

Dear Parent/Carers

Message from Principal

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support and partnership. Building a new school is an exciting journey, and we are incredibly grateful for the trust you place in us every day. Together, we are creating a school community built on high expectations, strong relationships, and a shared commitment to ensuring every child flourishes.

This year has been one of significant growth and achievement. Our students have embraced opportunities, demonstrated resilience, and contributed positively to the life of the school. Their successes are a reflection of the strong collaboration between home and school, and I would like to thank every family for the role you have played in helping our young people thrive.

Looking ahead, September marks another important milestone in our school's development. We are delighted to be welcoming a significant number of new students and staff as our school continues to grow. Our expanded team brings a wealth of experience and expertise and we are excited about the opportunities this will create for our students.

Alongside our growing staff team, we will continue to develop our curriculum, enrichment programme, and pastoral support. Students can look forward to a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, ensuring that they are challenged academically while also developing their confidence, character, and leadership skills.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** and Years 8 to 10 on **Friday 4th September 2026**. There will be no PE lessons on the first day back for students so please could all students return in full school uniform. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for the next chapter of our school's journey.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal

Date	Event
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Year 7 only return (full school uniform)
Friday 4 th September 2026	All years return (full school uniform)
Tuesday 8 th September 2026	Barcelona Parent Talk (All parents/carers for students attending the Barcelona residential. Football Trails – All Year 7 students welcome
Monday 14 th September 2026	Homework setting begins for all year groups
Friday 25 th September 2026	Individual School Photos – Year 7
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	End of Term 1 (All students)
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Start of Term 2 (All students)

September Changes - Homework

Homework has always been a core part of our curriculum offer and thank you for your support in achieving completion rates which are consistently well above 90% across the school. September will see minor changes to our homework curriculum, as outlined below. To allow students to settle back into the school year, homework tasks will not be set until the third week of term; this is week beginning 14th September 2026.

	Compulsory Homework <i>30 minutes per week per subject</i>				Non-Compulsory Homework <i>30 minutes per week per subject</i>		
Years 7-9	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science		History (Seneca)	Geography (Seneca)	MFL (Language Nut)
Year 10	English (Seneca)	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science	Options Subjects <i>Duration and frequency of homework will be dependent on subject and will change throughout the year</i>			

Barcelona October 2026

Meeting will be 4-5pm Tuesday 8th September 2026 in the hall. Families must bring passports, GHIC and any medication required for the trip clearly labelled with child's name



Interhouse Sports Day

Sports day overall

- 1st - Red - 1250 points**
- 2nd - Blue - 1050 points**
- 3rd - Green - 1000 points**
- 4th - Yellow - 950 points**
- 5th - Purple - 400 points**
- 6th - Orange - 300 points**

Sports Day Success!

Our pupils enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, taking part in a wide range of sporting activities throughout the day. They demonstrated excellent resilience, determination and teamwork, giving their best in every event while supporting and encouraging one another.

A huge congratulations to Red House, who were crowned our overall Sports Day champions with an impressive 1,250 points. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success.

We are already looking forward to returning to our traditional Sports Day format next year for another exciting day of competition and school spirit

Urgent Water Safety Message for Students – Conningbrook and Singleton Lakes

Kent Police have asked us to share the important below message about water safety with families:

'We are aware that warmer temperatures can encourage young people to seek places to cool off, including open water locations such as Conningbrook Lakes and Singleton Lakes. However, swimming in these lakes is extremely dangerous and presents a significant risk to life.

Open water can be very different from swimming pools and managed leisure facilities. Dangers include:

- Sudden changes in water depth
- Extremely cold water temperatures, even during hot weather
- Cold water shock, which can affect breathing and mobility
- Underwater hazards, debris and entanglement risks
- Poor visibility beneath the surface
- Strong currents and soft or unstable banks
- Difficulty exiting the water in an emergency

Tragically, every year people lose their lives after entering open water, often believing the conditions to be safe when they are not.

We would also like to remind students that both Conningbrook Lakes and Singleton Lakes are covered by Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), which prohibit swimming. Enforcement action may be taken against individuals found entering the water in breach of these restrictions. In addition, Kent Police will be actively patrolling these locations during periods of hot weather and increased demand. Where necessary, officers will consider the use of Anti-Social Behaviour powers, including Dispersal Orders, to help prevent young people entering the water, keep them safe from harm, and ensure these public spaces can be enjoyed responsibly by all members of the community.'

Calling all new year 7s: Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, why not discover a great book? Read a book of your choice over the holidays, then write a short review about it. Bring your review to your English teacher in September and you'll receive a **Reading Challenge Certificate** and some School Values reward points to celebrate your achievement.

Your review could include:

- The title and author of the book.
- A brief summary of the story (without giving away the ending!).
- Your favourite character or part of the book and why.
- What you liked (or didn't like) about the book.
- A star rating out of 5 and whether you would recommend it to others.

We can't wait to hear about the books you have enjoyed. Happy reading – and have a wonderful summer!

Sports Fixtures in September

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TRIALS

Do you have what it takes?

Come and represent Chilmington Green School!

Leagues as follows:

Boys will be competing September to December 2026

Girls will be competing January to April 2027

 Date: 8th September 2026

 Time: 15:10pm – 16:10pm

 Venue: School Football Pitches

Sign Up Now

 Email:

harry.moore@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

Bring:

- Football boots
- Shin pads
- Water bottle
- Positive attitude!

ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS WELCOME

 Show your skills • Make new friends • Join the team 

YEAR 7 NETBALL TRIALS 2026

Calling all new Year 7 girls joining Chilmington Green School in September 2026!

Are you interested in playing netball and representing the school team?

Come along to our Netball Trials!

 Tuesday 8th September 2026

 3:15pm - 4:15pm

 Main Hall

 Please wear your PE kit.

 Spaces must be booked in advance.

To reserve your child's place, please email:

lydia.ticehurst@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and seeing your netball skills on court!

Chilmington Green School PE Department

☀️ YEAR 7 PANTOMIME TRIP LAUNCH! ☀️

Second star to the right... and straight on to Canterbury! ✨ 🏰 🎭

Year 7, are you ready for an unforgettable adventure?

On Wednesday 2nd December 2026, every member of our Year 7 cohort will have the exciting opportunity to visit The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury to watch the spectacular Christmas pantomime:

🎭 ***The All New Adventures of Peter Pan*** 🎭

As part of our Education with Character Programme, we believe that every student should experience the magic of live theatre. This annual Year 7 enrichment trip is a fantastic opportunity to step beyond the classroom and enjoy a professional production in one of the South East's most celebrated theatres.

Expect:

- ✨ Dazzling costumes
- ✨ Incredible special effects
- ✨ Laugh-out-loud comedy
- ✨ Booing the villains and cheering the heroes
- ✨ A memorable day with friends
- ✨ The magic of a live pantomime experience

Whether you're a lifelong theatre fan or this is your very first professional production, *Peter Pan* promises action, adventure, music, mischief and plenty of festive fun!

Trip Details

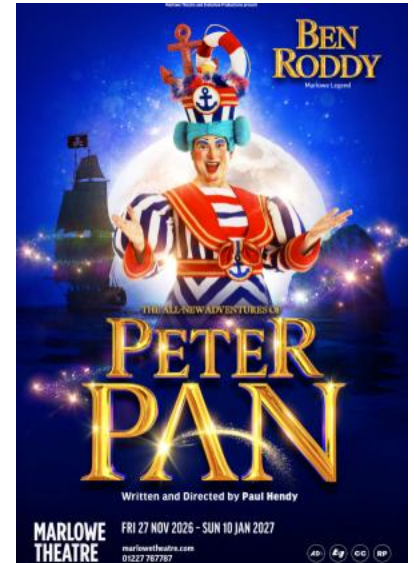
- 📅 **Date:** Wednesday 2nd December 2026
- 📍 **Venue:** The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury
- 🚌 **Depart School:** 11:30am
- 🍴 **Packed lunch at the theatre**
- 🎭 **Performance:** 1:00pm matinee
- 🕒 **Return to School:** Approximately 5:00pm
- 👔 **School uniform required**

Cost 💷 £24 per student

Payment should be made via **I-Pay** by **Friday 25th September 2026**.

Pay It Forward ❤️

We are proud to continue our **Pay It Forward** initiative. Families who are able to do so can choose to purchase an additional ticket contribution, helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to enjoy this special experience.



Disneyland Paris Residential Trip 2027

A Magical Adventure Awaits!

Following the incredible success of this year's trip, we are delighted to launch our Disneyland Paris Residential Trip 2027 as part of our annual Enrichment Week programme. From 7th-10th July 2027, up to 56 students will have the opportunity to experience four unforgettable days in the magic of Disneyland Paris, alongside a visit to the heart of Paris itself.

What's Included?

- ✨ Travel by executive coach via the Eurotunnel
- 🏰 Three nights in a themed Disney hotel (Grand Magic)
- 🎢 Two full days in Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park
- 🛍 Time to explore Disney Village
- 🌟 Disney's famous evening fireworks spectacular
- 🗼 Visit to the Eiffel Tower for photographs
- 🚢 River Seine cruise through central Paris
- 🍽 Breakfast daily and group evening meals included



More Than Just a Trip

This residential experience has been designed to support our school's commitment to Education with Character, helping students to:

- ✅ Build independence and confidence
- ✅ Strengthen friendships and create lasting memories
- ✅ Experience a different culture
- ✅ Bring classroom learning to life
- ✅ Develop resilience and responsibility

Cost & Booking Information

The total cost of the trip is £780, which includes travel, insurance, accommodation, park tickets, trip hoodie and planned meals.

Payment Schedule:

- **£100 deposit** to secure a place
- **Followed by seven monthly instalments from October 2026 to May 2027 via I-Pay**

Important Dates

📅 **Expression of Interest Deadline:** Friday 18th September 2026

✉ **Trip Allocation Notification:** Tuesday 22nd September 2026

💳 **Deposit Due:** Friday 25th September 2026

As places are limited to 56 students, a ballot may be held if the trip is oversubscribed.

For further information, please contact Miss Harris at: trips@chilmingtonggreenschool.org.uk

We cannot wait to offer our students another unforgettable Disney adventure filled with magic, friendship and memories that will last a lifetime!

