

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second term of the academic year – I hope that you have had a restful break and students are ready and prepared for a busy term ahead. This newsletter will outline some key events that will happen over the coming term as we approach the Christmas break. We have also had our final aerial photographs of the school which can be seen below. Our school playing fields are making great progress towards readiness for use next year.



CG3 - Bus Update

Due to a road closure on the CG3 bus route, we have been informed that there may be slight delays to the service, particularly in the morning. We understand that this will continue to approximately Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Pedestrian Entrance and Exit

To ensure the safety of all students and staff, the main vehicle entrance to the school must not be used by pedestrians. Could I please ask parents/carers to pick-up in designated areas, either on school site or on the new road which runs around the perimeter of the school. Thank you for your support with this.

Mid-Year Assessments

In January, all students will sit their mid-year assessments. These are a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum so far. These assessments will take place from **Wednesday 7th to Tuesday 13th January 2026**. We will publish revision materials online in due course to support families and students with their preparation for these assessments.

Homework

Thank you to all families for your support in maintaining exceptionally high levels of homework completion. We believe that supporting students' learning at home is essential in maximizing progress across the curriculum, reinforces positive habits and builds independence. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child completes their homework on time and to the best of their ability. You can help by:

- Where possible, providing quiet, distraction free time.
- Encouraging a homework routine.
- Discussing the content of homework and what is being learned at home and in school.
- Logging onto the Sparx app to ensure that all homework tasks are complete; please note that all homework tasks are set on Friday and due in the following Friday. Tasks can be seen on the Sparx Parent Portal.

It is essential that students complete homework independently to ensure that the tasks set have an appropriate level of challenge; if we are able to offer any support, please contact info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

Extra-Curricular Reminder

We are looking forward to starting our extra-curricular programme this term and you will have been notified by email of your child's allocated club. Clubs will start on Tuesday 4th November and will end for the Term on **Tuesday 9th December** as we will be running a carol service on Thursday 11th December. If your child is allocated a club, it is essential that they attend as planned to ensure that students are accounted for on the school site.

All sports training sessions will run from **15:20pm to 16:15pm**. If students are participating in any sports, dance or fitness club they will be expected to wear their CGS PE kit to school the morning of their extra-curricular programme. Students will be dismissed from the sports entrance to the car park area. All other clubs will finish at **16:00pm** and students will be released through the student exit gates.

Due to our annual trip to the Marlowe Theatre, there will also be no clubs running on Tuesday 2nd December.

If you have any queries, please contact info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk.

Christmas Carol Service - Year 7

On Thursday 11th December, we will be hosting a Christmas Carol Concert from 14.10pm to 15.10pm in the main school hall. This will be an opportunity for families to join us and enjoy various festive songs that students have prepared. Letters will be shared via email over the coming weeks with further information.

Year 8 Blue - Charity Fundraiser

Help Us Support Pilgrims Hospice Ashford This Christmas!

Our amazing Year 8 Blue Group has chosen to support Pilgrims Hospice this year, and we are calling on our wonderful school community to help make a difference!

Pilgrims Hospice is running their annual Christmas Tombola, a vital fundraiser that helps support the incredible work they do, especially during this festive season. We would love to lend a hand by collecting donations for their prize draw. We are looking for:

- Toys
- Chocolates or Biscuit tins
- Even a single chocolate bar can brighten someone's day or complete a festive gift basket!

Please bring all donations to school by Wednesday 12th November so we can pass them on in time for the event.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme

We are looking for Year 9 students that would like to join the founding cohort of Chilmington Green School's Duke of Edinburgh programme. DofE is your chance to take on new challenges, build confidence, learn new skills, and make unforgettable memories through volunteering, physical activity, and adventurous expeditions. We have 7 spaces remaining for this year's intake. If you have any queries about the programme or would like your child to participate, please contact sara.sanchez@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk.

Education with Character - Trips

Can we please remind parents/carers to make trip payments within the allocated payment time frame via iPay. Failure to meet the payment timelines will result in the potential cancelation of spaces as iPay will remove payments from the system.

Ski Trip 2027 - Last 2 Spaces Left

Please email trips@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk for further information.



Parent/Carer Meetings

If you wish to speak with a teacher or member of staff regarding any matter, we kindly ask that you make an appointment in advance. This can be done by contacting info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk. This ensures that we have sufficient time to answer any queries you may have and provide the necessary information and support.

Flu Vaccination

This is a reminder to parents to submit a consent or decline for the flu vaccination via the Immunisation Service's website https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/

If you have not already completed, please could all families complete by 3rd November 2025.

Our school's unique code is: KT149840

Key Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 29 th October 2025	Start of Term 2
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Christmas Card Competition - Deadline
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Extra-Curricular Clubs Start
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Marlowe Theatre Trip (No Extra Curricular Clubs)
Monday 10 th November 2025 & Tuesday 11 th November 2025	Money Matters Charity – Delivering student workshops to Year 7 and Year 9 (PSHE Programme)
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children £1) Christmas Carol Service No extra-curricular activities on this date. Clubs resume on Tuesday 6 th January.
Friday 19 th December 2025	End of Term 2 – Students finish at 12.15.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland Principal