NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year!

It has been an absolute joy to see our school filled with bright smiles, energy and a fantastic buzz of learning. Our pupils have settled back into their routines brilliantly and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families joining our school community this term. We are delighted to have you with us!

We have hit the ground running with many events and activities across the school:

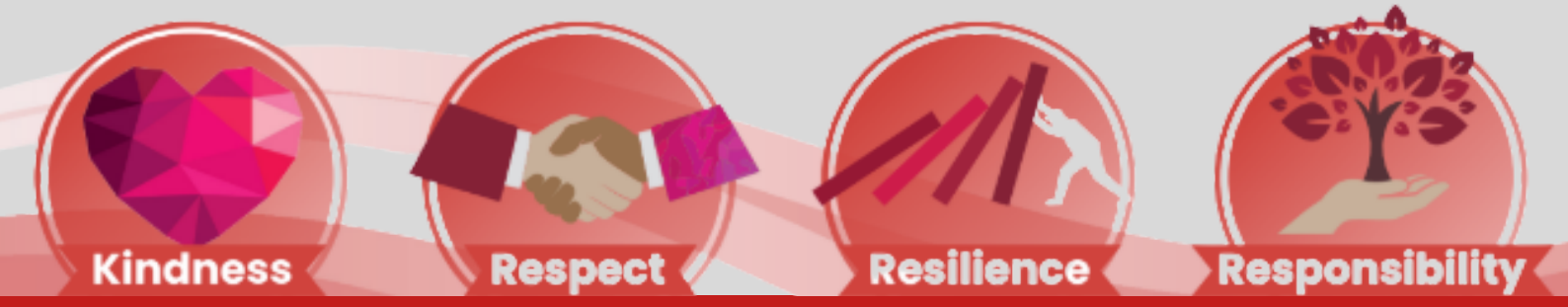
- Children enjoyed a live science show that brought learning to life with spectacular experiments and our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes amazed us with their expressive, confident poetry performances, showcasing their literacy skills.
- We are proud to introduce our newly appointed pupil leaders, who are already taking on their responsibilities with great pride and enthusiasm.
- A huge welcome to Coach Jack, who has joined our PE team to lead energetic sport sessions before, during and after school. We also had a Spurs fun day for some of our classses to develop children's skills, teamwork and physical activity.
- To support our families and give every child a healthy start to the day, we have launched our free daily breakfast club. In addition, our new range of after-school clubs is up and running, offering creative, musical and sporting activities.
- Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month across all year groups. Our pupils are exploring the rich histories, contributions and achievements of Black individuals through engaging art, music, literature and history projects.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership in making our school community such a vibrant and nurturing place for our pupils to learn and grow.

Sarah Roberts
Headteacher



Monday 2 November at 8:45am



Pupil Leadership

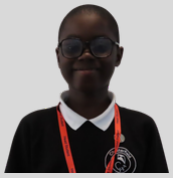
At Chesterfield, our personal development curriculum helps every child build confidence, active citizenship and positive values. Giving our children a voice in our school helps them develop leadership and social responsibility.

We are proud to introduce our pupil leaders for this school year:

- Head Students and Deputies: Role models who represent pupil voice and support our school values.
- School Parliament: Children who learn democracy by representing their peers and making positive changes in school.
- Oracy Champions: Children who build spoken communication skills, help others find their voice and lead respectful discussions across the school.
- Eco Warriors: Children who lead environmental action, sustainability and care for our planet.
- Games Makers: Children who run active playtime games to support physical health, positive relationships and emotional wellbeing.
- Librarians: Children who encourage reading for pleasure and independent learning across the school.
- Attendance Ambassadors: Children who promote positive attendance habits, belonging and full participation in school life.

These leadership roles help our pupils build character, teamwork and respect for others. We look forward to seeing the practical impact of their work across the year ahead!

Head Students











Games Makers



Attendance Ambassadors



Librarians



Oracy Ambassadors



Eco Warriors



A Great Start in Reception!

Our Reception children have settled brilliantly into school life and are doing a fantastic job adapting to their new daily routines. They have already been hard at work - building their early reading and counting confidence through daily phonics and maths sessions. Learning has also been hands-on outdoors, where the children have been exploring autumn and planting bulbs to look forward to in spring. They have thoroughly enjoyed bringing literacy to life by re-telling the story '*Owl Babies*'.











Kindness and Nurture in Rainbow Class

In Rainbow Class, our nurture group provides a warm and supportive setting where children build self-confidence, emotional wellbeing and key social skills. Inspired by Carol McCloud's book Have '*You Filled a Bucket Today?*', we are discovering that everyone carries an invisible bucket holding their happy feelings. When we show kindness, share, listen and help one another, we fill each other's buckets—and our own. Our pupils are practicing using kind words and positive actions every day so our classroom stays full of joy, respect and smiles.



Harvest 2026

We were delighted to welcome Father Stephen from SS Peter and Paul Church to launch our Harvest celebrations with a special whole-school assembly explaining the true meaning of Harvest. A huge thank you to all our families for donating so generously to this year's appeal. Our Pupil Parliament representatives proudly sorted all the donations into boxes they had decorated before handing them to the Enfield Foodbank, where your support will make a real difference to local families in need.







Enfield Foodbank
Together with Trussell







PE and Sports at Chesterfield

Chesterfield Boys Shine on the Football Pitch!

Well done to our Chesterfield boys, who have been proudly representing our school in the borough football league at Lea Valley after school on Mondays. Competing against other schools, the boys have shown fantastic teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship, celebrating wins and learning from losses. Keep up the great work!



Cross Country Champions

A huge well done to our Chesterfield girls and boys cross-country teams! With around 100 children competing in each race, our runners showed incredible resilience and determination to tackle the challenging 2km course. A special mention goes to Giovanni, who finished an amazing 3rd place. Having finished 35th in the same race last year, Giovanni was determined to beat his personal best — and what an achievement! A fantastic example of resilience in action.





Tottenham Hotspur Football Fun Day

Our pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed an exciting Football Fun Day led by professional coaches from Tottenham Hotspur. The children took part in skill sessions, team games and mini-tournaments designed to build their football confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship. A big thank you to the Tottenham Hotspur coaches for inspiring our young athletes and giving them such a fun, memorable day of sport!

Royal Institution Science Show: Explosive Food!





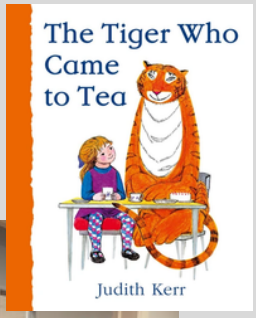


Our pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 were treated to an unforgettable live science show called '*Explosive Food*', delivered by expert presenters from the Royal Institution. Packed with exciting chemistry and physics demonstrations, the interactive show helped children discover the incredible amount of energy contained in the food we eat every day. The hall was filled with awe and wonder as our young scientists watched dramatic experiments bring science to life, inspiring a real curiosity for how the physical world works!

The Tiger Who Came to Tea in Year 1!







Year 1 had a wonderful surprise when they were visited by the Tiger from *'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'* to launch their new writing unit. The children were thrilled to meet their special guest, which sparked incredible excitement and imagination in the classroom. This memorable visit inspired our young writers right from the start, and they are now feeling very motivated to describe the tiger and create their own brilliant stories.

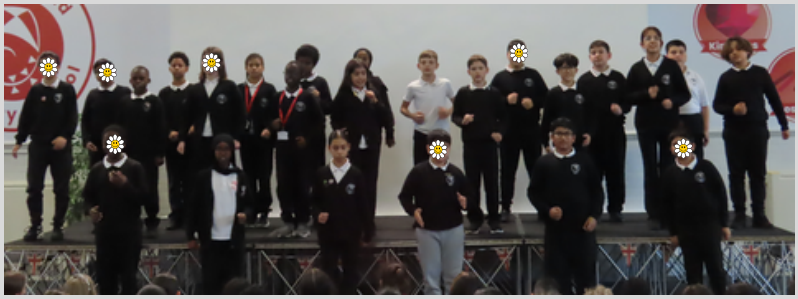
Performance Poetry

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils took to the stage for a fantastic week of performance poetry. Learning and performing poetry aloud is a powerful way to build spoken language, confidence and expression, helping children bring words to life.
The performances across Key Stage 2 were impressive, with pupils using great voice control, rhythm and actions to captivate their audience.
A huge thank you to all the families who attended and came along to support the children—your presence meant so much to them and made the events extra special!








Rocksteady Music Workshops

Our pupils enjoyed an exciting visit from Rocksteady Music School, where they had the chance to explore the magic of playing in a rock band. Rocksteady performance workshops help children build confidence, teamwork and self-expression by learning to play instruments like the electric guitar, drums, keyboards and vocals together. The children loved experiencing live music, and it was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and musical creativity shine throughout the sessions!







Digital Learning and Coding in Year 3



Our Year 3 pupils have been putting their digital skills into practice during computing lessons using our Chromebooks. The children have been learning the fundamentals of computer programming using Scratch, snapping together code blocks to control characters, building animations and creating their own interactive projects. Working on individual devices allows pupils to experiment, problem-solve and develop logical thinking skills at their own pace. It is fantastic to see our young programmers growing in confidence as they design and debug their own digital creations!

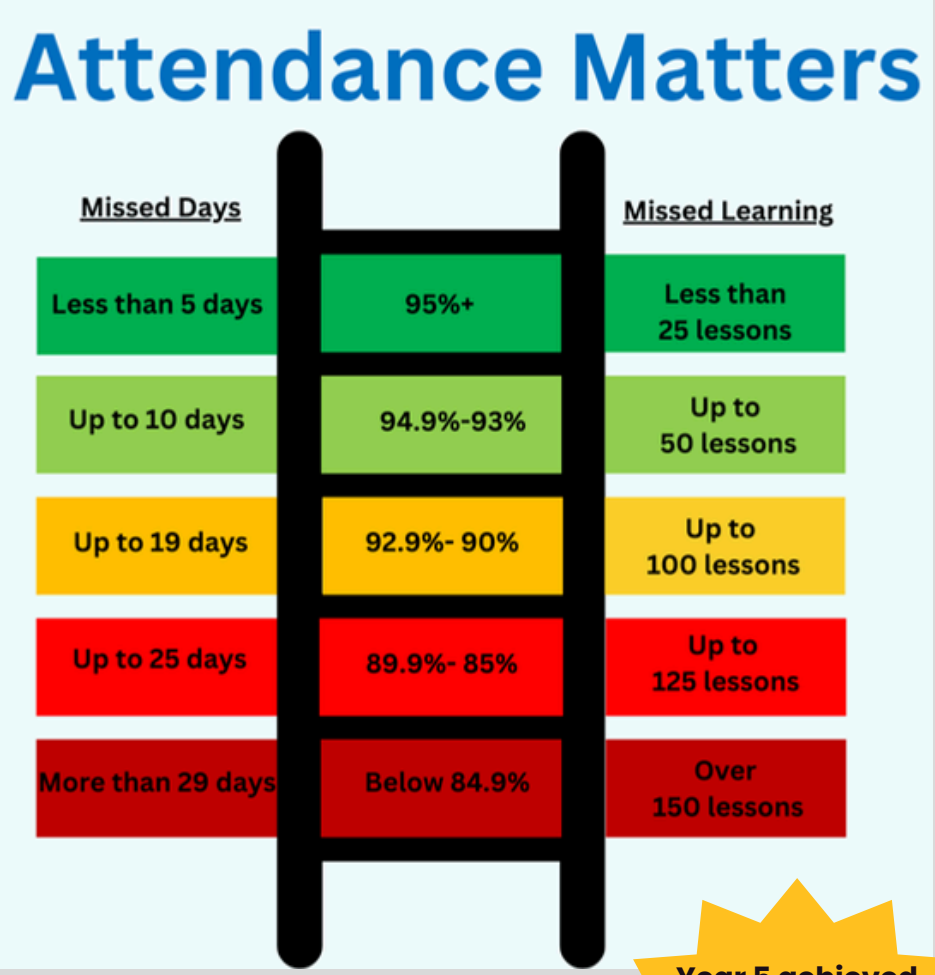
Attendance

At Chesterfield, we are committed to helping every child succeed by reaching our school attendance target of 96%. We monitor all absences closely and follow Local Authority guidelines to report any attendance that falls below this level, including absences for illness or medical reasons.

To help your child stay on track, we ask that you:

- Please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Remember that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. Any requests for absence due to exceptional circumstances must be made to the Headteacher using the official request form.
- Please be aware that the Local Authority may issue fines for unauthorised holidays taken during the school term time.

If you are facing any difficulties with getting your child to school, please come and speak with us. We are here to support our families and work together to resolve any challenges.





Year 5 achieved the highest attendance this half term!

Year Group Attendance

Autumn 1 2026

Reception	92%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	95.4%

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ECO-WARRIORS

Get Creative Over Half Term!

Our Eco-warriors are keen to get ahead with raising awareness of recycling and in particular, plastic pollution and the damage it is doing to our oceans.

They have started a competition and challenged our children to get creative over half term and create an ocean animal out of recycled materials – big or small.

Recycle
Create
Make a difference


Jellyfish


Shark


Turtle


Fish


Seahorse

WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY RECEIVE A £20 TESCO GIFT VOUCHER for their class to spend on a book or game.

CATEGORIES:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Year 3 - Year 6

Entries will be judged on Thursday 5th November.

Small actions make a big difference for our oceans!

Kindness | Respect | Resilience | Responsibility



Poppies will be on sale in the Gate Office from Monday 2 November



Bring £1 for Children in Need and wear your own clothes to school on Friday 13 November



Wear odd socks to school on Monday 16 November to launch our 2026 Kindness and Friendship Week!

Diary Dates for November

Monday 2 November
Y3-Y6 Spanish Day



Thursday 5 November
Attendance Coffee Morning - Reception parents and carers



Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 November
Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings



Friday 27 November
INSET Day - No School for Children



Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 2026	
First Day of Term	Thursday 3 September 2026
Inset Day (school closed)	Friday 23 October 2026
Half Term	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October 2026
Start of second half term	Monday 2 November 2026
Inset Day (school closed)	Friday 27 November 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring Term 2027	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 5 January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February 2027
Start of second half term	Monday 22 February 2027
Last Day of Term	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer Term 2027	
First Day of Term	Monday 12 April 2027
Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 3 May 2027
Half Term	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027
Start of second half term	Monday 7 June 2027
Inset Day (school closed)	Friday 18 June 2027
Last Day of Term	Thursday 22 July 2027

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