



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

The Nursery children had a wonderful time during their recent visit to the farm, where they were incredibly excited to watch the cows being milked and learn all about where milk comes from. Throughout the day, the enthusiastic young learners enjoyed feeding the goats, going on a fun tractor ride, and riding a donkey. They also had the special opportunity to hold baby chicks and rabbits while exploring the wide variety of animals around the farm. It was a fantastic, hands-on experience filled with curiosity, excitement, and plenty of smiles from everyone involved.

The Reception Class had an action-packed week of discovery, blending history, nature, and mathematics. The children explored how people washed clothes in the past, read and wrote fascinating facts about water spiders and dragonflies, and strengthened their math skills by comparing numbers near and far. They also learnt about the life cycle of a frog—complete with a thrilling classroom visit from real tadpoles—and channelled their inner environmentalists by creating posters to remind everyone to keep their school litter-free.

This week, the Year 1 children delighted everyone with their wonderful bird sculptures, each one completely unique and fantastic. In their English lessons, the pupils focused on environmental awareness by creating posters about looking after the planet, while in maths, they grew incredibly confident at solving doubling and halving problems. The children also thoroughly enjoyed attending both the exciting iRock concert and the school's landmark 125-year anniversary celebrations, where they proudly showed off the custom hats they had made. Finally, they successfully concluded their Geography topic by demonstrating their knowledge through an end-of-unit quiz and some impressive map work.

The Year 2 children have had a spectacular end to the half-term. The pupils turned into mini-photographers by snapping shots of their handmade stickmen, later using the prints to design brilliant frames in their sketchbooks. They were also busy putting their knowledge to the test with quizzes on their recent learning, which included sequencing the story of the Ten Lepers, comparing life in Zambia to the UK, and recapping important lessons on keeping their bodies safe. To top it all off, the children finished their "big write" guidebooks on the very important task of cloud-nurturing before heading off for a well-deserved half-term break.

Year 3 have been incredibly busy wrapping up their art unit by creating wonderful plaster sculptures of Quentin Blake characters. In Geography, they put their knowledge to the test by writing letters home from Brazil, incorporating everything they have learned about the country's natural and physical features, culture, and climate. Finally, in English, the children completed their "Big Write"—a huge achievement that required them to master some very tricky rhyming verses!

Year 4 wrapped up a fantastic week of learning to conclude their half term! Year 4 penned formal, chronological newspaper reports detailing Ernest Shackleton's incredible Antarctic expedition. Over in maths, they mastered the complexities of adding and subtracting mixed numbers and improper fractions, including crossing whole numbers. To top off an exciting week, the children completed their final computing workshop with Arm Holdings, where they utilised coding and algorithms to program LEGO cars to turn, change headlight colours, and even emit sounds through lines of code.

The Year 5 children have been working incredibly hard on their Maypole performance this week, mastering the complex choreography of when to move under, over, around, and to the side. It has been fantastic to see them collaborating so effectively to perfect the routine. On Monday, the pupils took a walk around the local neighbourhood to observe the local housing styles and compare them to what they have been learning about homes in Greece. The connections and links they made during the trip were highly impressive, demonstrating an excellent understanding of the topic.

Even though Year 6 have officially finished their SATs exams, the children have continued to work incredibly hard and maintain a fantastic attitude in class. Well done to everyone for your outstanding effort—you have truly earned a well-deserved half term break!

The musical talent at Chorlton CofE is reaching new heights. The school is incredibly proud to announce that an amazing 3 out of the 7 finalists for the recent Chorlton Young Musician competition were from Chorlton CofE. Seeing the students represent nearly half of the finalists in such a prestigious local event is a true testament to their hard work, and it is wonderful to see them continue to practice so diligently to maintain these high standards.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the 125th anniversary event at Chorlton C.E. Primary on Thursday; it was fabulous to see so many parents and members of the community come together to celebrate. A special well done goes out to our fantastic Year 5 Maypole performers and the Chorlton C.E. Primary Brass Band for their wonderful performances. Looking ahead, please remember that Sports Day is coming up on Friday, 12th June at Longford Park, we are looking forward to seeing you all there!

A huge well done to the Chorlton C.E. Primary cricket team for their fantastic achievement! By winning the South regional competition, the team has officially qualified for the City finals—congratulations to everyone involved!

The school are incredibly proud to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction, achieving our highest points total yet! In their feedback, the judges highly commended the school's success in improving sustainability, biodiversity, and outdoor learning, praising our clear vision, determination, and deep understanding of environmental impact. The assessors also highlighted our fundraising and developments as "outstanding." This incredible milestone reflects the hard work and dedication of our wonderful Eco Team, staff, pupils, parents, and the wider school community. A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in making our school a greener, more sustainable place for everyone to learn and grow!

Have a great half term!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 1st June	School reopens for pupils at 8:45am
Wednesday 3rd June	Reception Forest School starts
Thursday 4th June	Spanish Ambassadors' trip to Cervantes Institute
Monday 8th June – Wednesday 10th June	Y6 PGL Trip
Tuesday 9th June	Y4 Tatton Park Trip
Wednesday 10th June	Year 3 parent open morning / Y1 Halle Music Trip
Thursday 11th June	Y3 Tatton Park Trip
Friday 12th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 16th June	Y1 Parent Open Morning
Wednesday 17th June	Y2 Parent Open Morning
Tuesday 23rd June	Y6 Parent Open Morning
Wednesday 24th June	Y1 Lytham St. Anne's Trip



PTA News

A huge thank you to all the parents, children, teachers and governors who helped install the new pond, clear ground for raised bed for fruit and vegetables and removed stubborn fence posts.

This photo is of Simon, Mike and Tom at the end of a technically challenging day of installation. At one point we had 35 people helping and the amount of work carried out was incredible! Thank you so much to everyone for giving up your previous time on a Sunday.

Another huge thank you to everyone who donated to the sponsored dip on New Year's Day, which paid for the pond.

The children now have their own, very safe pond as the first step towards a whole nature and nurture zone behind the nursery building.

This week we have been notified of **another successful grant application** which equates to a **potential £22,500** towards drainage works for the outdoor playing spaces *if* we can match-fund (we have some things in the pipeline)!

Our current funding commitments, priorities and projects are:

- An external-accessible toilet block (at a cost of £30,000+)
- Rain Garden and fencing to the front of school (£5,000 national lottery funding and £2,000 from the PTA)
- Drainage works to reduce the flooding of playing areas and increase the time that our children can play outside. (£45,000 with £22,500 grant-funded)
- Nature and Nurture Garden with pond (installed last weekend!) and raised beds for each classroom (£3,000 approx including a £1250 grant)
- Hedging to screen Edge Lane
- New playground surfacing, sports pitch & playground equipment (fundraising-dependent but costs in the region of £50,000)

We are really looking forward to celebrating at the Summer Fair with you all on Saturday 27th June. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two at the fair... we need as much help as possible to give our children a fabulous day! This link is to the WhatsApp group and we will also be out & about with a clipboard beforehand:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Eam2C71TGHGEQIZSRJxiWn?mode=gi_t

St. Clement's Parish Church

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 25th May and Tuesday 26th May, 10am

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10.00-11.30

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