



NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our new-look school newsletter. As you read through, you will see a showcase of what our school offers to our wonderful Chesterfield children, whether it is through our high-quality curriculum, or through the experiences and events we hold to help develop their confidence, personal development and wellbeing.

Our school logo has also been refreshed and we are delighted to share it with you for the first time at the top of this newsletter. Please rest assured that there are no plans to change the school uniform at present and children should continue to wear their jumpers and t-shirts with the existing logo. As stocks run out, they will gradually be replaced with the new logo, but there is nothing you need to do at present.

We will also be launching our new school website in the new year - please look out for an email when we return after the Christmas break.

We are bidding a fond farewell to Vincenzo one of our amazing cleaning team who is retiring after a remarkable 20 years service to Chesterfield. For those two decades, Vincenzo has been one of the unsung heroes of our school, working tirelessly to ensure that our classrooms, corridors and communal areas are clean, safe and welcoming for our children. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the very best for his retirement, with many years of happiness, relaxation and well-deserved rest.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for your continued support for our school. Our partnership really helps us to provide the very best education for our pupils.

On behalf of all of the staff at Chesterfield, I would like to wish you a happy and restful holiday with family and friends - and a very merry Christmas to those of you who will be celebrating. I look forward to seeing you all again when school starts for the spring term on **Monday 6th January 2025 at 8:45am.**

Warm regards

Sarah Roberts
Headteacher



NEWS FROM EARLY YEARS

NURSERY

In early years Christmas has arrived! The children in nursery helped to decorate the class Christmas tree and, across EYFS, parents were welcomed into the classroom to make special Christmas crafts with their children.

The children have also been super busy rehearsing for their Christmas concert. Look out for photos later in this newsletter.

We also had a visit from a dental nurse who spoke to the children about dental hygiene and how to take care of their teeth.



RECEPTION

It was lovely to see so many parents and families joining their children in Reception Donaldson and Rosen classes for an afternoon of Christmas arts and crafts. Everyone really enjoyed making paper chains, Christmas tree decorations and Christmas cards.

Design Technology in Year 2

In Year 2, we created vehicles using wheels and axles as mechanisms. We researched which components we needed to use to create a moving vehicle and used our findings to select materials which were most suitable. We then evaluated our designs and talked about how we could improve them.



Art and Design in SRP Packham Class

In their art lessons with Ruth, Packham class have been learning to draw and paint curved lines. Using Kandinsky's work as a reference, they worked together to make a concentric circle tree.

Design Technology in Year 4 - Healthy option biscuits.

Looking at alternative ingredients, year 4 have developed a healthier option biscuit, from oats and honey. They did a lot research, including tasting a range of different biscuits which they enjoyed immensely!



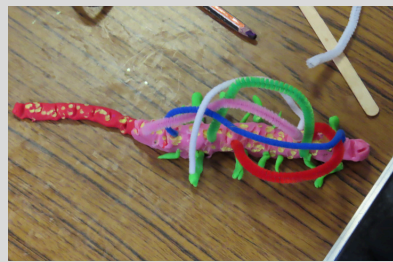
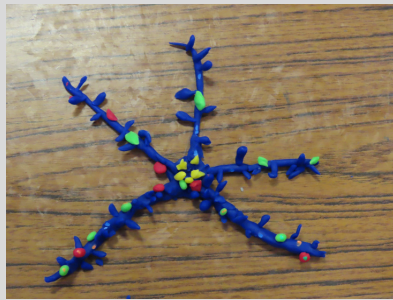
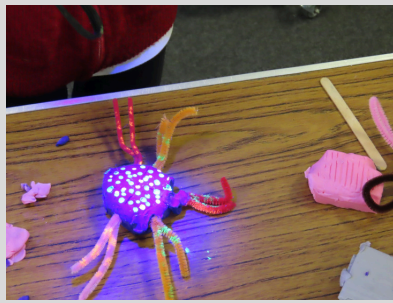
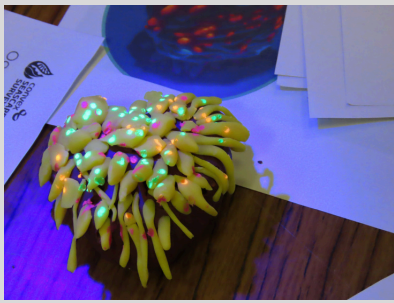
Art and Design in Year 3 - Cave Art Drawings

The children have experimented with colour to create tint and tone for their cave backwash. Then they wrote their own Stone Age story onto their colour wash wall using charcoal.

Design Technology in Year 6 - Cushions

Children used a variety of stitches and applique to design, make and evaluate their cushions in DT.





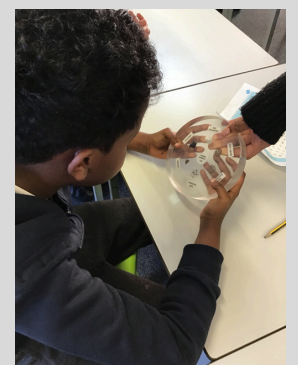
Science in Year 4

Year 4 have been lucky enough to take part in two Science workshops this half-term. The first focused on the ocean floor and how humans are impacting it and the animals that live there. The children learned all about how these creatures are being harmed and how vital they are to the health of our oceans. Children then made their own sea creatures! We thank the Encounter Edu team for their inspiring session.

Following that, they also took part in a States of Matter workshop, directly linked to their Science curriculum. This focused on what happens when substances change between solid, liquid and gas. Again, the children had an amazing time and were full of questions. Our thanks to the Explorer Dome team for making it possible.

Borrow the Moon

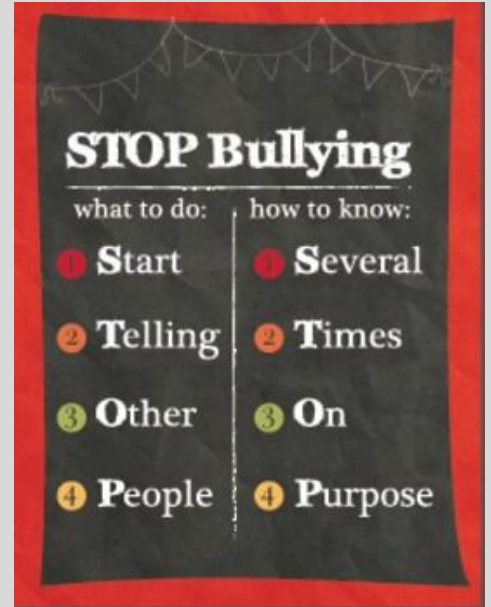
In November, we were incredibly lucky to be able to welcome pieces of the Moon and other space rocks to the school. Every class from Reception to Year 6, were able to experience and touch the rocks and they were all so engaged with the experience. It was amazing to see their fascination and enthusiasm. Some of the children were so engaged by it that they have gone away and continued their learning at home, including making their own projects - it's fantastic to see!



Friendship Week

Our Friendship Week took place w/b 11th November, where the pupils came into school wearing their most colourful, loud and utterly amazing odd socks along with their school uniform! This was to show that we are all unique but can have different qualities to support the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year's theme 'Choose Respect.'

Children discussed our anti-bullying STOP messages and explored the meaning of kindness and friendship.



End of Term Celebration Assemblies

Our end of term assembly was a real cause for celebration as we found out which children had been awarded an Academic Award. These are given to children for outstanding effort in their learning and there is an award for each curriculum subject. Teachers also nominated their Pupil of the Term. It was lovely to see the children displaying kindness towards their friends and celebrating their achievements.

There was also an extra surprise at the end of assembly when the teachers got up on stage and performed Christmas songs accompanied by our Senior Choir. Thank you to Magda for making it all happen, and to James, Danny, Vicky L, Courtney, Carole, Martina, Ricky, Shirley, Jill, Claire and Olivia for being so brave and for performing so beautifully!



Christmas Performances

Choir Performances

Our Junior and Senior Choirs performed beautifully to families in their end of term Christmas concert. They gave a superb and confident performance, well done!



EYFS Christmas Concert

Our Nursery and Reception children shared Christmas songs with their families and friends in their end of term concert. It was amazing to see their confidence and enjoyment! They had practiced hard and were very excited to perform!



Year 1 Nativity

Children in Year 1 put on an amazing show in their nativity play. It was lovely to see so many families there. The children did a fantastic job and they looked great in their costumes!



Christmas Lunch, Jumpers and Parties

Children wore their Christmas jumpers to school and enjoyed their Christmas lunch. It was lovely to see all of the fantastic Christmas jumpers, hats and headdresses! There were Christmas Crackers, jokes, music and even a special visit from Santa! Thank you to all the lovely ladies from The Pantry for a delicious festive lunch and the special Christmas biscuits!

The Chesterfield and Pantry Staff Teams also got into the Christmas spirit!



Christmas Parties

Each class celebrated the end of term with a festive themed party. The pupils enjoyed party games, eating party food, dancing and enjoying each other's company!

Children in Need

Children wore their own clothes, and Pudsey-themed accessories, to school to raise money for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £248.53. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions.



No Privilege Just Words Books

NEXUS Enfield have provided a book pack called No Privilege Just Words to all primaries in Enfield. This is a set of 10 wonderful books by black and ethnic minority authors in a unique bespoke tote bag. Our Head Students attended the launch event hosted by the Mayor of Enfield and received the books on behalf of the school.

Active Play Times

Our younger children have been busy learning new games and practicing new skills in the playground. Staff have been supporting the children to develop their skills and find new and exciting ways of using the equipment. Structured play is great for children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development and their Communication and Language skills



Attendance



90 children achieved 100% attendance this term!

61 children achieved 99% attendance this term!

254 children achieved our school target of 96% attendance this term!

Our Whole-School Attendance Target is 96%



Attendance Matters

We are committed to working with children and parents/carers to achieve our overall attendance target of 96%. As set out in our attendance policy, we will work with families to identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties. Early intervention will be a priority moving forward. Every school day counts. Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We understand that emergency situations may arise and if you wish to request a Leave of Absence due to an exceptional circumstance you should make a request to the Headteacher using the 'Request for leave during term time' form. The local authority may choose to issue a fine for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to Year 6 Morpurgo Class for having the highest attendance this term at 96.6%. Keep it up!



Term Dates

2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 2 September 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 September 2024
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024
Inset Day	Monday 4 November 2024
Start of second half term	Tuesday 5 November
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Monday 6 January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025
Start of second half term	Monday 24 February 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 22 April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
Inset Day	Monday 2 June 2025
Start of second half term	Tuesday 3 June 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July 2025

2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET DAY	Monday 1st September 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
First Day of Term	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 3rd November 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 19th December 2025 Finish at 1.30pm
Spring Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 5th January 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 20th February 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March 2026 Finish at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 13th April 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 1st June 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17th July 2026

Keep Your Child Safe Online



T E C H

TALK

Talk to your child about their internet use and safety

Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet

Praise your child for safe online behaviours

Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves

EDUCATE

Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity

Teach your child about specific issues and concerns

Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online

CO-VIEW

Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week

Interact with your child online

Model appropriate online behaviour

Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all



HOUSE RULES

Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")

Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices

Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas

Use filters and parental controls

Spend regular screen-free time with your child



AGE 11+

for a basic phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

AGE 14+

for a smart phone with parental controls

*Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use