Chorlton C of E Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
13th Nov 2026

Dear parents, a very busy week with lots of achievements!

This week, Nursery have enjoyed painting poppies in the Creative Zone and making their own poppies using playdough and pom-poms. During Wiggle Worship, the children listened to the story of The Lost Sheep before helping the shepherd find his lost sheep in a maze activity. Nursery have also begun practising their Nativity songs alongside Reception and they are already sounding beautiful!

With the help of Sam the Squirrel, the children in the Reception class have been getting to know the story of The Leaf Thief and have been learning about autumn. Learning challenges this week have included making playdough acorns for Sam, creating an autumn tree and writing a speech bubble for Sam, introducing himself. In Maths the children have been exploring the concept of 'equal'.

In Year 1 this week the children have really impressed us with their brilliant maths and their ability to compare amounts. They have written some excellent questions and answers about different hats and speech bubbles for the characters in 'I Want my Hat Back'. They became much more confident in using the gymnastics equipment, developing their strength, balance and control. They compared the toys that children play with at different ages as part of their history topic, and in science we matched objects to the material that they are made from. The children loved school photo day, and taking part in the Children in Need fundraising activities too!

Year 2 has had another busy and exciting week of learning! In Science, they have been exploring the different microhabitats around our playground, investigating where tiny creatures might live and what makes these places suitable homes for them. Their Forest School sessions have been full of fun and adventure, with the children enjoying some energetic games of tug-of-war and developing their practical skills by carefully hammering nails into wood to create their own wonderful pieces of art! Whilst in PSHE, they have been learning about personal space and discussing how this can be different depending on who we are with and the situation we are in. They have also been busy designing the bodies of our cars in DT and the excitement is certainly building as the children begin to think about how they will turn their fantastic designs into real moving cars! What a lovely week of creativity, teamwork and hands-on learning!

This week in Year 3, the children have practiced placing 3 digit numbers on a number line and comparing them using greater than and less than. In Science, they have set out an investigation to see how water is transported in plants and in English they have been working hard to write an information report all about tea.

Another fantastic week of learning in Year 4! In English, we stepped into character to write persuasive letters inspired by our class text, Tar Beach, making sure our arguments were supported by evidence from the story. In Science, we explored different habitats before becoming researchers, using iPads to investigate a chosen habitat and create our own informative fact files. Finally, in PSHE, we discussed how to recognise safe and unsafe situations, explored how these might make us feel and identified trusted adults we can turn to if something doesn't feel right. A brilliant week of thoughtful learning!

Year 5 have planned their own fairy-tale narratives based on the Firebird, involving quests and rewards, focusing on using adverbials to link paragraphs. In Maths they have finished their work on negative numbers, applying this into the context of coordinates. In Computing they started to design their own images ready to insert into an AR world. As well as all this they have started practising for their class assembly, which takes place next Friday!

Your 6 have had a fantastic week. They worked really hard on finalising their formal persuasive letters in English and continued their work on numbers up to eight digits in Maths. The children researched what the Messiah means to Christians for RE and in PSHE they had an in-depth discussion on safe interactions. Year 6 truly outdid themselves this week with their hard work and commitment to facilitating the school's Children in Need event. We've had lovely feedback from all classes who really enjoyed the day and raised lots of money too. Thank you to all our families for their donations. Top job year 6, well done!

Our newly formed Year 5/6 Excel Football Team took on the five-form-entry giant that is Beaver Road in a fiercely competitive exhibition match! Despite the size difference between our schools, our boys battled brilliantly to secure an impressive 2–1 victory in their very first match! A tense, thrilling game and an absolute joy to watch!

Meanwhile, Ms Kelly and our seven fantastic cross-country runners headed to the Manchester Citywide Finals! All seven deserve enormous credit for reaching this stage, but an incredible FOUR have now qualified for the Greater Manchester Finals! Potentially a school record and a huge achievement for our little one-form-entry school!

And we're not slowing down! Next week, our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team are back in tournament action, with Ms Johnson in the dugout leading the charge!

Have a great weekend,

Phil Trohear

Headteacher

Important Dates and Events

Date	Event
Monday 16th Nov 2026	• Start of Anti-Bullying Week

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Tuesday 17th Nov 2026	• Y5/6 Girls Football, 3.15-5.30pm
Friday 20th Nov 2026	• Year 5 Assembly, 9.15-9.45am

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!