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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

Who can believe that this is the final newsletter of the academic year? As I watch the Year 6 pupils enjoying their last week together it is clear that they have forged friendships that will last for many years to come, hopefully a lifetime. It has been a privilege to see them grow, they have shown incredible resilience. Missing education

during their Covid years meant that the journey to SATs was challenging. With this in mind I'm incredibly proud to advise you today that this Year 6 smashed their SATs, exceeding the national average for Reading, Writing, and Maths and outperformed their Year 6 predecessors. All Year 6 pupils made phenomenal progress. They have always had a competitive spirit and true to form they have come out on top! We shall miss them all, but once a Chilwell pupil always a Chilwell pupil and we hope they come back and share their future endeavours with us.

A special mention finally to our Year 3 pupil Fabricia Caquema. Of all the primary pupils in schools in this area Fabricia was selected as Primary Pupil of the Year! Fabricia showed fabulous bravery and kindness towards a family member whilst striving to be the excellent student she is. Congratulations Fabricia, we are all very proud of you!

Letters are being sent home today regarding the new local guidance for unauthorized absences which will apply in September. These are important changes which will have impact on any children not in school or away with authorized absence.

Thank you for all your continued support this year. I wish you a fantastic summer break, we look forward to welcoming returning families in September.

Mrs. N Wragg
Headteacher
M.Ed., NPQH, EYPS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 22 nd Jul	Start of Summer Holidays
Wed 4 th Sep	School Opens at 8.40 am (New Academic Year)
Fri 25 th Oct	Inset Day (School Closed)
Mon 28 th Oct - Friday 1 st Nov	Half Term Holidays
Fri 6 th Dec	Inset Day (School Closed)
Mon 23 rd Dec - Fri 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
Mon 6 th Jan	Inset Day (School Closed)
Tues 7 th Jan	School Opens at 8.40 am
Mon 17 th Feb - Fri 21 st Feb	Half Term Holidays
Fri 11 th Apr	Inset Day (School Closed)
Mon 14 th Apr - Tues 25 th Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 28 th Apr	School Opens at 8.40 am
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 26 th May - Fri 30 th May	Whit Week Holidays
Fri 13 th June	Inset Day (School Closed)
Fri 18 th Jul	Last Day of Academic Year



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Weekly Attendance

Lucky Lions	91.00%	
Terrific Tigers	93.50%	
Dazzling Dolphins	94.00%	
Fantastic Flamingos	95.00%	
Legendary Leopards	98.00%	👍😊
Pleasant Pandas	94.00%	
Perfect Parrots	85.00%	😭
Proud Penguins	94.00%	
Fabulous Foxes	95.00%	
Learning Lemurs	99.00%	👍😊
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	98.00%	
Shrewd Shrews	94.00%	
Charming Cheetahs	96.00%	
Powerful Panthers	99.00%	👍😊



	100%	OUTSTANDING
4 School days missed in an academic year	98%	VERY GOOD
7 School days missed in an academic year	96%	GOOD
10 School days missed in an academic year	95%	ALMOST THERE
11 School days missed in an academic year	94%	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED
20 School days missed in an academic year	90%	CONCERNED ATTENDANCE OFFICE WILL BE IN TOUCH
29 School days missed in an academic year	85%	VERY CONCERNED

Thank you to all who are working hard to achieve our 97% target. We can only do this if we all work together.

Our grand total attendance this half term is:
92.80%

Attendance Competition!

Well done to Megan for winning this terms bike!



Top Class Attendance

- 1st Lemurs & Panthers - 99.00%
- 2nd Kangaroos & Leopards - 98.00%
- 3rd Cheetahs - 97.00%





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Year 2 – Dudley Zoo

On Thursday, Year 2 went to Dudley Zoo. The children had an amazing time and had a look at some of the rarest species learning some fun facts about them. What a fun day!



Year 4 – Career Search

Year 4 have been using Job Explorer Databases website where the children worked in pairs and searched key words. From this they were able to find a wide variety of careers linked to the key word. The children then created a poster and presented why they picked the profession they would like to become.



KS1 Sports Day

KS1 had an amazing day taking part in a variety of different sport activities such as running race, javelin, throw the bean bag and many more. Children showed great sportsmanship and PE skills. Well done Children!



Parent Networking Session

It was lovely to see our parents attend our latest networking event. We had a variety of organisations attend who provided parents with information and advice including energy bill savings and fitness tips.





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Year 2 – Mosque Trip

On Thursday, Year 2 visited Birmingham Central Mosque. The children had an amazing time learning about Islam, looking at the mosques building and discussing key its features, and talking about one of the holiest sties of Islam.



Referee Visit

On Monday, we were honoured to have Mr Hector (our Trustee), Mr Parkes (retired football referee who now mentors) and Mr Perry (a premier league football assistant referee) visit us and share about their journeys.

We have been inspired to become leaders and continue to work in our teams whilst showing sporting behaviours.



Year 6 Primary School Jewellery Workshop

Year 6 visited Aston University Engineering Schools Jewellery workshop. The children had the opportunity to meet the Master Jeweller who is part of the Goldsmith's Institute and learn more about the industry, history and local heritage. The children also had the chance to create their own coin in wax when was then cast in brass.

WOW, what a fun day!



Lego Competition

Congratulations to Anas, Rumaysa and Zayd for their entry in the Lego competition. They worked extremely hard creating some fantastic pieces and have been awarded this amazing art set for their effort, well done!





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Teach First School Centred Learning



This half term we welcomed seven aspiring trainee teachers, and their development leads to our school for a week.

Working alongside our teachers, the trainee teachers observed teachers in the following areas: classroom management, planning, assessment and subject pedagogy. Following these observations, they delivered high-quality teaching episodes.

We received many warm compliments with regards to the wonderful behaviour and learning attitudes of our children.

This is what the Development Lead - Early Year & Primary - Delivery had to say:

Thank you so much for hosting School Centred Learning last week. The trainees and I enjoyed our time in school.

We appreciate the time and energy you put into the preparation ahead of time, and the generosity of your staff team in supporting our trainees' development. They went away feeling confident and inspired by their experience in class as well as all the amazing input they got from your staff.

Aatiya Randeree Mirza (Teach First)

A big thank you to our Chilwell Community for helping us to develop and support our future leaders.





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Please have a read of Aamina's (Year 2 - Pandas) work where she wrote a non chronological report about Stron. Amazing work Aamina!

Tuesday 9th July 2024

Lo: To write a non-chronological report.

All about Stron:



What do I look like?

Stron has a bright green eye.

He even wears sticky stretchy glasses. Sparkly to walk with square tall neck. The ginger is pink.

Where do I live?

Ocean is terrifying with a shark it is friendly. The ocean is blue, pretty, beautiful and cool. Gold spashall fish. In the ocean they are paired with fish.

What do I eat?

He eats slime, butterflies in the logs and the bins and from the glaciers. I drink slush with hidreting.



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2024 – 2025 Term Dates

School Open						
School Closed - School Holiday, INSET Days and Bank Holidays						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
September 2024	2	3	4	5	6	Inset day 2nd & 3rd Children return on 4th
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30					
October		1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	Inset day 25th October
	28	29	30	31		
November					1	October Half Term
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	
December	2	3	4	5	6	Inset Day
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31				
January			1	2	3	20th December finish at 1:00 pm
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	
February						Christmas Holiday
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
March						Inset Day 6th January
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
April						February Half Term
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
May		1	2	3	4	Inset Day 11th April
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30			
June				1	2	Easter Holidays
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	
July						Bank Holiday
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
Aug						Whit Week Holiday
		1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
Sep-25						Inset day /Summer Holidays begin
Sep-25						Summer Holiday 2025
Sep-25	1	2	3	4	5	Return to school 3rd September 2025 Inset 1st and 2nd
	8	9	10	11	12	



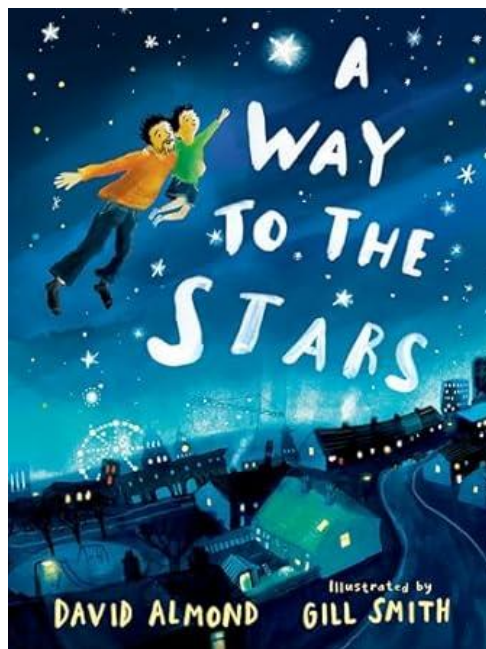
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A WAY TO THE STARS DAVID ALMOND & GILL SMITH WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MR GIBLEN

This fantastic picture book is an uplifting tale of sky-high courage, imagination and the bond between father and son which will warm your heart.

Joe is starstruck, determined to find his way up to the magical lights in the night sky. But when Joe and his dad put their heads and hearts together, there's no stopping them. Together they climb ladders, construct towers, and launch rockets in a spirited quest to reach something unreachable.

This story is full of magic and will inspire children to work hard to achieve their dreams. The narrative highlights the importance of imagination, perseverance and connection and is beautifully written by internationally acclaimed author David Almond and enhanced with stunning illustrations by Gill Smith.





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Road Safety

Did you know every 16 minutes someone is killed or seriously injured on UK roads. Please drive safely on Summer Lane and do not park on double yellow lines to ensure the safety of our children.

A school crossing patrol officer will be available to assist parents/children crossing summer lane.

ROAD SAFETY

<p>THINK</p> <p>about where you should cross.</p>	<p>STOP</p> <p>in a safe place at the side of the road.</p>	<p>USE YOUR EYES & EARS</p> <p>to see and hear any approaching vehicles.</p>
<p>WAIT</p> <p>until all the vehicles have passed.</p>	<p>LOOK AND LISTEN</p> <p>again to make sure all is clear.</p>	<p>CROSS</p> <p>the road. Keep looking and listening.</p>

Read Write Inc.

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a phonics-based programme which helps children learn to read whilst also developing a wide range of vocabulary and encouraging a love of stories.

Below are some useful links which you can use to support your children at home:

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

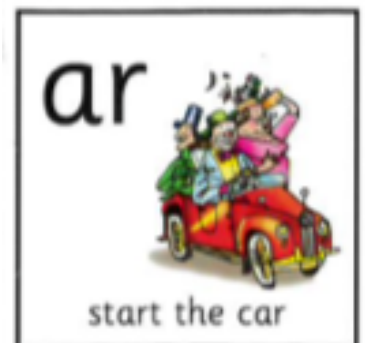
Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

YouTube: [Ruth Miskin Training - YouTube](#)

Phonics

Here is the sound of the week:





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CCA Term Dates 24/25

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September 2024

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Inset Days: Friday 25 October 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

Inset Days: Monday 6th January 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Friday 18 July 2025

Inset Days: Friday 11th April 2025, Friday 13th June 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is a paid club which you can book your child/ren into. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend. Club starts 7.30 am until 8.40 am

Daily Rate:

One Child	50p
One Family	£1

Afterschool Clubs

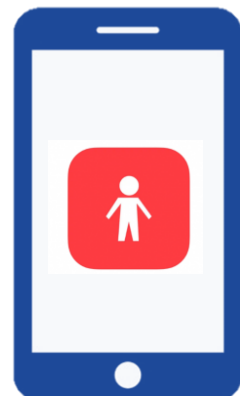
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



MCAS

MCAS (My Child At School) is a new app which the school will be using to communicate with parents. The app can be used by parents to pay for school trips, pay for your child's school dinners or book your child in breakfast club/wraparound provision. It is important that all parents have signed up on the app and have it ready for use for the upcoming half term.

If you require extra support, please contact or visit the school office.





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Wraparound Provision

Wraparound provision is a paid service where children can stay afterschool and participate in a variety of different fun activities. Such as board games, sporting activities, and art and crafts.

These services need to be paid in advance.

The service includes a snack break.

Time	Day	Price
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	£4.00 per session
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	£5.50 per session
4:30 - 5:00 pm (Post club attendance)	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	£1.50 per session
2:00 - 4:30 pm	Tuesday	£7.00 per session
2:00 - 5:00 pm	Tuesday	£8.50 per session
3:00 - 3:30 pm (Post club attendance)	Tuesday	£1.50 per session
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Tuesday	£4.00 per session
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Tuesday	£5.50 per session



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School Uniform

All students wear the same uniform, helping to level out the playing field and promote equality among the students.

If you are having trouble purchasing the correct uniform, please get in contact with the school office and we will be happy to support you.

PE Kit

It is important the P.E kit is seen as an extension of our school uniform; therefore our high standards should be kept.

JUMPER/CARDIGAN



Jumper
School Uniform



Cardigan
School Uniform

BOTTOM



Black Trousers
School Uniform



Jogging Bottoms
PE Kit



Black Shorts
PE Kit

SHOES/BAG



School Uniform



PE Kit

Children can wear any of the following items below:

POLO-SHIRTS



White Polo Shirt
School Uniform



Yellow Polo Shirt
PE Kit

DRESS/SKIRT



Black Skirt
School Uniform



Purple Summer
School Uniform

Hijab



Purple



Black

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✘ NO TRACKSUIT BOTTOM OR JEANS
- ✘ NO LEGGINGS/JEGGINGS
- ✘ No Jewellery
- ✘ NO HOOPED EARRING – ONLY STUDED EARRINGS
- ✘ NO HOODIES/ANIMATED SWEATER



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Reading to Your Child

It might seem like everything has gone digital, but books still play a very important part in school life. As well as giving your child a head start, developing a love for reading.

- Make book and stories part of everyday life
- Building a reading story into a routine e.g. a story at bedtime
- Stick your feet up and let your child see you reading a book
- Go to the library so your child can choose some books to borrow for free
- Read in fun places e.g. a den made from blankets
- Give books as a birthday gift - this will show you value them
- Keep books in your bag or the car.



Reading Diary Expectations

"Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop broader vocabulary, increase general knowledge and better understanding of other cultures

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background" (Pearson, 2021)

Here at Chilwell Croft, we place a high importance on daily reading, each child is provided with a reading diary and books to take home. we ask that the reading records are signed off daily and brought into school where they will be collected in, checked and signed off by an adult. This is a non-negotiable expectation.

Week Beginning: _____

Activity

Monday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Tuesday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Wednesday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Thursday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Friday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Saturday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Sunday

Family Signature _____



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Holiday Request

Parents are required, under the Education Act (1996) to ensure children attend school regularly. The Headteacher of a school has a discretionary power to authorise absence only in exceptional circumstances. **A family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.**

If you complete a leave of absence request form and the request is declined, (as it will be in the majority of cases) and you still take your child out of school, each parent within the household will potentially be issued with a £60 penalty notice for **each** child you have taken out of school.

How We Can Help:

We understand that there are times when it is more difficult to encourage pupils to attend school.

There is much that we can do together in partnership to improve attendance. Please contact school to arrange a time to chat with our pastoral team. We can talk through the strategies and support that we can give to make things better. Working together will ensure that your child is supported.

Please pop into the school reception, chat to staff on the playground, or talk to a teacher at the end of day.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME