Chorlton C of E Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
6th Nov 2026

Dear parents,

Lots happening at Chorlton C.E primary this week!

This week, Nursery have loved learning all about Bonfire Night! They have had lots of fun creating colourful firework pictures and making cosy, safe homes for pets, showing just how thoughtful and caring our Nursery children are! In Maths, they have explored the number 1, and in Phonics, we have learnt the 's' sound. They have also loved singing and joining in with the actions to our Rhyme of the Week, 'The Grand Old Duke of York'!

The children in the Reception Class were all pleased to see each other on Tuesday and have quickly settled back into the daily routine. The focus in class this week has been on 'Understanding the world' ahead of Diwali this weekend. The children have enjoyed making rangoli patterns and are eagerly waiting for their clay diya lamps to dry so that they can decorate them and take them home.

The Year 1 children have had a wonderful week back in school and we are so proud of their positive attitude and hard work! They have been learning how to compare the height, length and weight of objects in Maths and in English they have been describing hats. They designed some hibernation hide-outs for animals in Science, and learned how to mix primary colours to make new colours in Art. Today they had a fantastic time learning about how toys have changed over time in the 'Magical Toy Museum'!

Year 2 have had another fantastic week of learning! They were very excited to have our first gymnastics session with a coach and we absolutely loved it! The children learnt how to stand and hold postures like 'real gymnasts' and they looked so smart and professional! Following our Phase 5 phonics review assessments, they have started their new reading groups with some exciting new texts to explore. In Maths, they have been learning how to add 1, 3 and 6 to two-digit numbers. Although using number lines has been a little tricky, the children have shown great determination and worked really hard to develop their confidence. They also became history detectives as we began our Great Fire of London investigation, examining clues and thinking carefully about how they might link to the fire. In PSHE, they introduced their new topic, Safety and Choices, and began thinking about how we can make safe and sensible decisions. What a busy and brilliant week!

Year 3 have come back to school with so much energy and motivation! This week we have begun our History unit on Ancient Egypt, creating a mind map of what we already know and making connections. In Maths, they have shown our knowledge of 3 digit numbers through repeated addition and place value partitioning, and in English we have written descriptive sentences using prepositions and conditional sentences to show cause and effect.

Welcome back, Year 4! What a fantastic first week of Autumn 2! In English, the children explored the idea of freedom and what it means to each of us, before writing their own

performance poetry inspired by the simile ‘as free as a bird’. They used their creativity to express what freedom looks and feels like through poetry. In Design and Technology, they put on our chef’s hats and began our exciting Food Technology unit by investigating what exactly soup is, exploring different types of soup and what goes into making them. A brilliant start to another busy half-term!

Year 5 have started to read Firebird, an old folktale, which they will use as inspiration to write their own fairy-tale narratives. This week they did some descriptive writing, gave pieces of advice and wrote short recounts of the story so far. In Maths they are looking at negative numbers, starting with where we might see them and how we read and write them. Their first gymnastics lesson was a great success, focusing on correct posture and core strength.

Year 6 had a fab first week back diving straight into all the new units for each subject. In English they started their formal persuasive letter for the Suffragette movement and in Maths the class began looking at numbers up to 10 million. For Science, the children explored light and shadows creating scientific diagrams and in History they gathered evidence of the first black Britons. The children really enjoyed starting their basketball unit in PE, we're looking forward to some competitive games!

Another exciting week of sport at Chorlton CE! Our Excel Boys’ Football Team are in action this Friday afternoon, taking on our South Manchester rivals, Beaver Road, in their first friendly fixture to get them match-ready for the league season ahead! Keep an eye out for next week’s Sporting Spotlight to find out how our boys got on!

And the sporting action continues! On Monday, seven of our fantastic Year 6 runners will be representing Chorlton at the Manchester Citywide Cross-Country Finals, competing against some of the very best young runners from across the city! Let's all wish our runners the very best of luck for Monday! Come on, Chorlton!

With our Children in Need event coming up next Friday, please bring in any donations you can to the school office, and please see the Children in Need correspondence for a full list of donations required. Thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend,

Phil Trohear

Headteacher

Important Dates and Events

Date	Event
Monday 9th November 2026	• Cross Country finals 09:00 – 13:30
Tuesday 10th November 2026	• Year 2 Parents’ Evening #1
Wednesday 11th November 2026	• Year 2 Parents’ Evening #2 • Individual School Photos

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	• Year 4 parent open morning, 08:45 – 09:15
Thursday 12th November 2026	• Year 3 parent open morning, 08:45 – 09:15
Friday 13th November 2026	• Children in Need event

PTA News

Our Big Build project is finally complete... This week our children have been able to use the new toilets that were funded by our PTA! Thank you for all your support helping to make this happen! We will share pictures soon.

Christmas cards & personalised gifts: Your child should be bringing home their template Christmas card design and order form today. Please submit order forms & payment by next Friday 13th November. Payment can be made to the PTA in cash or via PayPal @ccofepta - please put your child's name / class as a reference.

Wreath making workshop: After the success of last year's event we are currently planning a wreath making workshop on Sunday 6th December with mulled wine and mince pies. This is a lovely festive evening to get together with friends & come away with a beautiful handcrafted wreath. Keep an eye out for details and booking information soon!

We've been shortlisted for the PTA Transformation of the Year Award at the National PTA Awards! Parentkind's 13,000 PTAs were all invited to enter, so it's amazing to have made the shortlist. If we win, we'll receive £250, alongside local and national recognition for our work.

Our submission highlighted our growing volunteer community, more inclusive ways to get involved, stronger organisation, and the external partnerships that have helped us bring in grants to benefit our school community.

Our submission made clear we were building on the strong foundations laid by previous volunteers. It's important to recognise the time, care and hard work of previous PTA teams.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed, past and present. This is a lovely recognition of a collective effort and if you were looking for a sign to get (more) involved with the PTA... our next meeting date is coming up!

Thank you so much for your support!

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