suffering.



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A Child's prayer of Thanks

Dear Father God

*I am thankful
For all you give,
For food,
For love,
A place to live,
I thank you for my family too
And I want you to know
That I love you.*

Amen.



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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Tabitha

Vinny B

Millie S

Margaret

Gracie

Eliza L

Ted

Oli

Lyla

Jessie

Faith

Millie G

Buddy

Trillion

Jessica

Samuel L

Isabelle B

Lucas

Theo



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Meet Our Mental Health First Aiders



Mrs. Hebbes
(Mon- Fri)



Mrs. Alexander
(Thru- Fri)

Hello we are Mrs Hebbes and Mrs Alexander, your mental health first aiders. Mrs Hebbes is here Monday to Friday and works within Ducklings preschool. Mrs Alexander works Thursday and Friday as a teaching assistant in Badgers.

We are here to support the children, staff and families of Charing School. If you would ever like to speak to us, feel we can offer support to yourself or someone in your family, please come and find us on the playground or let the office know and we can arrange a time.

SEND SURGERY DROP-IN

*Do you have a question about your child's needs
or a concern about a Special Education Need?*

Pop in to talk to Mrs Hammond at the

SEN surgery drop-in.

No appointment needed.



Upcoming Dates

Friday	17th January	1:30-3:00
Tuesday	28th January	9:00-10:30
Wednesday	12th February	1:30-3:00
Friday	28th February	1:30-3:00
Wednesday	12th March	9:00-10:30
Easter Coffee Afternoon	Wednesday 2nd April	2:00-3:00

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [10 WAYS YOU CAN SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE](#) Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Hammond.



ATTENDANCE



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone. Can we please request that all attendance related emails are sent to the following:

Ms. Nimrah Rehman
attendance@charing.kent.sch.uk

DROP OFF

Can we please remind parents that school gates shut at **8:55am**. If you arrive late, please drop off your child/ children at the school office.

For safeguarding reasons we do not allow parents/carers to drop off their children to their classes.

MAIN ENTRY

**ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT
TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**



We would politely ask all parents/carers to park sensibly when dropping and while picking children off at school.

Please be considerate that the school setting is within a neighbourhood area so please be mindful of village residents and [DO NOT park on business and private properties.](#)

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10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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#WakeUpWednesday

REMINDER

MEDICATION SAFETY

We understand that at times children are unwell and need to stay at home to recover, however please remember that we can administer *prescribed medication (IF REQUIRED)*, so if your child is feeling better but needs medicine, this can be brought to the office and managed as necessary. The office would be able to assist in



HEALTHY LUNCHES



We promote healthy eating at Charing CE Primary School and would appreciate parents adhering to the healthy eating guidelines as below:

Sweets: Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars.

Drinks: children under 5 receive free milk with their snacks and water is available for everyone whenever they want to drink. Please do not send in fizzy drinks with your child's packed lunch.

Nut Free: Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. We have children in school who have potential life-threatening nut- allergies which can be triggered by direct or indirect contact with nuts in the environment. To keep our children safe, we request that parents please find a nut-free alternative. This also includes NUTELLA or any CHOCOLATE spread.
Thank you for your co-operation.



SCHOOL DINNERS –

Dinner Money cost £2.43

Please be reminded school meals are to be paid for in advance. Our caterers will not allow a debt to build and as of next term, any unpaid accounts will result in your child not receiving a meal and you will need to provide a packed lunch.

WRAPAROUND CARE: Both Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings are placed under this tab and payments need to be made when you book your session for your child. *This is done to avoid any payments not made.*

PARENT CONSENT: Please select the options given to update your child's consent.

If payments have been made otherwise and in advance before booking the sessions, please call or email the office to book your child's space. ***Please be reminded to clear out any outstanding balances under individual accounts of your children.***

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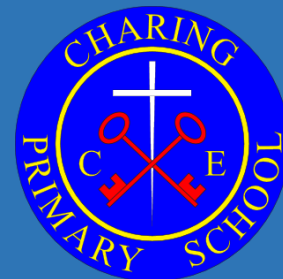
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
TERM 4	
26 th Feb	Meeting about NEW reading system for ALL PARENTS in the hall 2:45pm
27 th Feb	New reading system including new online reading record goes LIVE
*5 th – 7 th March	Y5 at Kingswood Residential – UPDATED DATE 
5 th Mar	<p>Dance Workshop *</p> <p>The PTFA are kindly funding part of this payment. <u>Please see MCAS (the school app) for the small contribution needed to attend the workshop.</u> This is listed under Products.</p>
6 th Mar	World Book Day- see below
19 th Mar	<p>Parents Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm</p>

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NSPCC Number Day

We are incredibly excited to announce that our children participated in **Number Day** on 7th February with great enthusiasm. Our EYFS and KS1 children engaged in lots of fun maths related activities to mark this day while KS2 participated in NSPCC Rocks on Timestables Rockstars . All the children enjoyed the activities and it helped rekindle the love of maths amongst them once again. We are especially proud of Badgers class who came **4183rd** place out of **21,235** participating classes around the country in the Timestable competition!

We would like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support at home. Your children will be coming home with certificates this week so keep an eye out in their bags! It has always been our goal to make maths learning fun and see children being successful. We are very proud of all our children! A special thank you to all the teachers at Charing who make such days a great success. Here are some photos for you to enjoy!



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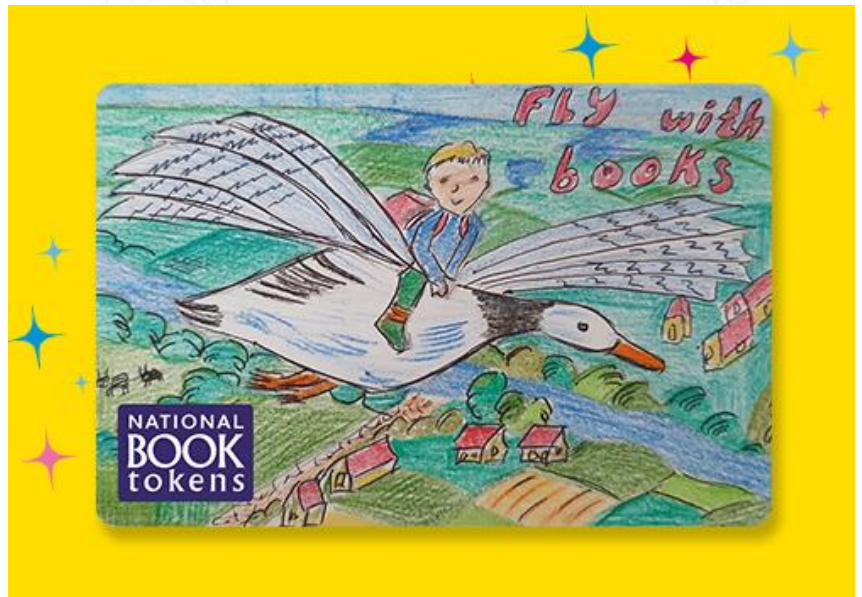
West End in Schools



Last year the dance workshops were a great success!


On Wednesday 5th March all children will participate in a dance workshop based on a familiar book. Details of this and payment have been sent out already. Please check MCAS for payment details.

We will ALSO be entering an art-based competition to design a national book token.





DON'T FORGET THAT
MARCH 6TH IS



WORLD BOOK DAY

The theme this year is.....Read your way!

This year it is up to the children how they dress. Come in your PJs, your favourite jumper, a fancy dress costume, bring a teddy or just change your hair for the day.....anything goes! Just please make sure all clothing is suitable for playtimes and PE! Whatever makes them feel comfortable and help with the fun of reading.



COOL!



SAVE
THE
DATE!

Plus...

As always, the children will all receive a book token which they can exchange for one of the nationally published books or put it towards a book of their choice.

During the day, all classes will be sharing books and completing reading activities and challenges and spending time listening to our favourite stories. Please encourage your child to bring in a favourite book or story on the day we will be sharing stories with other classes. This can be a picture book, novel, magazine or a football annual, anything your child would love to share.

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THE CRAFTSHIP

FEBRUARY CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEB

5.30-7pm Valentine's Couples Portrait Painting £35

SATURDAY 15TH FEB

10.30-11.15am Family Craft Club £5

MONDAY 17TH FEB

12-1.30pm Watercolour Bookmarks workshop £12

TUESDAY 18TH FEB

3-4pm Fairy Garden Workshop £15.95

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB

1-3pm Art Club! £20

THURSDAY 20TH FEB

10.30-11.30 Half Term Craft Club £5

FRIDAY 21ST FEB

10.30-11.30am LEGO® Animal printing £8.50

SATURDAY 22ND FEB

11am-12pm Rockets, Rovers & Robots
Space themed block printing £8.50

1-3pm Make your own ceramic mug £35

Find more
workshops &
clubs on our
website!

KIPPY'S POTTERY TAKEOVER

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH (15min timeslots)

Hand & Footprints for Mother's Day £5 + pottery cost

The Craftship · unit 1 Park Mall, Ashford

For more information or to book please visit
www.madeinashford/collections/workshops

My Clothing

Supporting parents with their uniform requirements for many years!

As a valued My Clothing customer, we would like to thank you for using our services.

The following 10% discount code is available for parents to use throughout early 2025

UNIFORM10%

(Valid until 31/03/2025)

Please be sure to pass this on so they do not miss out on this fantastic discount.

School Uniform Connect is back!! 😊😊😊

With FREE BRAND NEW uniform essentials in primary & secondary school sizes.

Mark your calendars 📅

☀️ Our FREE Spring/Summer '25 event is taking place on

Friday 14th February.

Repton Connect Community Centre TN23 3RX

Join Diana in the Willow hall from 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Save the date & tell your friends. Our FREE BRAND NEW school uniform essentials giveaway is open to all Ashford Kent residents. No booking required, all we ask is for a few details on arrival.

Come early to avoid disappointment, as we are unable to hold or reserve items.



Half Term Art Club!

At the Craftship - Ashford



Paint your own Geraldine the Giraffe!

Explore use of colour and techniques whilst having lots of creative fun!

Book today!

Wednesday 19th February 2025
1pm - 3pm with Artist Charlotte Coe

For Children 5+ yrs - £20 per child
(Must be accompanied by an adult)

To book go to: www.madeinashford.com



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Family Zone

Valentine's Day Craft Activity

Friday 14 February 3.00pm – 4.30pm

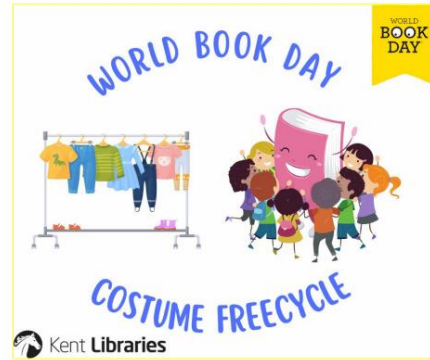
Bockhanger Library

Join us for a Valentine's Day craft as part of 'Family Zone'

Activity runs from 3pm – 4pm

For more information, please speak to a member of staff.

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Costume Freecycle Event

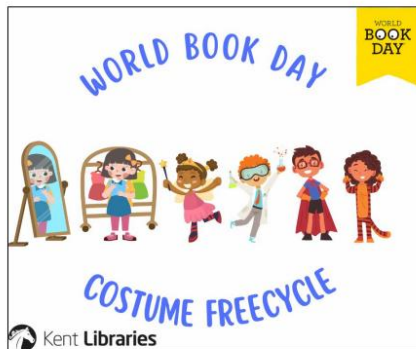
World Book Day-
 Costume Donations Needed

Ashford Library are collecting children's book character costumes for our freecycle event at the library on Thursday 20 February.

Clean, good condition costumes from pre-school to primary aged children can be dropped off at Ashford Library between Thursday 6 February and Wednesday 19 February.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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World Book Day Costume Freecycle

Ashford Library

Thursday 20 February 2pm-5pm

Find a pre-loved World Book Day character costume in preparation for dressing up day on the 6 March at our freecycle event.

Re-use, reduce and re-cycle nearly new costumes from our eco-friendly library.

We hope to see you there- save money and swap!

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SPORT FRENZY ASHFORD

Indoor & outdoor space available

All abilities welcome 5-13YO

FOOTBALL CAMP

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February 2025
 10AM - 3PM

The North School, Ashford, TN24 8AL

Skills & ball techniques
 FA qualified coaches
 First aid trained & DBS
 Fun games and matches

£20 per day

Contact Liam to book:
 • 07845811004
 • lfrieny1988@outlook.com

Little Land
adventures for little hearts

Little Love Valentine's Tea

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

COME AND ENJOY A PLAY SESSION AND AFTERNOON TEA WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE. INCLUDES VALENTINE CARD CRAFT MAKING AT YOUR TABLE.

SESSION TIME: 11AM - 1PM

BOOK NOW AT
WWW.LITTLE-LAND.CO.UK



BROCKHILL COUNTRY PARK

Kent Country Parks

Love Mud

Tuesday 18th February
Enjoy a muddy day out in nature

£8 per child

FOLLOW THE TICKET LINK TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

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BROCKHILL COUNTRY PARK

Kent Country Parks

Inspire a love of nature in your little ones this valentines day

Brockhill Little Explorers

TODDLER GROUP

LOVE BUGS

Tuesday 11th February

Join our weekly toddler group for a valentines special

- Meet the Brockhill bugs
- Get stuck into lots of Forest School Freeplay
- Create a muddy valentines card
- Enjoy a sweet treat around the campfire

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