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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg

Dear Chilwell Families,

A huge thank you to all families who have supported pupils with regard to attendance. It is fantastic to see the positive improvements across all year groups. We know that you value learning everyday as much as we do. I know too that families are also considering time away from school, when booking medical appointments, this is also having a positive impact on learning. Thank you!



Yesterday, the school distributed Year 6 with their Chilwell Croft Blazers. This is one of the highlights of the school year. They do look smart! We highlighted in the assembly to Year 6, they are our role models to the younger pupils. Emphasising our school values Year 6 were able to talk about how important this responsibility was and how this needs to be done each and everyday, even when it is tricky. I know that I can rely on them to make good choices.

The newsletter this week has a PE focus we enjoy taking part in tournaments with our partners the Aston Villa Foundation, King Edwards School Partnership and local schools. Our pupils always show outstanding sportsmanship, gaining positive determination and resilience which partaking in sports can bring.

Our Reception class will be open to perspective families on Monday 21st October at 3.30 pm please do share with parents whom you know if they have a child due in school next year.

Next week is our last week of this half term. Pupils have been fabulously committed to their learning each and everyday. Please note that school is closed to pupils next Friday the 25th October whilst staff development takes place.

Have a fantastic weekend and don't forget to read!

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 21 st Oct	Yr 2 Pandas - Diwali Assembly (2.50pm) - Pandas Parents are welcome to attend.
Mon 21 st Oct	EYFS Open Event at 3.30 pm
Wed 23 rd Oct	Charming Cheetahs Visit to AMA
Thurs 24 th Oct	Last day of Half Term - School to Finish at 3.30 pm
Fri 25 th Oct	Inset Day - School Closed for all Children
Mon 4 th Nov	Children Back from Holidays - 8.40am Start
Mon 4 th Nov - Fri 8 th Nov	Year 6 Swimming - Pop Up Pool
Tues 5 th Nov	Inner City Academy Sports Festival - Selected Year 5/6 Students
Fri 8 th Nov	Year 5 Shrews - Pizza Making Session at AMA
Mon 11 th Nov	Yr 6 Cheetahs - Remembrance Day Assembly (2.50 pm) - Cheetahs Parents are welcome to attend.
Tues 12 th Nov	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
Fri 15 th Nov	Children In Need
Mon 18 th Nov	Yr 6 Panthers - Anti Bullying Assembly (2.50 pm) - Panthers Parents are welcome to attend.
Fri 8 th Dec	Inset Day - School Closed for all Children
Wed 11 th Dec	REC/Yr 1/Yr 2 - Onsite Theatre Performance
Thurs 12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Half Term - School to Finish at 1.30 pm
Mon 6 th Jan	Inset Day - School Closed for all Children
Tues 7 th Jan	Children Back from Holidays - 8.40am Start
Wed 5 th Mar - Fri 7 th Mar	Year 6 Residential - Conover Hall (Shropshire)
Mon 17 th Mar	REC - Ash End Farm Trip
Fri 11 th Apr	Inset Day - School Closed for all Children
Wed 30 th Apr	Yr 1 - Botanical Garden Trip



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Weekly Attendance

Terrific Tigers	95.00%	
Lucky Lions	98.00%	
Dazzling Dolphins	98.00%	
Fantastic Flamingos	95.00%	
Legendary Leopards	96.00%	
Pleasant Pandas	100%	
Perfect Parrots	96.00%	
Proud Penguins	92.00%	
Fabulous Foxes	96.00%	
Learning Lemurs	92.00%	
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	98.00%	
Shrewd Shrews	96.00%	
Charming Cheetahs	98.00%	
Powerful Panthers	98.00%	



	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
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: 96.30%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win the bike this term?



Top Class Attendance

1st Pandas - 100%
 2nd Lions, Dolphins, Kangaroos, Cheetahs & Panthers - 98%
 3rd Leopards, Parrots, Foxes & Shrews - 96%





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King Edwards Partnership Award

Chilwell Croft were awarded a silver sports games mark by Helen Tonks our School Games Partner. We aim to achieve our gold mark this year!



Basketball Tournament

On Wednesday 16th October, Chilwell Croft took part in a mixed KS2 Basketball tournament.

The team played 4 games and played extremely well to gain some notable wins. The squad grew in confidence after each game and have made a good start to this ongoing tournament.

We won 3 games, Lost 1, a very creditable start to the competition. We are currently joint 2nd place in the Basketball league.

Well done to our Chilwell Squad!

Ahmed Ali Muse, Affan Sharif, Kahara Seville-March, Oleymata Mane, Shafik Abass, Faris Suliman, Shafik Abass, Adam Ramadan



Football Tournament

On Tuesday 15th October Chilwell Croft took part in an Aston Villa Foundation 6 vs 6 mixed football tournament (1st Week)

The team played 7 games and competed well and gave a good account of themselves in every game.

We won 2 games, Drew 1 & Lost 4, a very creditable start to the competition. The Team have gained a lot of experience about playing together..

A big shout out to our team:

- Faris Suliman, Shafik Abass, Ramiz Suliman, Noah Patterson, Sidra Moalim, Haytham Jimale, Ahmed Ali Muse, Ahmed Shafi





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Sleeping Tips for Children Under 5s

Make sure you have a calming, predictable bedtime routine that happens at the same time and includes the same things every night.

- If your child complains that they're hungry at night, try giving them a bowl of cereal and milk before bed (make sure you brush their teeth afterwards).
- If your child is afraid of the dark, consider using a nightlight or leaving a landing light on.
- Do not let your child look at laptops, tablets or phones in the 30 to 60 minutes before bed - the light from screens can interfere with sleep.
- If your child wakes up during the night, be as boring as possible to avoid exciting them and leave lights off.
- Avoid long naps in the afternoon.



BOOKING for Breakfast Club/Wraparound Care

As we have seen an increase in attendees for breakfast club and, we need to ensure as a school we are meeting our high safeguarding expectations and statutory requirements. Therefore, we require **all families** to book these services through the My child at school app in advance of the days they require. Cut off for booking is 6pm the night before.

If you cannot book online, you need to call the office to check and secure your place. Children should arrive with an adult in case there are any issues.

Breakfast Club staff will direct families to the office if you are not on the pre booked list.

As of 4th November 2024, there will be a slight increase for breakfast club and families will be required to pay 50p per child per day, this is necessary due to increased costs.





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DLD Day

DLD stands for Developmental Language Disorder. Having DLD means that your child will have a specific ongoing difficulties learning language and they will struggle with understanding and/or using spoken language. This includes all the languages you use. Children and young people with DLD are often as bright and able as their peers in other ways. However, their language difficulties affect their everyday life and learning at school. DLD was previously known as 'Specific Language Impairment'.

This Friday, our Speech and Language therapist - Hannah, held a small session for our teachers at school where teachers had the opportunity to find out more information, ask questions and how we can support our students.

RA DLD

RAISING
AWARENESS OF
DEVELOPMENTAL
LANGUAGE DISORDER



Last Year 7 Application Support Session

We will be offering support to parents with their child/ren Year 7 application. If you like to do your own application, please click on [this link](#):

- Next application support session: Thursday 24th October at 9 am.

Deadline: Thursday 31st October





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Student Work of the Week

Kemar has worked really hard during PE to improve his endurance and boxing prowess.

Amazing work Kemar!





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Reception Open Morning/Evening



Chilwell Croft Academy

School for children aged 4 to 11.

**OPEN
MORNING/
AFTERNOON**

**Monday 21st October
(3.30 – 4.00)**

**Wednesday 20th November
(9.00 – 9.30)**

**Refreshments will be
provided.**



We aim to provide an inspirational learning environment where children can make progress academically and develop personally, by delivering outstanding care and teaching.

Come along to our open day/afternoon, where you will be able to meet our Reception team, learn about the school's curriculum and view our facilities.



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Reception Application – Apply Now!

RECEPTION APPLICATION

Applications for primary school in September 2025 open at 9:00am on 1 October 2024.

THE CLOSING DATE IS AT 11:59PM ON 15 JANUARY 2025.

Apply Now For Your Childs Reception Application 2025



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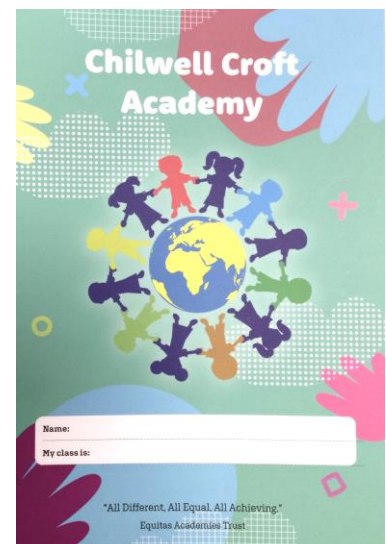
What's in Chilwell Crofts Planner?

Apostrophe – Omission

It is often hard to punctuate accurately while you are trying to get your ideas down on paper; that's why it's so important to reread your work after you've finished. Good punctuation helps your reader to make sense of what you are trying to say. These pages are just to remind you of some of the basic uses for apostrophes, full stops, commas and other marks.

Use an apostrophe to show where a letter has been left out of a word or expression

I'm	I am	aren't	are not
I've	I have	can't	cannot
I'll	I shall	couldn't	could not
	I will	could've	could have
I'd	I should	<i>(could of does not exist!)</i>	
	I would	didn't	did not
she's	she is	don't	do not
he'll	he will	doesn't	does not
we'd	we had	how've	how have
we've	we have	isn't	is not
we'll	we shall	it's	it is
	we will	mightn't	might not
you're	you are	mustn't	must not
you've	you have	shan't	shall not
you'll	you will	shouldn't	should not
you'd	you had	should've	should have
they're	they are	'tis	it is
they'll	they will	won't	will not
they'd	they had	wouldn't	would not
they've	they have	would've	would have





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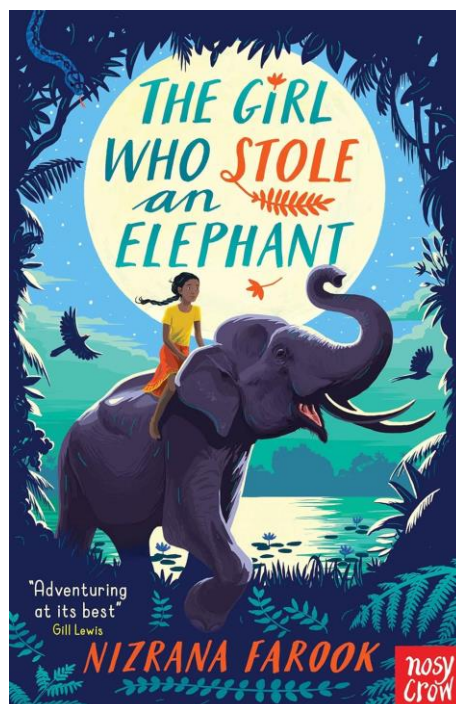




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THE GIRL WHO STOLE AN ELEPHANT BY NIZRANA FAROOK WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MR PAGETT

The girl who stole an elephant by Nizrana Farook, is a book that I am reading with my year 5 class in school. We haven't read the whole book yet but are on chapter 12 and we are hooked. The main character, Chaya, is a thief and has stolen the Queen's jewels from the palace. She nearly got caught by a few of the guards but managed to escape. The King wasn't happy when he found out and sent out his men to find the thief. They captured Chaya's friend, Neel, and took him to prison. Chaya has a plan to rescue Neel, but will it work? I can't wait to find out! My class and I would definitely recommend reading this book if you are in KS2.





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Autumn 1 PE Dates

Please find below the PE days for school. Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit, which is the following:

- PE Kit - Yellow t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and black trainers.

DISCLAIMER: Dates may occasionally change, and while we will try to notify families in advance, this may not always be possible.

Reception

Monday 30th September
Monday 14th October

Year 1 - Every Thursday

Year 2 -

Monday 7th October
Thursdays 10th October
Monday 21st October
Thursday 24th October

Year 3 -

Tuesday 1st October
Wednesday 9th October
Tuesday 15th October
Wednesday 23rd October

Year 4 -

Thursday 3rd October
Wednesday 9th October
Thursday 17th October
Wednesday 23rd October

Year 5 - Every Thursday

Year 6 -

Wednesday 2nd October
Wednesday 16th October



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Autumn 2 PE Dates

Please find below the PE days for school. Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit, which is the following:

- PE Kit - Yellow t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and black trainers.

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Reception

Monday 11th November
Monday 25th November
Monday 9th December

Year 1 - Every Thursday

Year 2

Thursdays 7th November
Monday 11th November
Thursday 21st November
Monday 25th November
Thursday 5th December
Monday 9th December
Thursday 19th December

Year 3

Tuesday 5th November
Wednesday 13th November
Tuesday 19th November
Wednesday 27th November
Tuesday 3rd December
Wednesday 11th December
Tuesday 17th December

Year 5 - Every Thursday

Year 4

Wednesday 6th November
Thursday 14th November
Wednesday 20th November
Thursday 28th November
Wednesday 4th December
Thursday 12th December
Wednesday 18th December

Year 6

Wednesday 6th November
Wednesday 20th November
Wednesday 4th December
Wednesday 18th December



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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.

Scientist of the Week - Isaac Newton

The Man Who Discovered Gravity. Scan the QR code to discover more fun facts.



Read Write Inc.

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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/miskineducation>

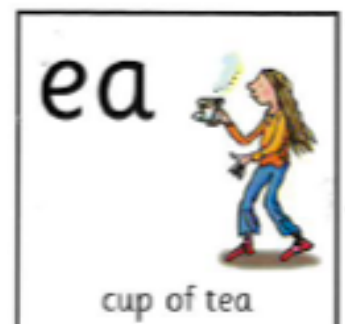
Free e-books for home reading:

<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 Day: 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 Day: 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 Day: 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

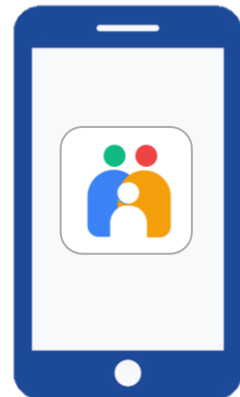
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



MCAS

MCAS (My Child At School) is an app which the school uses 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

Leave in Term Time

Please note government guidance has changed regarding attendance. All requests for in term time leave must have an appointment with our senior leadership team.