



Dear parents, lots happening this week at Chorlton C.E Primary!

In Nursery, the children have been busily preparing for their upcoming class assembly. Dedicated to showcasing everything they've learned about how plants grow, the students have put in an incredible amount of effort practicing their songs, rehearsing their choreographed actions, and hand-crafting their own props. The class is buzzing with excitement to share their hard work with you, and we hope you enjoyed the performance!

It's been an underwater adventure in Reception this week! Inspired by the story Somebody Swallowed Stanley, the children have dived into a variety of sea-themed challenges. In Maths, they've been honing their focus by practising careful counting of large groups of objects that cannot be moved—a tricky skill they handled brilliantly. The creativity has also been flowing, with the class producing some truly wonderful mixed-media "under the sea" artwork that brings their learning to life.

Year 1 children have been buzzing with excitement as they plan and practise for their upcoming class assembly, which they are eager to share with you all next week. Outside the classroom, they put their geography fieldwork skills to the test in the playground, while in Art, they focused on fine detail by creating beautiful observational drawings of feathers. In Maths, the focus has been on doubling and halving numbers, while English lessons saw the class writing vivid descriptive sentences about natural objects for their own imaginary stories. Our scientific exploration of plants continues to flourish, and in Computing, the children have been introduced to the world of logos. It's been a week of fantastic progress across the curriculum!

It has been busy in Year 2, starting with a hands-on Design and Technology session where pupils explored the mechanics of interlocking cogs and motion. The classroom buzz continued into Maths as the children built confidence in adding and subtracting money through practical problem-solving. To round out their learning, the pupils showed wonderful empathy in English, stepping into the world of Lizzy and the Cloud to write thoughtful letters of advice to the main character.

Year 3 have been sharpening their inference skills, diving deep into the work of Joseph Coelho and Richard Johnson to discover how colour choices can signal shifting emotions and plot progression. In Maths, the children have started exploring the building blocks of unit fractions, focusing on the differences between equal and unequal parts. Meanwhile, our budding artists took inspiration from the legendary Quentin Blake, experimenting with line, shape, and watercolour to bring their own unique illustrations to life. Well done Year 3!

It has been incredibly busy for Year 4, beginning with a dramatic dive into history during English lessons. Taking on the roles of crew members from Shackleton's famous Endurance expedition, Year 4 composed emotive telegrams that utilised descriptive language and contrasting conjunctions to capture their experiences. The momentum continued in Maths, where the class kicked off a new unit on fractions by exploring how to compose and decompose values greater than one. To round out the week, Year 4 looked at the Amazon in Geography to investigate local biodiversity, where they practiced tallying and classifying the wide variety of incredible animals that call the rainforest home.

It's been a high-energy week for Year 5! In Maths, the children have been tackling the challenge of multiplying mixed numbers by proper fractions with great focus. The children have also been busy in English, crafting emotive diary entries that capture shifting moods, alongside practical survival guides for the rainforest. On the field, pupils took to athletics to refine their javelin technique, experimenting with standing throws versus short run-ups to see which generated more power. Finally, creativity took centre stage in art as the class began sketching and constructing simple set designs.

Year 6 have shown incredible focus this week as they deep-dive into their SATs revision, successfully navigating their

way through last year's papers with determination. In Geography, the class broadened their horizons by comparing our local area to a similar environment in Europe, while Science lessons saw them exploring the complexities of the human circulatory system. The children have been showcasing fabulous technique and sportsmanship across both tennis and athletics.

A reminder that we warmly invite all parents to join us on the afternoon of Thursday 21st May for our special 125th Anniversary celebration. We are looking forward to marking this incredible milestone with our school community, and further details regarding the event's schedule and activities will be shared with you shortly.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Francis House Chick Appeal! Your incredible generosity helped the school raise a fantastic total of £263.15. We truly appreciate the efforts of our entire community in supporting such a worthy cause!

Have a great bank holiday weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Monday 4 th May | Bank Holiday – no school |
| Wednesday 6 th May | Nursery Parent Tour |
| Tuesday 12 th May | Reception parent open morning |
| Wednesday 13 th May | Reception Hearing and Vision Checks |
| Thursday 14 th May | Papaya Parent Talk |
| Friday 15 th May | EYFS trip to Smithills Farm |
| Thursday 21 st May | The 125 th Anniversary Celebration |
| Friday 22 nd May | School closes for Half Term at 3:15pm |
| Monday 1 st June | School reopens for pupils at 8:45am |

St. Clement's Parish Church

Chorlton Fun Run - Monday 4th May, 10.30am

This is a fantastic community event which lots of local families take part in. This year it will be on the 4th May 2026. Tickets are available to buy online for the early bird discount. More information and tickets are found here: www.stclement-chorlton.org.uk/our-gatherings/funrun. Or register on the day from 9.30am with the run starting at 10.30am. 6km and 1.5km (push-chair friendly) routes. We hope to see you there.

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. All welcome.

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

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



St. Clement's Parish Church

Toon Kids Cartoon and Comics Workshops by Dannyboy – Monday 25th May and Tuesday 26th May, 10am

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

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 6th 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 14th 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!