



Dear parents, a very busy week at Chorlton C.E Primary!

Nursery learnt about 'push and pull' forces, inspired by the classic tale of The Enormous Turnip. The children had a fantastic time bringing the story to life, working together to re-enact the "heave-ho" effort of pulling the giant vegetable from the ground while discussing the energy needed to move heavy objects. They experimented with magnets, where the children were fascinated to see how invisible forces can either push objects away or pull them close. Their curiosity truly took off as they tested various classroom materials to identify which ones were magnetic, turning Nursery into a mini science lab!

It has been a busy week for the Reception Class, particularly in Maths, where the children applied their knowledge of number composition to identify missing parts of totals. Their Literacy work took them beneath the waves as they composed informative fact files for various sea creatures, showcasing their growing research and writing skills. Additionally, as part of their Understanding the World curriculum, the children explored Geography and climate by comparing their own local environment to the vibrant landscapes depicted in the story 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain'. Well done Reception!

Year 1 has been a whirlwind of creativity and discovery this week, headlined by the children's class assembly. Back in the classroom, the students have been equally industrious: they've become budding cartographers by decoding map symbols in Geography, young botanists exploring the world of flora in Science, and confident mathematicians mastering the composition of teen numbers. These achievements are beautifully punctuated by their latest artistic venture—stunning textured bird portraits that are now displayed on the school fence.

It has been a vibrant week of discovery in Year 2, beginning with a wonderful day of Art where pupils brought stick figures to life, using creative decorations and poses to represent various actions and emotions; please do look out for your child's expressive masterpiece proudly displayed on the school railings. The children's studies in Geography took us from the industrial heritage of Manchester's rivers to the vital waters of Mugurameno in Zambia, allowing children to compare how different communities utilise their local environment. In Maths, the children have been calculating halves, thirds, and quarters.

The Year 3 students have had a productive week, transitioning their practical understanding of fractions into more formal mathematical notation. In English, the children delved into the world of descriptive writing, creating a toolbox of literary techniques to craft imaginative letters to the magical tree from their current class text, the classroom transformed into a laboratory for science, where the children began exploring the fascinating force of magnetism, testing how various poles interact to either attract or repel one another.

In English, Year 4 mastered the art of "show, don't tell" by describing character emotions through actions and subtle cues rather than direct statements. The momentum continued in Maths as the students delved into comparing mixed number fractions. After exploring various drawing mediums, the children headed outdoors to collect natural materials from the school grounds, which they skilfully transformed into their very own nest sculptures.

It has been a busy week for Year 5, beginning in Science where students explored the world of reversible changes, identifying how certain processes—like cooling melted chocolate back into a solid—can be undone. In P.E., the focus shifted to Athletics as the class mastered the shot put, emphasising the "push" technique over a traditional throw. Literacy lessons saw the children enhancing their storytelling by using dashes for parenthesis, allowing them to weave rich, extra detail into their narratives about the Kingdom of Benin.

Year 6 have been demonstrating an incredible work ethic this week as they engage in their final learning consolidation. To balance their academic focus, the students have thoroughly enjoyed plenty of extra time outdoors, refreshing brain breaks, and engaging classroom activities. It has been a pleasure to witness their growing sense of pride in their accomplishments so far. As they look toward next week, every student should feel a surge of confidence, knowing they are fully prepared to tackle the challenges ahead and showcase their hard work.

We are delighted to confirm that this year's Sports Day will take place on **Friday, 12th June** at the **Longford Park Athletics Track**. As in previous years, it promises to be a fantastic day of events. The agenda and timings will be very similar to our past Sports Days, and we will share a more detailed schedule with you closer to the date. The children are already getting excited, and we would love to have your support from the sidelines. (And yes, please start

preparing for the parents' race!)

As we count down to our 125th Anniversary Celebration, we wanted to send a quick reminder to keep the afternoon of Thursday, 21st May clear in your calendars! The festivities will be held on the school field and the Key Stage 2 playground, featuring an exciting line-up that includes a traditional Maypole performance by Year 5 and live music from the Chorlton C.E. Primary brass band. We look forward to seeing families gather for our community picnic, with plenty of PTA stalls to enjoy as the school day concludes. Be sure to check your inbox over the coming days, as we'll be sharing further details regarding the full schedule and what to bring!

We would like to share that there are spaces for our Nursery for the upcoming academic year. Attached is a leaflet with all the essential information regarding our wonderful Early Years provision. If you have friends, family, or neighbours with little ones ready to start their school journey, please do spread the word and share the attached details with them!

Good luck to all Year 6 participating in the KS2 SATS next week. To give Year 6 some time to settle in before the tests begin, school will be open early for Year 6 pupils from Monday to Thursday next week. Chef Anthony will be serving a variety of breakfast items for Year 6 pupils. If you would like your child to attend these early sessions, they can attend school from 8:00 AM. We are so impressed with how hard the children have worked, we are proud of you all!

Have a great weekend!

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception parent open morning
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Hearing and Vision Checks
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Papaya Parent Talk
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS trip to Smithills Farm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	The 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closes for Half Term at 3:15pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School reopens for pupils at 8:45am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception Forest School starts
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Spanish Ambassadors' trip to Cervantes Institute
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 PGL Trip

## St. Clement's Parish Church

**National Emergency Briefing - Thursday 21st May at St Clements** (Please note: not really a child event - one for parents and carers)

St Clements is working with People and Planet Didsbury to host a showing of the film "People's Emergency Briefing." What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? The People's Emergency Briefing is an eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like Flooding, our Health, Pollution and Cost of Living. It is a free event. You can book a place here: [www.pppdidsbury.org/nebfilm](http://www.pppdidsbury.org/nebfilm). All welcome.

**Chorlton Beer and Cider Festival - 2nd - 4th July**

Save the Date - Early bird (discount tickets available soon!)

**Toon Kids Cartoon and Comics Workshops by Dannyboy – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 10am**

Toon Kids offers comic fanatics, cartoon lovers & doodlers alike the chance to unleash their creative energy in a fun filled session.



## St. Clement's Parish Church

### Join the Toon Kids Cartoon & Comics Workshops! (Suitable for ages 6+)

Get ready for a super fun, in-person event where creativity and laughs come together! Whether you're a beginner or a mini pro, dive into the world of cartoons and comics with hands-on sessions. Draw characters, create stories, and bring your imagination to life with fellow Toon Kids and professional cartoonist Dannyboy. Perfect for all young artists who love to doodle and dream big. Don't miss out on this epic, artsy adventure!

Monday 25th May/ Tuesday 26th May

10.00-11.30

The Youth Centre at St. Clements' Church, Chorlton.

£13 per person (+small booking fee)

Suitable for ages 6+

All materials provided

All abilities welcome

## PTA News

We are enjoying planning our school's annual summer fair (Saturday 27th June, 12-4pm) and would love to have lots of volunteers to help on the day.

It's a lovely event for all the family... this year we even have a climbing wall!

We will be holding our first Summer Fair Meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 8pm at Lloyds - please join us to help plan the fun!

We are also looking forward to learning more about navigating the digital age as a family in our talk at

**7pm on 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

The talk will be held in the school hall with refreshments. You can book a FREE ticket to the talk here:

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/chorlton-c-of-e-primary-school-210247>

There is more information on the attached poster.

The parent talk is funded by the PTA and any donations on the booking site will go towards our outdoor transformation project.

Thank you for your support!