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All Achieving

Headteacher's Message

Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

It has been brilliant to see our fabulous attendance figures last week and this week. We are smashing it! We're only 0.5% off our school target, so please do keep up the excellent work!

Recently, our office staff contacted families to ask that school meals be ordered weekly in advance. This will reduce daily administrative tasks in each class, enabling teachers to focus on teaching. Please speak with your child about their dinner choices so that they know what to expect when in school. Our office staff will be offering support with meal ordering in due course.

Years 5 and 6 will have received a letter this week about our swimming lesson arrangements for next half term. Please review the equipment list included to ensure your child is able to take part. We are very pleased that our on-site pool has become a cherished Chilwell tradition.

Finally, the senior leadership team and I have had a fantastic week interviewing candidates for our pupil leadership roles. They have all been amazing! Our pupils truly embody our school values in both words and deeds. It has been such a pleasure talking with them and hearing their views and ideas. There is a lot of thinking to do this weekend as we prepare to announce leadership positions next week. I wish I had positions for them all!

Have a lovely weekend and keep reading!

Mrs. N Wragg
Headteacher
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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 13 th Oct	Black History Month - Parent Assembly for Lemurs Parents at 2.50 pm
Tues 14 th Oct	Year 5 Book Fair at 9am
Mon 20 th Oct	Duwalli - Parent Assembly for Leopards Parents at 2.50 pm
Tues 21 st Oct	Year 6 Book Fair at 9am
Thurs 23 rd Oct	King Edwards Basketball Tournament - Selected Children from Year 5/Year 6
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Last Day of Half Term - 3.30 pm Finish
Fri 24 th Oct	Inset Day - School Closed For All Children
Fri 31 st Oct	Year 7 Application Deadline
Mon 3 rd Nov	All Children Back to School - 8.40 am Start
Mon 3 rd Nov	Year 5 & Year 6 Parent Celebration Assembly - Selected Students
Mon 3 rd Nov - Fri 21 st Nov	Year 6 Swimming Daily
Wed 5 th Nov	Black Country Museum - Year 1
Wed 5 th Nov	Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Celebration Assembly - Selected Students
Thurs 6 th Nov	Black Country Museum - Year 1
Thurs 6 th Nov	Year 3 & Year 4 Parent Celebration Assembly - Selected Students
Mon 10 th Nov	Remembrance Day - Parent Assembly for Cheetahs Parents at 2.50 pm
Tues 11 th Nov	King Edwards Athletics Tournament - Selected Students from Year 1 and Year 2
Mon 17 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week- Parent Assembly for Panthers Parents at 2.50 pm
Mon 24 th Nov - Fri 12 th Dec	Year 5 Swimming Daily
Fri 5 th Dec	Inset Day - School Closed For All Children
Thurs 11 th Dec	Year 4 Centrestage Recital at 2.30 pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Peter and The Wolf (Onsite) - REC/Year 1/Year 2/Year 3
Fri 19 th Dec	Last day of Half Term - 1.30 pm Finish
Mon 5 th Jan	Inset Day - School Closed For All Children
Tues 6 th Jan	Inset Day - School Closed For All Children
Wed 7 th Jan	All Children Back to School - 8.40 am Start
Mon 23 rd - Wed 25 th Mar	Year 6 Residential - Condoover Hall





Weekly Attendance

Tigers	Lions	Dolphins	Flamingos	Pandas	Leopards	Penguins
99%	97%	96%	93%	97%	97%	100%
Parrots	Lemurs	Foxes	Shrews	Kangaroos	Cheetahs	Panthers
97%	98%	95%	97%	97%	99%	99%

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 term is:
96.50%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win the scooter this term?



Top Class Attendance

1st Penguins - 100%
2nd Tigers & Cheetahs & Panthers - 99%
3rd Lemurs - 98%

CONGRATULATIONS

BOOK FAIR & PARENT WORKSHOP

You are invited to attend a free book fair with your child on the following dates:

Year 1: 16 Sept

Year 2: 23 Sept

Year 3: 30 Sept

Year 4: 7 Oct

Year 5: 14 Oct

Year 6: 21 Oct

Each child can choose two free books to take home, along with other reading goodies.

Please ensure your child attends registration as normal at 8:40am, before you join them for the book fair.

The book fair will be followed by an internet safety workshop (9.30am) for the selected year group on that day.





Chilwell Chronicle

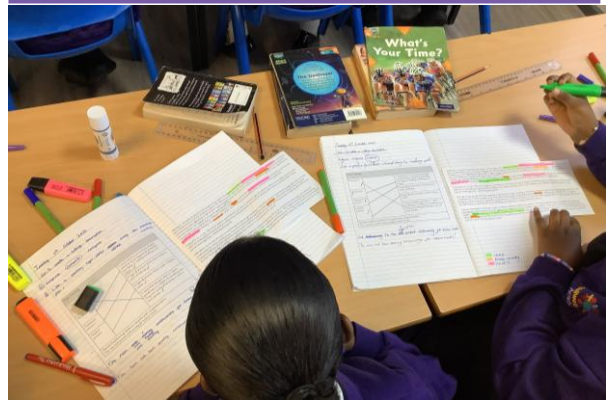
Basketball Tournament

Selected students from Year 5 and Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in the King Edward's Basketball Tournament. The children played exceptionally well in their first game and demonstrated excellent teamwork. Well done, everyone!



Year 6

This week the children in Year 6 have been exploring the language features of setting descriptions. They began by recapping their previous knowledge of figurative language and discussing how powerful imagery helps to set the context for the reader. The children have been analysing examples of descriptive writing, identifying techniques used such as metaphors, similes, personification and sensory detail.



Helping Our Children Stay Safe Online

Over the past few weeks, we've really enjoyed welcoming so many of you to our Internet Safety Workshops here at school. These sessions were all about helping families feel more confident when it comes to keeping children safe online something that's such a big part of all our lives these days! Each workshop focused on a different area of online safety. We talked about things like setting up parental controls, managing screen time, knowing which games and apps are suitable, and most importantly, how to have open conversations with children about what they do online.

It was lovely to see parents and carers sharing tips, asking great questions, and supporting each other. Many people said they found it really useful to learn about the latest apps children are using and how to spot potential risks as well as how to encourage positive and responsible online behaviour at home. A big thank you to everyone who came along and joined in! If you couldn't make it, we have an internet Safety workshop for Year 5 and 6 children on the 14th and 21st October 2025.

Together, we're helping our children make the most of the digital world while staying safe, kind, and confident online.



Stay SMART Online

S M A R T

Stay **SAFE**!

Don't give your address, phone number, social media handles, or school name to online strangers.

Don't **MEET** up!

Don't meet someone you met online without checking with a parent or guardian first.

ACCEPTING

Don't accept friend requests or files from people you don't know.

RELIABLE

Stop the spread of misinformation by relying on trustworthy sources, family, and friends.

TELL someone!

If you see something, speak up! If something seems off, tell a responsible adult.



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FREE bus travel for parents this October half term

All day, unlimited travel from
27 October until 2 November

Parents, guardians and carers can enjoy
unlimited free bus travel across the
West Midlands during these dates.

How to claim

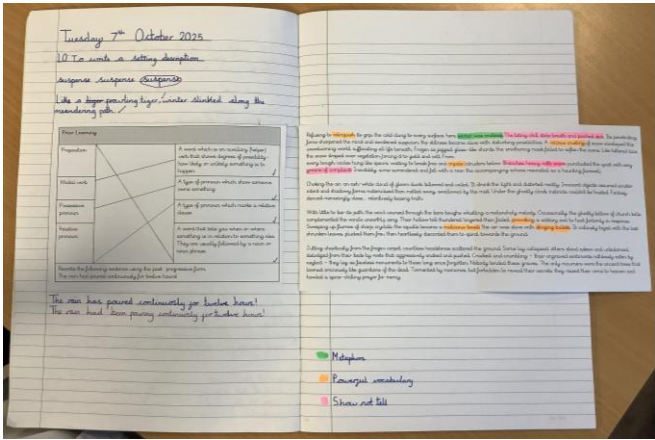
Applications are open from Monday 6
October until Wednesday 15 October.
Just scan the QR code (or visit tfwm.org.uk/october) to apply!



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with instructions on how to redeem your
free travel through your Swift account.

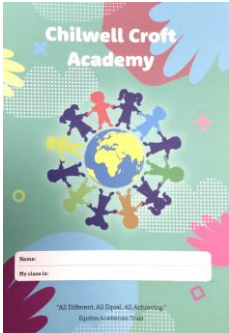
Student of the Week

Kahara from Powerful Panthers has done an excellent job editing a given extract, carefully highlighting key language features to show her understanding of how authors create atmosphere and mood through description.



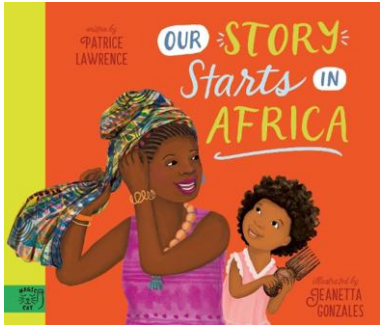
CCA Planner

On Page 65, Year 1 have a look at how many common exception words you can recognise.



Our Story in Africa
by Patrice Lawrence

This beautifully illustrated children's book explores themes of identity, heritage, and belonging. It follows Paloma, a young girl struggling to understand her roots in a world where her heritage is often overlooked. With her grandmother's help, Paloma learns about her family's history, which spans generations and continents, starting in Africa. Through a journey of discovery, she uncovers African traditions, culture, and the painful legacies of colonialism and slavery. As she connects with her ancestry, Paloma gains a deeper understanding of how the past shapes her identity, helping her embrace it with pride.



Scientist of the Week –
Patrice Bath

First American ophthalmologist and humanitarian.
Scan the QR code to discover more fun facts.



Phonics

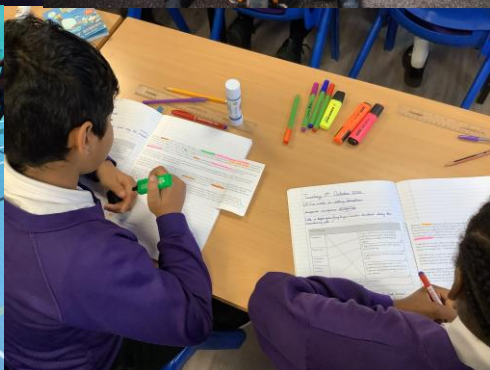
Here is the sound of the week:

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CCA Photo Gallery





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 - Every Monday

Year 2

Thursday 11th September
Friday 19th September
Thursday 25th September
Friday 3rd October
Thursday 9th October
Friday 17th October
Thursday 23rd October

Year 4

Thursday 11th September
Wednesday 17th September
Thursday 25th September
Wednesday 1st October
Thursday 9th October
Wednesday 15th October
Thursday 23rd October

Year 6

Thursday 18th September
Thursday 2nd October
Thursday 16th October

Year 1

Friday 12th September
Wednesday 17th September
Friday 26th September
Wednesday 1st October
Friday 10th October
Wednesday 15th October
Friday 24th October

Year 3

Wednesday 10th September
Friday 19th September
Wednesday 24th September
Friday 3rd October
Wednesday 8th October
Friday 17th October
Wednesday 22nd October

Year 5 - Every Monday Plus

Thursday 18th September
Thursday 2nd October
Thursday 16th October