



Lots of happy faces on show this week ahead of what promises to be another exciting school year!

Welcome back!

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome back children and families for the start of what promises to be another exciting academic year! We hope that our families enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable break and that our children are happy to be back amongst their friends and teachers!

This year, 10 children have joined our new Reception class, whilst Seb has joined us in Year 5 bringing the total number of pupils on roll to 84 - a record for our lovely smalls school!

To support our move to a 4-class school, we are also delighted to welcome new members of staff. Mrs MacDonald has joined as our new Class 3 (Y3/4) teacher and our change from delivering French to Spanish will be led by our new languages teacher, Mrs Levinsohn. In addition, Mrs Brocklehurst will be lending her skills and expertise in Class 2 (Y1/2), supporting Mrs Baker. We hope that all our new pupils and staff settled quickly into our school family and enjoy their time at Chelford!



Mrs MacDonald

IMPORTANT - Free School Meals / Pupil Premium eligibility

New criteria for Free School Meal (FSM) and Pupil Premium (PP) eligibility has been introduced this week, which will impact on many of our families.

Under the new arrangements, there are 3 different types of FSM:

1. **Universal Free School Meals:** All pupils who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a school meal free of charge. **However, parents who qualify for targeted and expanded free school meals as outlined below are strongly encouraged to apply, as this may generate additional funding for the school.**
2. **Targeted Free School Meals:** Your child may be entitled to targeted free school meals if you receive one or more of the following:
 - Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
 - support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - the guarantee element of Pension Credit
 - support through the no recourse to public funds (NRPF) scheme

Other support for children, such as the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and extra help with school travel, will be based on targeted free school meal eligibility.

Schools also receive additional funding, known as pupil premium, for children who qualify for targeted free school meals. You must apply to receive targeted free school meals.

3. **Expanded Free School Meals:** Your child may be entitled to expanded free school meals if you receive Universal Credit and your annual household income is more than £7,400. Children who qualify for expanded free school meals are not eligible for pupil premium. You must apply to receive expanded free school meals.



Mrs Brocklehurst



Mrs Levinsohn

End of Transitional Protections:

Until this year, all existing free school meals claimants continued to receive free school meals while Universal Credit was rolled out. This applied regardless of any change in household circumstances, including if their earnings rose above the threshold during that time. Protections remained in place until the end of the 2025 to 2026 academic year.

All transitional protections for free school meals have now ended alongside the new entitlement applying to all households in receipt of Universal Credit. **Pupils must therefore meet the eligibility criteria for free meals to continue receiving this provision.** Eligibility for free meals should be kept under regular review through annual rechecks.

Summary - how to check eligibility for FSM:

As a result of these changes, it is likely that a number of families will now be eligible for FSM. Parents can check their eligibility by visiting: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/> and following the 'Check Eligibility' steps. Applications for FSM can be made directly to Cheshire East Council via the following link: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

If families have any queries or questions in relation to FSM, please feel free to contact the school office.

Congratulations Mrs Roberts and family

We are delighted to share that Mrs Roberts and her family welcomed Sebastian Theo Roberts into the world last week. Both baby and mother are well and Mrs Roberts is in regular contact and sends her best wishes to everyone at the start of the new year! We hope that Mrs Roberts and her family treasure these special and precious months together before her return towards the end of the academic year.



Premises update

Families will have noticed an upgrade to perimeter fencing and gates, installed over the course of the summer. This will provide additional security as well as improving the aesthetics of the school grounds.



Term dates

Term dates for both this academic year and the 2027 / 2028 academic year have been published on the school website:

<https://www.chelford.cheshire.sch.uk/Term-Dates/>

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Allergies

Families may be aware of new statutory requirements placed on schools to help manage risks associated with allergies. As part of these arrangements, schools need to keep updated and accurate medical information for all pupils.

We politely request that ALL parents ensure that the medical information, including any known allergies, we hold for their child is accurate. This can be done by logging onto the Arbor app, clicking on your child's profile and navigating to the medical section.

In order to increase our awareness of allergies and anaphylaxis and inform our response to incidents, training has been undertaken by all members of staff and a new anaphylaxis emergency care station has been installed in the school hall, offering immediate access to epi-pen adrenaline auto-injectors in the event of an emergency. These and other measures are outlined in our Allergies Policy which is published via the school website: <https://>

Praise Awards:

Praise Awards to be introduced next week.

Reader of the week:

Class 1	Returns next week
Class 2	Returns next week
Class 3	Returns next week
Class 4	Returns next week

Attendance:

Class 1	100%
Class 2	93.1%
Class 3	91.9%
Class 4	100%
Overall*	94.9%

*Governors' target 96%

School Menu:

Please refer to menu options as outlined on the week ahead at the bottom of the newsletter.

House points:

House points to be collated next week.

Seacole	-
Pankhurst	-
Attenborough	-
Lovell	-

Birthdays greetings:

No birthdays to report this week.

Arbor payments :

On Arbor this week:

- **Check personal information is up to date**
- New 2 You uniform donations

Attendance

Improving our school attendance is a key strategic priority for Chelford CE Primary School for the coming year. Data collated over recent years supports the findings of a body of published evidence relating to the impact of school attendance on pupils' attainment. Over recent years at Chelford, there has been a concerning pattern of low attendance developing within cohorts of children who require interventions and additional support and those who are considered more vulnerable, such as children eligible for pupil premium. It is imperative that we work together with our families to improve and increase our school attendance across the whole school which was 95.0% during the previous year.

For the new academic year, governors have set the target of 96% attendance to be achieved by all pupils. We are also aiming to reduce the proportion of children who are considered to be persistent absentees - these are children achieving below 90% attendance - the equivalent of missing half a day of schooling each week for the duration of the whole year. Last year, 14.1% of our school population were persistent absentees.

Mr Brady will be contacting parents over the coming weeks with more information regarding school attendance and how families and school can work together to make this a priority for the coming year.

Extra-curricular update

We are still finalising our extra-curricular programme for the coming term which we are hoping to publish next week.

For the time being, SCG are offering a gymnastics club for KS1 pupils on Mondays and a basketball club for KS2 pupils on Fridays.

These clubs will take place next week and bookings are available online: <https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/booking-link/?category=16> (also see today's newsletter flyer).

We are looking forward to publishing our final offer for the half term next week, with a view to school staff-led clubs beginning on the week beginning Monday 14th September 2026.

Future newsletters

As Mr Brady's teaching commitment has increased to two days each week, there is no longer capacity to produce a weekly newsletter.

As a result, it is likely that newsletters will be published on a fortnightly basis moving forward. As always, parents will receive the newsletter directly to their inbox; each issue will also be published via the school website: <https://www.chelford.cheshire.sch.uk/News/Newsletters/>

Where necessary parents will continue to be updated of forthcoming events and school notices via email.

Peripatetic music provision

Peripatetic (or co-curricular) music lessons are a popular part of our curriculum offer at Chelford. These sessions are provided to children on a 1:1 basis (sometimes paired) by private tutors at a cost to parents.

Following his recent appointment to a new role, our previous drumming tutor, Graham Proctor, is no longer available to continue his weekly tuition at Chelford. We are currently in the process of exploring potential new tutors that will enable us to continue to offer drumming tuition for our pupils.

Mr Sparks will again continue to offer guitar and bass lessons for children in Y3 and above.

In addition to offering woodwind instrument tuition (saxophone, recorder, clarinet), Mr Dunn will also be sharing Miss Cocks' workload as she reduces her time tutoring our pianists to one day each week.

Once this year's timetable for peripatetic tutors has been finalised, we will be in touch with parents via email.

School uniform - reminder to name items

Pupils looked incredibly smart on their return this week and we hope that families have enjoyed another positive experience in sourcing uniform via the team at Classworx - please feel free to send any feedback to the school office. As always, we request parents to ensure that all items of uniform, PE kits and bags are named.

Playtime snacks

Children are very welcome to bring in their own snacks from home for playtime. These should be healthy snacks such as breadsticks, cereal bars, rice cakes, crackers, fruits or vegetables. We politely request that crisps, chocolates popcorn etc.... are not brought into school for playtime snacks.

Nuts: Please also ensure that all snacks and packed lunch items provided from home do not contain nuts.

Competitive sports - Holmes Chapel Primary Schools Sports Partnership

We will once again be collaborating with our partner schools from the Holmes Chapel Sports Partnership this year. Please see below for an overview of sports events:

Date	Event and venue	Transport
Weds 16th September	Y3 / Y4 football Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School 3G - 4:00pm start	Parents to provide
Friday 25th September	Invasion Sports festival (football, netball, rugby, hockey) (Y3-Y6) - all day festival	TBC

Wednesday 30th September	Football Y5/6 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School 3G - 4:00pm start	Parents to provide
Friday 2nd October	Fencing, curling, archery, boccia - Y1/2 (invite only) Brereton Primary School	School to provide
Weds 7th October	Tag Rugby Y3/4 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School 3G - 4:00pm	Parents to provide
Weds 14th October	Tag Rugby Y5/6 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School 3G - 4:00pm	Parents to provide
Weds 11th November	Dance Y1/2 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive studio - 4:00pm start	Parents to provide
Weds 18th November	Dance Y3/4 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive studio - 4:00pm start	Parents to provide
Weds 25th November	Dance Y5/6 Holmes Chapel Comprehensive studio - 4:00pm start	Parents to provide

Due to staff development sessions taking place each Wednesday, school staff are unfortunately unable to transport / attend these events. Mr Ward (SCG) who is familiar to all pupils will be attending the after-school events as our representative.

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive - Year 6 welcome event

Colleagues at HCCS are offering Y6 families the opportunity to attend a Y6 welcome event on 24th September. Please see the flyer (attached) for further information and details on how to book a slot.

Premier League Fantasy Football - get involved!

We are once again offering families the opportunity to join our Premier League Fantasy Football game. Luke Daniel is the current Chelford CE Primary School FPL champion - will Luke prove himself to be a 'Pep' by winning back-to-back titles, or is there another master tactician waiting in the wings to steal his crown?

Play along and join our league using the code: **bnjz1v**



Community news - Butterflies 9:45am - 11:30am each Thursday.

For families with younger children, Butterflies - a baby and toddlers group - operate each Thursday from our school hall. It is always a delight to welcome new families - parents, grandparents and children - so why not pop along if you have a young child to entertain!

Safeguarding - Designated Safeguarding Officers

The start of a new academic year presents a timely opportunity to remind families of our Designated Safeguard Leads. If a parent or member of the community has any concerns for the safety or welfare of any pupils, please contact Mr Brady (head@chelford.cheshire.sch.uk) or Mrs Thwaites (hthwaites@chelford.cheshire.sch.uk)



Mr Brady



Mrs Thwaites

Diary dates:

Some dates for your diaries - further information on events to be published in due course. Additional dates for forthcoming events also to be published in due course once confirmed (*Harvest, Christmas lunch, Father Christmas visit etc...*)

Date	Event
Tues 15th Sept @ 3:30pm	Class 4: 1:1 iPad presentation to parents: An overview regarding how we will use iPad as a tool for learning in C4 and the online safety restrictions in place
Thurs 24th Sept - Thurs 1st Oct	Scholastic book fair
Weds 30th Sept 9:00am	Class 1 (Reception) 'Stay and Play' morning: parents invited to join their children for a play session
Weds 7th Oct	Class 1 parents' consultation meetings: 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Monday 12th Oct	Class 2 parents' consultation meetings: 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Weds 14th Oct	Class 4 achievement assembly - parents invited to come and share what children have been learning. 9:15am - 10:00am
Weds 14th Oct	Class 3 parents' consultation meetings: 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Thurs 15th Oct	Class 4 parents' consultation meetings: 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Thurs 22nd Oct	PTA autumn disco
Thurs 3rd Dec	PTA Christmas movie night
Fri 5th Feb	PTA talent show (TBC) - save the date!
Thurs 27th May	Sports Day
Mon 12th July - Weds 14th July	Class 4 residential to Robinwood

Next week		Menu option 1	Menu option 2	Menu option 3
Monday 7th	Reception pupils stay for lunch - 1:00pm collection PE lessons - all classes KS1 gymnastics - Sports Coaching Group 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Cheese and tomato pizza with wedges	Jacket potato with cheese / beans / tuna	
Tuesday 8th	Reception pupils attending full time Music lessons - all classes Mr Scarterfield Tim Sparks - peripatetic guitar tuition Mrs Cocks - piano tuition Mr Brady out (pm)	Herby tomato chicken pasta	Cheesy bean tortilla	
Wednesday 9th	Woodwind and piano tuition - Mr Dunn Mr Brady out - all day	Roast gammon, vegetables, potatoes and gravy	Roast quorn, vegetables, potatoes and gravy	
Thursday 10th	Butterflies (9:45am - 11:30am)	Bacon, beans scrambled egg and wedges	Tomato pasta	
Friday 11th	PE lessons - all classes KS2 basketball - Sports Coaching Group 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Fish fingers, chips, peas (or beans)	Quorn dippers, chips, peas (or beans).	Jacket potato with cheese / beans

HELLO TO A NEW TERM!

Welcome back to a new school year from all of us at Chartwells! We're so pleased to welcome children back to the dining room and to continue serving freshly prepared, nutritious school meals that help fuel their day. Read on for a flavour of what's in store this term!

DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

MORE FAMILIES THAN EVER NOW QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, EVEN IF YOU'VE CHECKED BEFORE.

- ★ If your child's eligible, they can enjoy a **FREE** school lunch every day, saving your family time and money by signing up
- ★ Nutritious meals help keep your child energised and focused throughout the school day
- ★ From September 2026, all Universal Credit households qualify, regardless of income
- ★ Signing up is quick and confidential, and could really make a difference to your child's day

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register for free school meals, or contact Chartwells at education.csu@compass-group.co.uk or on free phone 0800 917 6818.



**SCAN THE CODE TO
FIND OUT MORE AND
HOW TO REGISTER**

DELICIOUS!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING EXCITING ON THE MENU, AND THIS TERM BRINGS EVEN MORE CHOICE EVERY CHILD CAN LOOK FORWARD TO.

- ★ White rice and pasta options alongside our wholegrain choices, available every single day
- ★ A British seasonal veg focus each month
- ★ Dessert Delights! Rotating dessert theme days, including Ice lollies, custard creams and traditional school cake
- ★ Plus, look out for our **NEW** Autumn/Winter menu launching in schools in November, with British inspired school favourites such as Sausage & Mash, and our mid-week roasts now including a Yorkshire Pudding!

After School Clubs

Chelford CE Primary School

Gymnastics

Monday

Rec - Yr 2

07.09.26 - 19.10.26

3:30 - 4:30

£42 (7 weeks)

Basketball

Friday

Yr 3 - 6

04.09.26 - 23.10.26

3:30 - 4:30

£48 (8 weeks)



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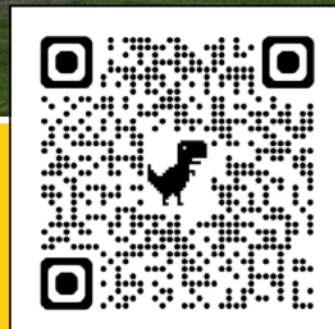
Click here to book!



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Year 6 Welcome Event 24th September 2026

Book your slot for the event now by scanning the QR code or
visiting this site – www.ticketsource.com/hccs1978

Slots available are: 1.30pm, 2.15pm & 3pm