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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

Welcome back to all Chilwell Families as we begin our Autumn 2 half term. It is always a busy time of year within school as we focus on ensuring we have our heads down and engage in really purposeful learning. The dark nights are now well and truly upon us and as ever with the pupils so busy in school routines of a good night sleep are even more crucial.

Much excitement has been had in school with the appearance of our onsite swimming pool. Bigger and better than ever, the pool this year has ensured that more formal changing rooms with heating are part of the offer. The well qualified instructors are supporting our Year 6 pupils to achieve the statutory 25 metre swim benchmark by offering daily focused lessons enabling accelerated progress to take place. Additionally, this year we are offering Year 5 after school lessons, and I know that these are already being useful to our pupils.

This week I had a very purposeful meeting with the Chief Executive of the local Legacy Centre of Arts Excellence. He was very complimentary about the school and of course the work that the children are doing within it. We hope to build future links with the Centre that will enrich the children's educational experiences and their aspirations for the future. The legacy centre is involved with the preparation of the Newtown Action Plan. We shall be reaching out to pupils and families alike to obtain opinions and views that can feed into the preparation of this plan, please do keep an eye out for these surveys in the future. We feel sure this will be an enriching partnership for both of us.

We shall be having a second open day for Reception children for the 2025 intake whilst it seems such a long way away applications are now open and will need to be done by 15 January 2025. Our office staff will be happy to support with this should families, including new to Chilwell families, need our help.

Next week is the traditional time that schools focus on anti-bullying, this is such an importance message for all. In school we are here to support pupils if they feel unhappy or uncomfortable with any issues. Please encourage children, as we do, to speak to a trusted adult, teacher, leader, pastoral, or on-site support staff should they feel unhappy. If they speak to yourselves about issues at school, we would ask that you contact school to talk this through with us as soon as possible so that we can support. We look forward to seeing pupils attend in their odd socks on Tuesday!

We shall also be celebrating Children In Need on Friday of next week, we know all of our children are superheroes anyway, so we invite them to come as they are - capes are not compulsory!

Have a great week all and don't forget to keep reading!

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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
Wed 13 th Nov	Year 4 Celebration Assembly at 2.50 pm - Year 4 Parents Are Welcome to Attend
Fri 15 th Nov	Children In Need - Children to Come As The Superheroes They Are
Fri 15 th Nov	KESSP - Debating Tournament Selected Children
Mon 18 th Nov	Yr 6 Panthers - Anti Bullying Assembly (2.50 pm) - Panthers Parents Are Welcome to Attend
Wed 20 th Nov	Reception Open Morning at 9 am
Thurs 21 st Nov	Animal Man Workshop for Year 3 and Year 1
Fri 22 Nov	KESSP - Debating Tournament Selected Children
Mon 25 th Nov	KESSP Boccia League - Selected Children
Mon 25 th Nov	Cheetahs Visit to Birmingham Open Media Headquarters
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 and Christmas Meal
Tues 17 th Dec	Inner City Academy Sports Festival - Selected Year 5/6 Students
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
Thurs 9 th Jan	Chilwell's Got Talent - KS1
Fri 10 th Jan	Chilwell's Got Talent - KS2
Wed 9 th Mar - Fri 7 th Mar	Year 6 Residential - Condover 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	94.00%	😭
Lucky Lions	97.00%	😄
Dazzling Dolphins	94.00%	😭
Fantastic Flamingos	99.00%	😄
Legendary Leopards	93.00%	😭
Pleasant Pandas	97.00%	😄
Perfect Parrots	95.00%	😄
Proud Penguins	92.00%	😭
Fabulous Foxes	96.00%	😄
Learning Lemurs	94.00%	😭
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	94.00%	😭
Shrewd Shrews	99.00%	😄
Charming Cheetahs	98.00%	😄
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
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:
95.70%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win the bike this term?



Top Class Attendance

1st Panthers & Shrews & Flamingos - 99%
2nd Cheetahs - 98%
3rd Pandas & Lions - 97%





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Reception

This week in reception we have been learning about the festival of light, Diwali. We used clay to make Diyas and have decorated them in bright colours. We also watched videos and read stories and had a great time learning about this religious festival.

We have also learnt about bonfire night and created our own fireworks pictures. We talked about how we can keep safe around fireworks.



AVFC – Inner City Tournament

A group of enthusiastic children recently had the exciting opportunity to attend Aston Villa's Football tournament, where they showcased their skills and sportsmanship on the field. We're so proud of our students for their effort and sportsmanship—well done to all!



Terrific Tigers New Teacher

Hi everyone! I'm Mrs Alexander, the new teacher for Tigers in Reception. I'm really excited to join the wonderful Early Years team at Chilwell Croft Academy and am looking forward to getting to know all the children and families. I've been a primary school teacher for 15 years and have worked in Early Years for 5 years. I love it and I'm really excited to support your children to achieve their goals here at Chilwell Croft Academy.





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Value of the Month - Peace

This month, our school is focusing on *Peace* as our value of the month. Peace means fostering kindness, understanding, and respect in our interactions with others. It's about creating a positive environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard. By practicing peace in our daily lives—whether through resolving conflicts calmly, supporting our classmates, or simply spreading goodwill—we can build a community that thrives on harmony and mutual respect.

Afterschool PE Clubs

Children should bring their PE kits for afterschool sports clubs to ensure they can fully participate in physical activities. Having the appropriate clothing, such as comfortable sportswear and trainers, helps them move freely and safely, reducing the risk of injury. If your child/ren do not bring their PE kit, then they will be placed in Wraparound Care, and you will be charged.



Yellow Polo Shirt



Black Jogging Bottoms/Leggings



Black Trainers

Odd Socks Day

Wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November as a way to embrace individuality and celebrate differences across Chilwell Croft Academy.



Children In Need

In celebration with Children in Need, on 15th November, children can come in dressed as superheroes they are.



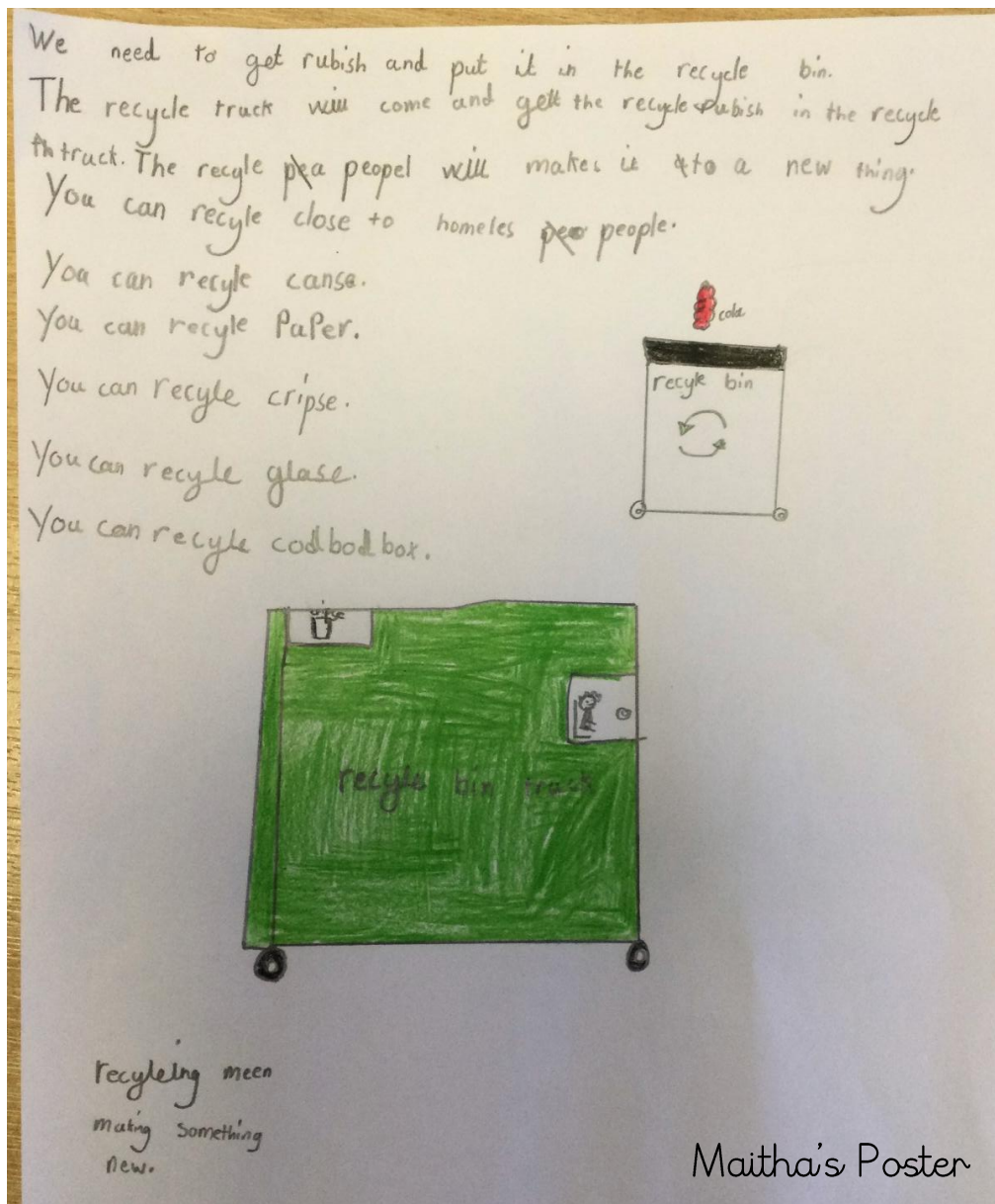
BBC
**Children
in Need**



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Student Work of the Week

A big well done to Maitha from Legendary Leopards and Mumino from Shrewd Shrews who took part in our recycling competition and who have done an amazing job creating a recycling poster.



Please check the next page for Mumino's poster.



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Mumino's Poster



Online Safety Newsletter

NOV 2024

How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>

WhatsApp

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.



Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.11.24.



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YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).
- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:
<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube>

Among Us

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. **However**, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Screen time and your family

Vodafone discuss screentime and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>

Band Runner Game

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>



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Department
for Work &
Pensions

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JOBS FAIR



10:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 14th November, 2024



3a Carpenters road, Lozells, B19 2BA

- Explore career options
- Meet local employers
- Training/apprenticeships
- CV/Interview help

Employers/providers attending:

- B2W - employability
- Career Tree - care, business jobs and training
- Embark - care
- Fareshare - warehouse
- Forward Step Training - fork lift truck training
- Intuitus/Stadium - security
- Learning Curve Group - apprenticeships
- Miss Macaroon - catering
- Pathways - apprenticeships
- The Skills Centre - construction
- South City College - swaps/apprenticeships
- Workwise - Travel advice
- Bright Direction - security



Refreshments available



Contact:
07901 198 198

Email:
Info@aspireandsucceed.org





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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?

2D Shapes (Polygons)

Regular shapes

All sides and angles are the same.



Irregular shapes

At least one side or angle is NOT the same.



Triangles

Isosceles



2 equal sides.
2 equal angles.

equilateral



3 equal sides.
3 equal angles, each 60°.

right-angled



1 angle is a right angle (90°).

scalene



No equal sides.
No equal angles.

Quadrilaterals

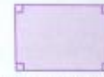
square

4 equal sides.
4 right angles.



rectangle

2 pairs of equal sides.
4 right angles.



rhombus



4 equal sides.

Opposite sides are parallel.
Opposite angles are equal.

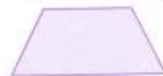
parallelogram



Opposite sides are equal.

trapezium

1 pair of parallel sides.



kite

2 pairs of equal sides.
No sides are parallel.



More 2D regular polygons

pentagon



5 equal sides.
5 equal angles.

hexagon



6 equal sides.
6 equal angles.

octagon



8 equal sides.
8 equal angles.

nonagon



9 equal sides.
9 equal angles.

decagon



10 equal sides.
10 equal angles.

You can work out what shape an object is from information about its sides and angles!





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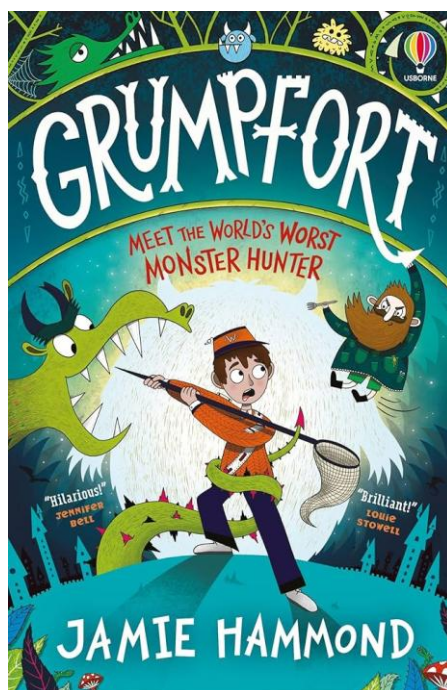
GRUMFORT – JAMIE HAMMOND WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MISS HAYLES

Meet Mo, the worst monster hunter ever, in this hilarious and highly illustrated adventure.

Mo never wanted to be a Warden - protecting the village of Bogfoss from the terrifying monsters in the woods is way too scary. But when he's beaten up by a goblin on his first patrol, he knows he has to prove himself.

So he sets out into the forbidden woods to catch himself a monster and make himself a hero. Instead he stumbles into GRUMPFORT, a secret monster fortress with a very big problem.

The fearsome Grumpsnatcher is kidnapping the other monsters - and suddenly Mo's on a monster-hunt with a troll, a gnome and a fire-breathing snotwoggle to stop it!





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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.

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

Reception

Monday 18th November
Monday 2nd December
Monday 16th 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

Black History Month - Scientist Who Discovered Radium and Polonium and Contributions to Finding Treatments for Cancer.

Scan the QR code to discover more fun facts.



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/miskineducation>

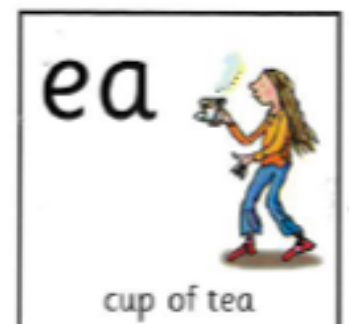
Free e-books for home reading:

<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
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Afterschool Clubs

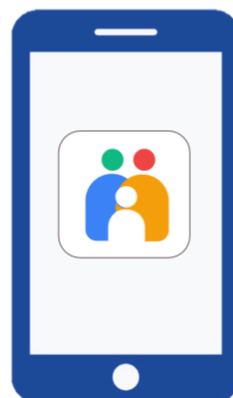
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



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 STUDDED 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.