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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

Thank you to all families who supported Children in Need today. The pupils looked great coming into school and were so happy with it, which is lovely! This week also saw the celebration of Anti-Bullying, Odd Socks Day, a key part of our school calendar where we build understanding of how we ensure that we support each other's uniqueness positively.

As ever, our newsletter is packed with insights into our week in school. Please take a moment to read the poems based around the theme of racism, which have been written by three Year 6 pupils. They are outstanding examples of the use of powerful language to highlight the impact of racism. They are wonderful examples of the insightful ways in which our young people view the world.

Next week, Year 6 Panthers will host their families for their assembly. We welcome your attendance to see the presentation of the pupils' hard work. We know that presenting in front of an audience builds confidence and speech skills, although it can be a little scary! Practice helps with this, especially in front of a supportive audience. We hope to see you there.

Thursday sees the school welcoming the return of the Animal Man for Year 1 and Year 3 pupils. He brings with him all manner of creatures! We are sure the children will have much to say about them. It is always fabulous to see how some pupils overcome their fears during this visit.

Our breakfast club is now regularly oversubscribed. To ensure your place, we recommend booking in advance. Our system enables families to do this well in advance.

As ever have a lovely week ahead, and don't forget to read

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





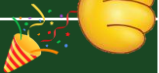

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 18 th Nov	Yr 6 Panthers - Anti Bullying Assembly (2.50 pm) - Panthers Parents Are Welcome to Attend
Tues 19 th Nov	Inner City Academy Sports Festival - Selected Year 5/6 Students
Tues 19 th Nov	KS2 Sunshine Festival at AMA - Selected Children
Wed 20 th Nov	Reception Open Morning at 9 am
Thurs 21 st Nov	Animal Man Workshop for Year 3 and Year 1
Mon 25 th Nov	KESSP Boccia League - Selected Children
Wed 27 th Nov	KESSP Leadership Academy - Year 5/6
Wed 4 th Dec	KESSP Shooting Stars Festival - Selected Children
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
Tues 17 th Dec	Winter Fayre at 2.30pm
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 - 8.4.0am Start
Thurs 9 th Jan	Chilwell's Got Talent - KS1
Fri 10 th Jan	Chilwell's Got Talent - KS2
Tues 14 th Jan	Inner City Academy Sports Festival - Selected Year 5/6 Students
Fri 14 th Feb	Last day of Half Term - School to Finish at 3.30 pm
Mon 24 th Feb	Children Back from Half Term Holidays - 8.4.0am Start
Wed 5 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	73.00%	
Lucky Lions	79.00%	
Dazzling Dolphins	96.00%	
Fantastic Flamingos	97.00%	
Legendary Leopards	94.00%	
Pleasant Pandas	96.00%	
Perfect Parrots	95.00%	
Proud Penguins	96.00%	
Fabulous Foxes	100%	
Learning Lemurs	93.00%	
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	98.00%	
Shrewd Shrews	98.00%	
Charming Cheetahs	99.00%	
Powerful Panthers	97.00%	



	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:
94.30%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win the bike this term?



Top Class Attendance

1st Foxes - 100%
2nd Cheetahs - 99%
3rd Shrews & Kangaroos - 98%





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Children In Need



On Friday, pupils came in dressed as superheroes or came in as the superheroes they are for a donation to support Children In Need. A big thank you to our students and families for their incredible support and for helping to make the world a brighter place for those in need!

Please tune into BBC Children In Need live entertainment of comedy, music and surprise guests to raise funds for children across the UK. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0024z6w>



If I Was A Superhero By Sally Gray

If I was superhero
I'd definitely fly
Arms outstretched
Racing birds in the sky,

If I was a superhero
I'd have special powers
Like extra long legs
For jumping over towers

If I was a superhero
I'd save all the oceans
With my secret and magical
Cleaning up potions

If I was a superhero
I'd save all the trees
And the mountains and rivers,
The birds and the bees.

If I was a superhero
I'd help all the poor
Give them food
And make them poor no more.

If I was a superhero
I'm sure you'll agree
The world would be better
Because of me

We raised a
fantastic £168.00.
Thank you to all
who contributed.





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Odd Socks – Anti Bullying

During Anti-Bullying Week, children across the school came in on Tuesday wearing odd socks as a fun and colourful way to celebrate diversity and promote kindness. The quirky socks served as a reminder that everyone is unique and that it's our differences that make us special.



Reception Open Day – 20/11/24

We are excited to invite families considering our school for next year's Reception class to our Open Morning on Wednesday 20th November 24! This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our vibrant learning environment, meet our dedicated staff, and learn more about the values and activities that make our school special. Whether you are a first-time visitor or looking to reconnect, we'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have about joining our community. Come and see how we nurture curiosity, creativity, and develop a love for learning in our youngest learners!

KESSP Debating Tournament

A group of selected students had the opportunity to visit King Edwards to participate in a debating competition and showcased their impressive skills in a lively and engaging debating competition! With confidence and poise, our young debaters tackled a variety of thought-provoking topics, demonstrating their ability to express ideas, and listen respectfully to differing opinions. Well done to all the participants for their hard work and enthusiasm—our future leaders are already making their voices heard!





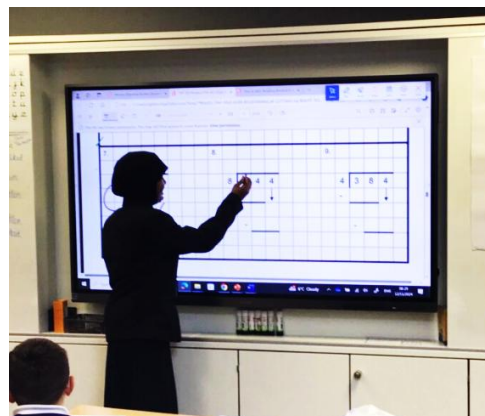
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Year 6

Year 6 have had the exciting opportunity to use the on-site swimming pool for the past couple of weeks, to make sure that children are able to achieve their 25m certificate before they leave Chilwell. The children have benefitted a great deal from this- and had lots of fun!

The children have been undertaking RE week with Mrs Gibbs and exploring how different religions teach about being fair and just and living by rules. This has included learning about discrimination and how we can stop it.

Children are continuing to attend breakfast learning for reading and maths support with Mrs Gibbs, Mr Giblen and Miss Clyne.



Road Safety Competition

We are excited to hold a Road Safety Competition for children in celebration of Road Safety Week, happening next week! This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn and share important tips about staying safe on the roads. Whether walking, cycling, or traveling by car, it's essential for children to understand the rules and responsibilities that help prevent accidents. The deadline for the competition is Friday 22nd November 2024.





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Student Work of the Week

Saba, Adam and Asmaa who have done an amazing job creating a poem regarding racism. Please have a read of their work.

No Room for Racism
In a peaceful world where colours, bright and vibrant tell a unique story.
United we stand like a garden of flowers each one ~~color~~ colourful.
Peace we may bring the gentle winds washing away the air full of terror.
Racism is a dark shadow that wanders around with a cloak of terror.
If we can bring peace there would be a world full of kindness and harmony.
In this world, we move like stars dashing through the night with happiness.

- Adam
Powerful Panthers
Chilwell Croft Academy

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Student Work of the Week

No room for racism

There's no room for racism,
on a plate full of feelings.
Each one excited to share their ideas,
for all of humanity, for the sake of our hearts.
Love declares "Humanity should be filled with love for
themselves".
Racism bounces in and says "Humanity should be
filled with hatred for people with different colours on
their bodies".
"No, no, no" Says Kindness, "Humanity should be nice to
each other."
"Humanity should be teasing people for where they
come from" Exclaims Racism, chuckling to himself.
As they all argue with one another, Wisdom tunes in
and says "Humanity should be filled with love and
kindness, and if you don't like that Racism, you're free
to leave."
While Racism storms off, humanity stays united and proud.
In a world full of love and kindness,
There will always be no room for racism,
Forever and always.

Asmaa.A
Powerful Panthers
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Student Work of the Week

No Room for Racism

In the street the buses pass,
A reminder of Rosa Parks.
She fought for freedom,
For value.
To be judged by the content of her heart,
Not the colour of her skin.
But looking back today,
We all see that we are Rosa Parks.
We didn't ask to be black.
We didn't ask to be white.
We didn't ask to be brown.
Each one of us are unique flowers,
In the garden of life.
Special.
Valued.
In the street the buses pass,
Each seat filled with a rainbow of love.

Saba

Powerful Panthers

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PSHE at Chilwell Croft

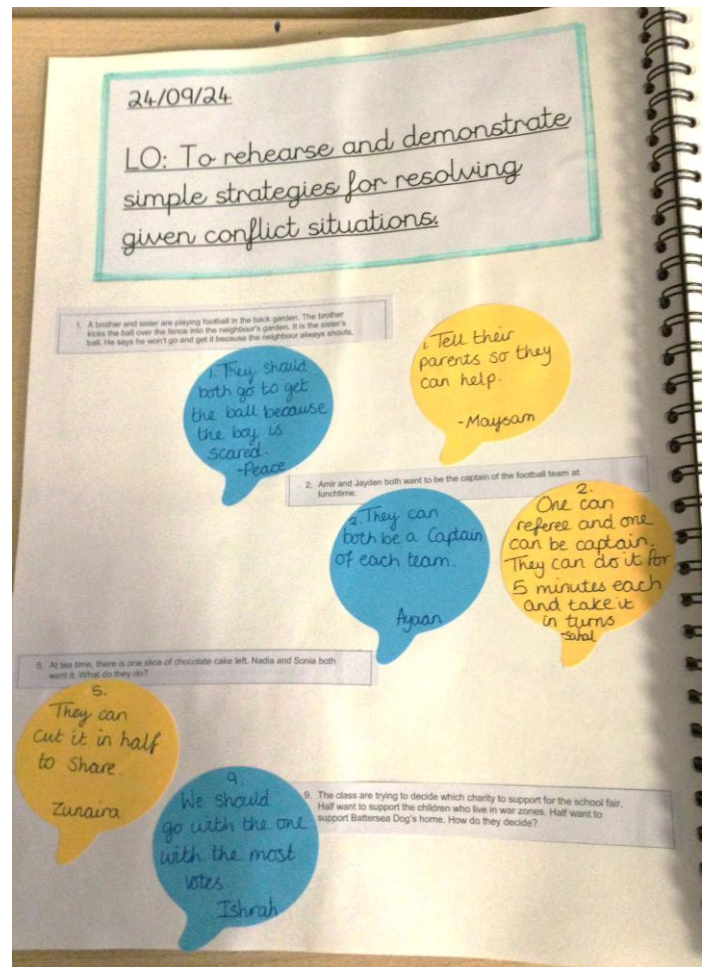
Here at Chilwell Croft Academy, Personal, Social and Health Education lessons are taught weekly using the SCARF resources.

Across school, we have focused on 'Me and my Relationships' and engaged in a variety of activities.

From our Floor Books, you can see how interactive our lessons are - we enjoy collaborating through paired and group discussions plus role-playing.

This half term has started with all year groups learning basic first aid.

Our sense of personal responsibility and respect for others is continuing to develop.





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PSHE at Chilwell Croft – Activities for 5-7 Year Old

What your child will be learning about

- Developing respect for different types of people
 - Being kind and helping others
- Listening skills and why they are important

What you can talk about together

- How am I different from my friends and family?
- Do I have to like or enjoy the same things as my friends and family?
- How can I show kindness to other people – in my family and at school?
- Why is listening carefully important? How can I be a good listener?

**Activity – We're all different,
we're all special**

We all have things that make us the same as each other and things that make us different – even from people in our family.

This can help to make life more interesting.


Complete this activity with someone at home – you could include friends on your list, too!

You can print the activity or just copy the table onto some scrap paper before completing it.

Everyone is Different

Wow, everyone is different. That's amazing!

Harold's been looking at some photos of his family and he has realised that even though they are all giraffes, they all look different.

 Draw a picture of you and your family here.

Write everyone's name on the picture.

Name	Eye colour	Favourite food	Special talent!

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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



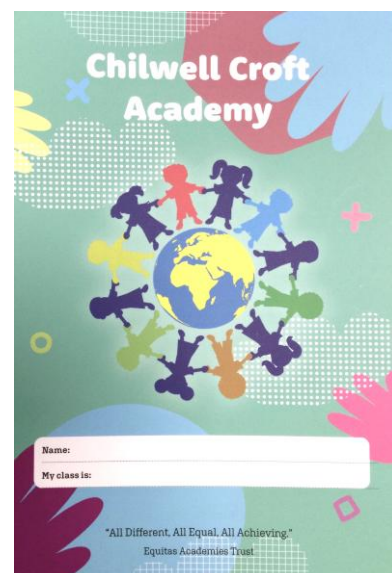
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What's in Chilwell Crofts Planner?

Learning the multiplication table is a key step in helping children build a strong foundation in mathematics. It enables them to quickly recall basic multiplication facts, which are essential for solving more complex problems later on.

Multiplication Tables 1 - 12

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144





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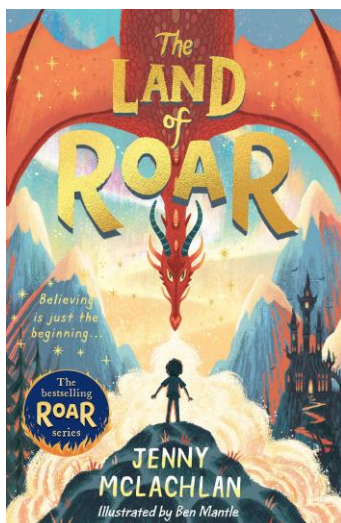
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THE LAND OF ROAR WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MISS SMITH

Twins Rose and Arthur are drifting apart as they prepare for secondary school. Rose is too caught up in her phone, YouTube, makeup, and trying to fit in with the popular crowd to spend time with Arthur. Meanwhile, Arthur feels isolated, anxious, and unsure about his new school. Every summer, the children visit their Grandad, where they used to escape into the Land of Roar—a fantastical world they created in his attic, full of their dreams, fears, and boundless imagination. But this summer, their cherished hideaway is about to be turned into a more grown-up space... until their Grandad is unexpectedly pulled into Roar through an old camp-bed that serves as a portal. The children decide to follow.

What they find in Roar is nothing like the world they left behind. Real danger awaits, and rescuing their Grandad may be just the beginning of their quest. With the help of Arthur's imaginary friend Wininja and Rose's dragons, Pickle and Vlad, they must confront Arthur's sinister nemesis—a villain so dark, vengeful, and chillingly evil that he's the perfect threat to their mission.

This story is full of imagination, adventure and excitement and makes for a perfect read-aloud choice for story time. Land of Roar is an instantly gripping adventure where childhood games become a reality for two twins. I raced my way through it, wondering what dangers twins Rose and Arthur were going to encounter next, whilst simultaneously wanting to visit Roar myself! Land of Roar makes for a fantastic portal story where you can't help but be dragged into this magical land of make-believe in a story full of adventure, magic and friendship.





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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



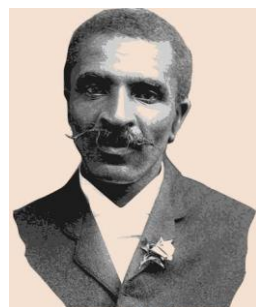
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Road Safety

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

George Washington Carver was an American agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion. 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: Tuesday 7 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

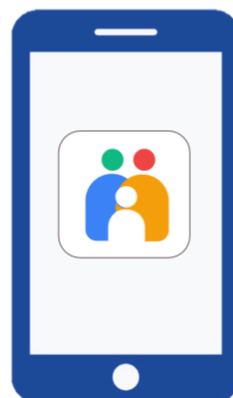
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



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.