Chorlton C of E Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
22nd October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a busy week at Chorlton C.E Primary school this week just before half term!

This week, Nursery learnt about the role of a musician! The children enjoyed a special visit from some of our Nursery grandparents, Jane and Mike, who played the guitar and sang for us. They also had lots of fun using egg shakers to make fast sounds like a hare and slow sounds like a tortoise. We've also enjoyed singing our Rhyme of the Week, 'Hickory Dickory Dock'!

The highlight of the week in the Reception Class has been 'Show and Tell'. The children have been bursting to tell their friends about their specially chosen toy. These have ranged from a colour-changing unicorn light to a Pokemon writing set, and from a soft toy to a remote control car. The children have spent the week consolidating learning from this half term by writing labels for a fire scene, and subitising and matching numbers.

Year 1 have had a fabulous time this week making alien sock puppets then writing descriptions of them. The children also enjoyed completing weather diaries and learning how to 'cross the tens barrier' when counting to 100 in Maths. They produced some incredible spiral art work using chalk and pastels on black card, and also decorated some Halloween biscuits.

What a fabulous end to the first half term for Year 2! The children have been very excited to receive their class assembly lines and songs, singing them with wonderful enthusiasm. In Maths, they have finished their Year 1 recap, and it has been lovely to see how much confidence the children have gained in their mathematical skills. In English, the children have taken great pride in decorating their environmental leaflets, showing fantastic care and attention to detail. We have been particularly impressed with how much the children's presentation has improved over the half term. It has been a busy but brilliant few weeks, and the children should be very proud of everything they have achieved. We hope everyone has a wonderful, well-deserved half-term break!

This week, Year 3 have been hard at work publishing their newspaper articles in English, as well as having a go at writing a poem using rhyme and rhythm! In Science, they planted bulbs to support their learning of the needs of plants.

What an EPIC final week of our first half-term in Year 4! They stepped into the sandals of Roman legionaries at Deva Victrix (Roman Chester), discovering what life was like nearly 2,000 years ago! Their fantastic trip was the perfect introduction to our History unit on the Romans after half-term. They also held auditions for our upcoming production of School of Rock, where the children really challenged themselves, stepped outside their comfort zones and showed us what ROCK AND ROLL is all about! Have a wonderful, well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to seeing you all in November!

Year 5 had a brilliant trip to the Whitworth Art Gallery this week, where they explored some of the sculptures around the gallery. They then created some of their own sculptures using a range of materials, inspired some of the artwork they had seen. In Art, they finished their 3D maps, complete with typography to label natural features. In English, they edited their Hidden Figures reports, looking for errors to correct as well as improvements they could make.

Year 6 have enjoyed the final week of this term. The children have completed summaries of their learnings for each unit in their subjects. The class also showed their brilliant kicking and throwing skills in tag rugby and completed thorough evaluations of their final cereal box art pieces. A highlight of the week was preparing for children in need and planning out how the class will run the event. Have a lovely half time and a well-deserved rest Year 6!

A reminder that school is closed for Half term on Friday, 23rd October and Monday, 2nd October. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 3rd November when the gates open at 8.40am.

Have a great half term.

Phil Trohear

Headteacher

Important Dates and Events

Date	Event
Thursday 22nd October 2026	• Autumn Half Term 1 ends
Friday 23rd October 2026	• INSET Day – school is closed, staff are not in
Monday 2nd November 2026	• INSET Day – school is closed, staff are in
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	• Autumn Half Term 2 starts
Friday 6th November 2026	• Flu immunisation catch up session • Y1 Toys workshop, 13:30 – 14:30 • Year 5+6 Boys Excel Football Friendly @ Chorlton High School

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Monday 9th November 2026	• Cross Country finals 09:00 – 13:30
Wednesday 11th November 2026	• Individual School Photos • Year 4 parent open morning, 08:45 – 09:15
Thursday 12th November 2026	• Year 3 parent open morning, 08:45 – 09:15

Mr. Solomon's Sporting Spotlight

What an incredible first half-term of sport here at Chorlton CE! We finished with a bang at the Inspire Boys' Autumn Football Tournament, where our Year 5/6 team put in a fantastic performance, winning two, drawing one and losing just one against some really tough opposition! A special shout-out to Mrs Anderson, who stepped up as coach and guided the boys to some brilliant victories, alongside fantastic support and encouragement from our parents! A wonderful example of our community coming together through sport!

And the action doesn't stop there! After half-term, we have the Citywide Cross-Country Finals, our first Excel football fixture against our South Manchester derby rivals, Beaver Road, the second round of the Girls' Inspire Football Tournament and the Panathlon Tenpin Bowling competition – plus plenty more exciting sporting opportunities that I'll be busy arranging throughout the coming half-term!

A huge well done to everyone who has represented Chorlton this half-term. Bring on Autumn 2!

Other News

Beech Road Park – Have Your Say!

A little while ago, many of the local residents got involved with our campaign for Beech Road Park and shared ideas on the improvements they'd like to see in the playground. I'm really pleased to share that, working alongside Manchester City Council, Friends of Beech Road Park and Neighbourhood Services, we have finally launched a public consultation on improvements to the park's play area!

This is a really important opportunity for our community to have its say and help shape the future of our playground.

The more responses we receive, the stronger our case for securing funding to deliver the improvements our park deserves.

We'd be incredibly grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the consultation and share it with your friends, family, neighbours and even better to include this within your school newsletter.
Every response counts, so please help us spread the word and make sure as many voices from our community as possible are heard!

Complete the consultation here: https://surveys.manchester.gov.uk/s/BeechRoadPark/

Thank you again for your support. Together, we can help unlock the full potential of Beech Road Park!

Thank you
Nicola Freeborn
Friends Play Area Group