

# Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



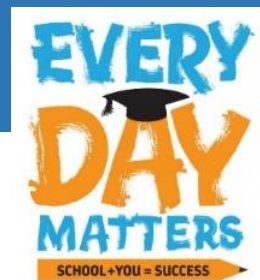
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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# Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Owls
						
89%	93%	88%	93%	84%	92%	86%
<b>Whole School – 89%</b>		<b>Year to date – 93%</b>			<b>Target – 96%</b>	

Dear Parents and Carers,

The season of Spring is well and truly upon us. We hope you have enjoyed the beautiful sunshine, singing birds and yellow daffodils just as much as we have this week. The children have fully embraced this wonderful weather.

OPAL Play has been thriving this week as we have introduced the bikes and scooters into what is already a fun-filled, creative playtime. Thank you for the bikes and scooters that you have kindly donated. We can't thank you enough for the support and generosity you have shown.

On Tuesday, we celebrated Go Green day. The children were educated on the purpose of recycling and how to not just recycle but to reduce and reuse to be more environmentally friendly. The whole school took part in this day by reducing energy consumption in the classroom and reducing paper usage. The children took part environmentally friendly learning tasks such as litter picking, making muddy seed balls, going on a hidden environmental challenge and conducting energy audits. We hope the children have understood the message underpinning Go Green Day. Please encourage your children to continue their 'greener' journey at home too.

Keeping with the subject of Go Green, you will have noticed the school site is looking tidier and clean. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Hurren, a parent of one of our pupils here at Charing, for his generosity in donating and planting flowers along the flowerbed just outside of the reception. We are very grateful for his generosity, and it looks beautiful.

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In other news, we have had visitors from Aquila monitoring the school this week. This visit included a focus on Maths and History. I feel that Maths, Reading and Writing are a real strength at Charing, but we value our wider curriculum subjects too! This week has shown just that. It's been great to see evidence of quality teaching and learning in both Maths and History.

You will notice that we are getting busier with events and trips that are happening in school. We have Year 3, 4 and 6 out next week visiting the Roman museum and class events are starting next week too. Please read the 'dates for your diary' page to ensure you are aware of upcoming events and trips. In addition to this, please check MCAS for details and make sure that payments for trips are made in advance to secure your child's place. Please do speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

We have been graced with such lovely warm sunshine this week, but I am not sure if next week will be the same. Please do ensure that you check the weather and send your child to school with the appropriate (named) clothing.

I hope you have a restful weekend,

Miss Humphries



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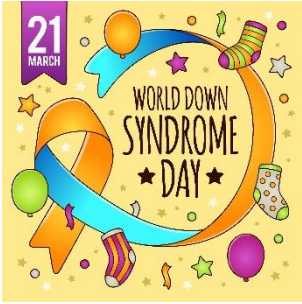
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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## TODAY IS WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY- 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 *(Please wear odd socks on Monday 24/03/25)*



We will be celebrating this as a school on Monday (due today being Comic Relief). To celebrate this we are asking for children to come into school wearing odd socks with their normal school uniform. This light-hearted but meaningful gesture serves as a reminder that differences should not divide us but rather be embraced and celebrated. Every pair of mismatched socks represents a commitment to inclusion, understanding, and respect.



## ROMAN MUSEUM – 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Please make sure to make payment of **£4.56** by [Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March](#).

## SWIMMING LESSONS FOR TERM 5



## WOODPECKERS & BADGERS

### Y3 and Y5

Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> April till 30<sup>th</sup> May– every Tuesday

This will go LIVE today at 4pm on MCAS app under TRIPS, for parents to give consent and make payment for lessons.

To make payment easier to everyone, we have kept payment through instalments open to be paid weekly.

However, the first deposit of needs to be made before [4th of April](#) please.

Thanking you



## KENT LIFE TRIP- OTTERS AND SQUIRRELS – 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

This has been set up for you to make payment on MCAS app under TRIPS. This will go LIVE today at 3:30pm

Please make sure to fill in the consent form attached and make payment of **£13.67**.

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## This week in Worship

Our Worship focus this week has been the Peace of Jesus. John 14v25-27. We considered 'Eucharist'/'Holy Communion' services which are a very special time when Christians gather together to 'do this in remembrance of me', following Jesus' instruction before he died. This service helps Christians to feel connected with the worldwide church. Christians often start this service by saying: 'The peace of the Lord be always with you, and also with you, let us offer one another a sign of peace'. We wondered why this service starts with these words. In the gospels, on many occasions, Jesus encouraged his followers to be peaceful people, e.g., 'be at peace with each other' (Mark 9v50), 'Blessed are the peacemakers' (Matthew 5v9). We discussed how we can promote peace in our school community; Jesus' commandment was to love one another; we care for each member of our school family by checking that they feel included.

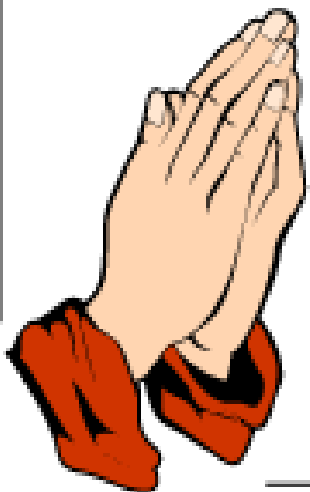
When Jesus rose again, he greeted his disciples with the words 'Peace be with you' (Luke 24v36). In a church there may be a pause while people shake hands, hug, etc. How would you communicate peace? Would you use an action or a symbol? The Eucharist service is intended to help Christians feel closer to God and to each-other. We always share the Peace at the end of our Worship in school. 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.' We discussed these words from John's Gospel, which Jesus said to his followers. We explored our thoughts on what Peace is. We agreed Peace is a calmness, when people and animals in the world are being kind to one another- all feel loved and content. We felt we could share Peace in school and at home in simple ways; smiling, helping, being positive not being grumpy and irritable. The dove is the sign of peace...perhaps because it's a gentle, loving creature which harms nobody and looks after its young with love and care.



*Dear Father God,*

*Thank you for the people who care for us.  
Thank you for those who love us and help us.  
Please guide us so that we can return this  
love, through being kind and bringing peace  
to our family and friends. Please help us to  
bring peace into the lives of those we meet  
today at school and at home.*

*Amen.*



# COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION WORSHIP

**Casey**

**Lehumo**

**Fletcher**

**Isabelle B**

**Victoria**

**Tilly**

**Henry**

**Dashie**

**Neveah**

**Bonnie L**

**Isabelle S**

**Alex**

**Italia**

**Oscar**

**Roman**

**Sherrilee**

**Mia**

**Savanna**



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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

Wednesday

12th March

9:00-10:30

Wednesday 2nd April

2:00-3:00

Speech and Language Coffee Afternoon – we will be joined by Eve, our link speech and language therapist to talk about early language development.

This is open to all parents.

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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is WHAT PARENTS AND EDUCATORS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STREAMERS. 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](mailto: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 do not park across or on other people's drives including local businesses.



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.

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

### NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

### FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

### UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

### MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

### ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

### DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

### CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

### SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>



# 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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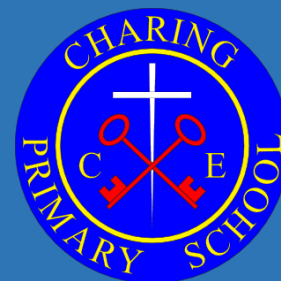
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# Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
<b>TERM 4</b>	
24th Mar	Owls Class event: 2:30pm – 3:00pm
25th Mar	Rabbits Class event -2:30pm - 3:00pm
26th Mar	Badgers class event -2:30pm – 3:00pm
27th Mar	Otters Class event -2:30pm - 3:00pm
31st Mar	Ducklings Class event -2:30pm – 3:00pm
1st Apr	Foxes Class event: 2:30pm – 3:00pm
2nd Apr	Easter Service: 9:15am Squirrels Class event: 2:30pm – 3:00pm
3rd Apr	Woodpeckers 2:30pm- 3:00pm
<b>TERM 5</b>	
25th April	Hearing test YR and Y6 as required: 9am – 1pm
8th May	Sports Day Rabbits: 9:15am Ducklings: 1:30pm
20th May	Sports Day Badgers and Owls: 9:15am
22nd May	Sports Day Woodpeckers and Foxes: 9:15am Squirrels and Otters: 1:30pm



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# Lulabells baby and toddler group

## Easter Party

Limited tickets

**Join Us For Fun Activities**

- Arts & Crafts
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Games, Music
- And Much More!

**Plus a visit from the Easter Bunny**

£2 per child (Easter egg and box included)  
 £1 per adult  
 Older children welcome

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Charing Methodist Church, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA

Thursday 17th April  
 9.30 - 11.30

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# Mothers Day Event

@ Harpers Café

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MAR 15 | CARD MAKING & CRAFTS  
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# GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS



## EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2025

GARDENS OPEN TUESDAY - SUNDAY\*

\*Plus Easter Monday (21st April)

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

5 APRIL - 21 APRIL - EASTER GARDEN TRAIL

5 APRIL - SPRING FAIR

8 & 9 APRIL - NATURE WORKSHOPS WITH KENTISH STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

15 & 16 APRIL - EASTER CRAFT SESSIONS

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit [www.godintonhouse.co.uk](http://www.godintonhouse.co.uk)

The Godinton House Preservation Trust - Charity No. 1002278

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ASHFORD, KENT TN23 3BP



AIMREC PRESENTS:

# ASHFORD FESTIVAL OF RAILWAY MODELLING

## 12TH / 13TH APRIL 2025

40 AMAZING MODEL RAILWAYS INCLUDING THE UK'S LARGEST PORTABLE LEGO RAILWAY



ASHFORD COLLEGE TN23 1NN & ELWICK CLUB TN23 1RD  
SATURDAY 10-5. SUNDAY 9.30\*-4

\* 9.30-10.30 QUIET HOUR FOR CARERS AND VISITORS NEEDING ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY SUPPORT

**TICKETS ADULTS £12.50 U16 £2.50**

ADVANCE PURCHASE FROM MADE IN ASHFORD AND ON LINE AT [WWW.AIMREC.CO.UK](http://WWW.AIMREC.CO.UK) WITH A FULL LIST OF LAYOUTS AND TRADERS

SPECIAL WEEKEND EVENTS AT

ASHFORD MUSEUM - LOCAL HISTORY DISPLAYS

THE CRAFTSHIP, PARK MALL - CHILDREN'S CRAFT ACTIVITIES

COACHWORKS, DOVER PLACE - BEER FESTIVAL & MUSIC

PLUS THE NEW SUPERSONIC ASHFORD EXPRESS PLAY PARK !

### Ashford Family Hubs

Monday 7th April 2025

#### Baby Play

10.00am - 11.30am

The Willow Family Hub, Halstow Way, Ashford, TN23 4EY

For Pre-walkers only, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences. Providing different ideas to support adult and child interaction.

#### Child Health Clinic

12.30pm - 2.30pm  
(last admittance 2.15pm)

Waterside Family Hub, Turner Close, Willesborough, Ashford, TN24 0PQ

Come along with your baby/child to speak to one of the Health Visiting Team, for information, advice and support. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the end of the session to be seen.

Tuesday 8th April 2025

#### Spring Craft with Adult Education

10.00am - 12.00pm  
For 3 - 11 year olds

The Willow Family Hub, Halstow Way, Ashford, TN23 4EY

Make 2D and 3D objects from paper, using card and paper to help with your child's creativity, while making new friends and learning new skills. To book please call: 03000 418600

Booking Required

#### Victoria Park Story Walk

1.00pm - 2.00pm  
for 0 - 11 year olds

Victoria Park, Jemmett Road, Ashford, TN23 4QA

Meet at Victoria Park near the Harpers Cafe at 12.30pm for a fun filled stroll round Victoria Park with your children. We will be doing Rumble in the Jungle along with activities in the park. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the day.

#### Compass Wellbeing Gardening Group

10.00am - 2.00pm

Ashford North Family Hub, Mabledon Avenue, Ashford, TN24 8BJ

Open to those who currently attend one of the Compass groups for 11-19 year olds.



Wednesday 9th April 2025

#### Baby Play

10.00am - 11.30am

Tenterden Family Hub, Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden TN30 6RA

For Pre-walkers only, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences. Providing different ideas to support adult and child interaction.

Friday 11th April 2025

#### Child Health Clinic

9.30am - 12.30pm  
(last admittance 12.15pm)

The Willow Family Hub, Halstow Way, Ashford, TN23 4EY

Come along with your baby/child to speak to one of the Health Visiting Team, for information, advice and support. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the end of the session to be seen.

### Ashford Family Hubs

Monday 14th April 2025

#### Baby Play

10.00am - 11.30am

The Willow Family Hub, Halstow Way, Ashford, TN23 4EY

For Pre-walkers only, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences. Providing different ideas to support adult and child interaction.

#### Child Health Clinic

12.30pm - 2.30pm  
(last admittance 2.15pm)

Waterside Family Hub, Turner Close, Willesborough, Ashford, TN24 0PQ

Come along with your baby/child to speak to one of the Health Visiting Team, for information, advice and support. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the end of the session to be seen.

Tuesday 15th April 2025

#### Story and Craft with Adult Education

10.00am - 12.00pm  
For 3- 11 year olds

The Willow Family Hub, Halstow Way, Ashford, TN23 4EY

Listen to and engage in a story. Make a puppet/craft based on a story. Have fun with your child and help them to learn new skills. To book please call 03000 418700

Booking Required



#### Compass Wellbeing Gardening Group

10.00am - 2.00pm

Ashford North Family Hub, Mabledon Avenue, Ashford, TN24 8BJ

Open to those who currently attend one of the Compass groups for 11-19 year olds.



Wednesday 16th April 2025

#### Baby Play

10.00am - 11.30am

Tenterden Family Hub, Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden TN30 6RA

For Pre-walkers only, supporting your baby to make independent choices and respond to new experiences. Providing different ideas to support adult and child interaction.

#### Talking Walk In

1.00pm - 2.30pm

Waterside Family Hub, Turner Close, Willesborough, Ashford, TN24 0PQ

For pre-school children with their parent. You can speak to a speech and language therapist with your child if you have concerns with their speech. They will provide you with advice and ideas, signpost you to other services or refer to their service.



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