



# NEWSLETTER

March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of what has been another busy and rewarding term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school. Your partnership is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate your involvement in your children's education. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent parent consultation meetings and to hear all of the positive feedback from class teachers.

It has been wonderful to see the children flourish this term, both academically and personally. They have engaged enthusiastically in their learning across all subjects, and it has been a joy to witness their progress and achievements. We have also had a fantastic array of extracurricular activities, clubs, trips, and educational visits that have enriched their learning and provided them with memorable experiences. From science experiments to the creative arts and the fun-filled educational visits, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity.

As we look forward to the break, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a couple of important safety matters concerning the school playground. We kindly request that children do not use scooters in the playground before or after school, as this can pose a safety risk in a busy environment. Similarly, the climbing frames are not to be used at the end of the school day, as they are not supervised at that time.

Finally, I would like to ask for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all children during dismissal time. The playground can become very crowded, so please ensure that you keep your children with you once they have been handed over by their class teacher. This will help us to ensure a smooth and safe departure for everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and restful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again when school starts back on **Tuesday 22 April at 8:45am.**

Sarah Roberts  
Headteacher



# NEWS FROM EARLY YEARS

## NURSERY

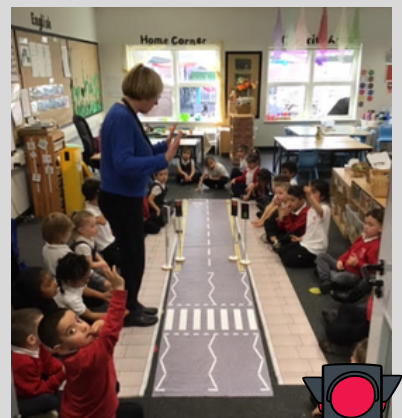
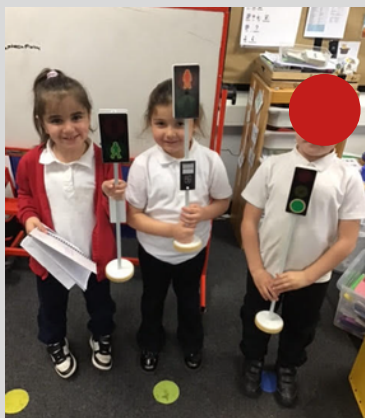
We have been busy in Nursery this term and are continuing to learn and grow together. In EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) cooking activities aim to develop children's fine motor skills, language, and understanding of food and healthy eating, while also fostering confidence and creativity through hands-on experiences. Children also develop their communication and vocabulary skills by working together, exploring new ideas and experiences and talking about what they have made. We have been busy making and tasting Easter nests.



## RECEPTION

The children in Reception have been observing the growth of some caterpillars this half term watching how they change and develop over time. The children have enjoyed taking care of these living creatures ensuring they are careful when handling them. We have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and are eagerly awaiting the butterflies that will emerge from their chrysalis soon.

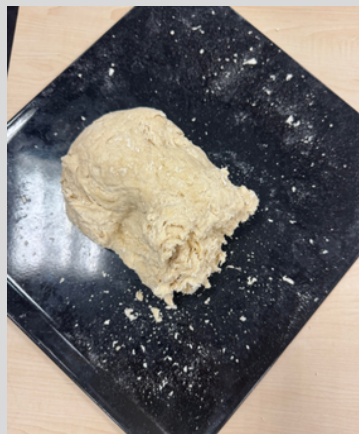
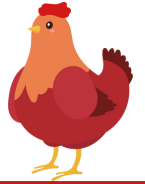
We also had a special Beep Beep day all about road safety. The children learnt about how to be safe when crossing the road and what certain road signs and road markings were for.



# YEAR 1

Year 1 took part in BeepBeep Day! We learnt about road safety and the different types of road crossings. We spoke about how to stay safe when we cross the road and the role of the lollipop person who helps us. We also discussed car seats and why it is important that we sit in these correctly as they keep us safe in cars. We role played different roles and acted out walking to the park, school and home.

We also made bread and butter at the end of this week. We have been reading the book the Little Red Hen. The year group have really enjoyed it and are able to act out the story. Ask your child how we made the butter at school and have a go at home, you only need double cream!



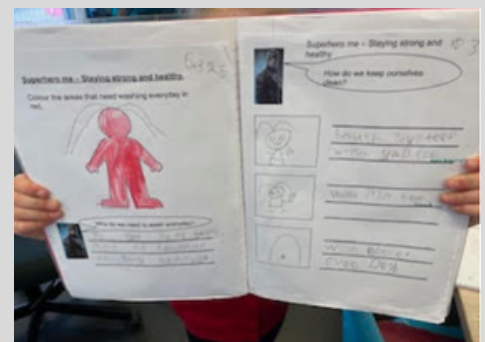
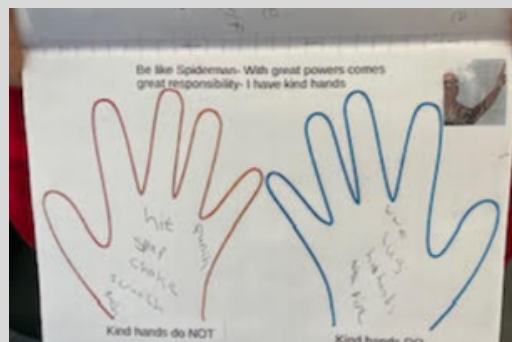
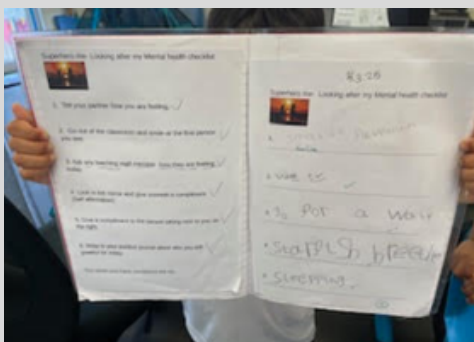
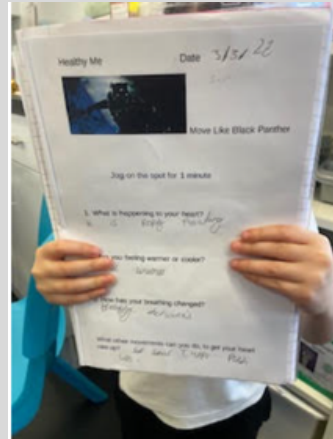
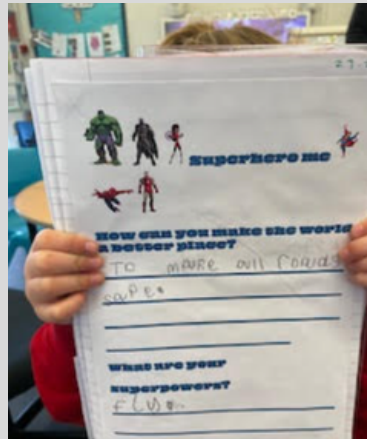
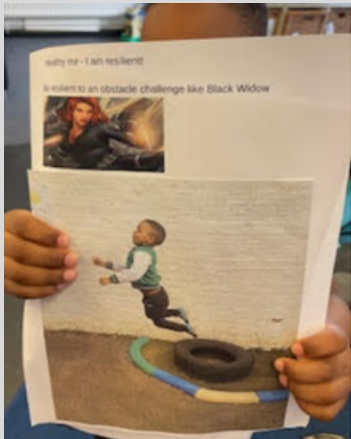
## YEAR 2

This half-term, Year 2 took part in the Enfield Music Service's Partnership Music Festival. We hosted Prince of Wales and St. James' schools and the children all performed a medley of songs, with matching dance routines! Our Year 2's shone with their performance of a Diana Ross classic! The children also performed their routines to parents later in the week. We are so proud of the children - they were brilliant!



## RAINBOW CLASS

This term in Rainbow class we have been learning about Superheroes. Pupils were taught that they are superheroes as everyone has a special talent or quality inside them. They were also taught how there are real life superheroes around us, not just fantasy ones. Superheroes are resilient, respectful, responsible and kind. Pupils completed many worksheets that tied in with Chesterfield's values of kindness, respect, resilience and responsibility. Here are samples of some of them.

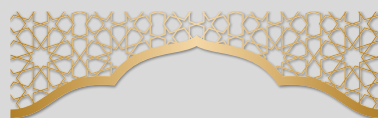
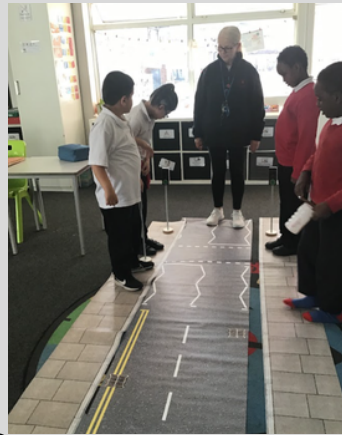
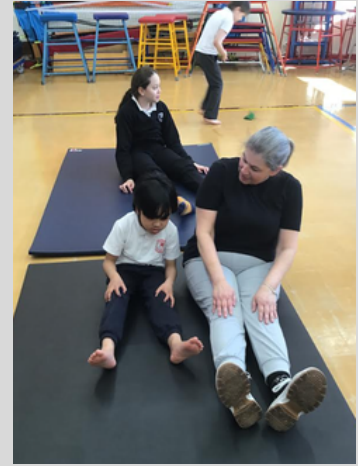


# NEWS FROM THUNBERG AND PACKHAM CLASS

Thunberg and Packham class have been developing our gross motor skills in our PE lessons. In these activities the children are working on: balance, spatial awareness and hand eye co-ordination. The children have been working hard to develop their skills.

We have also been learning to cross the road safely. It is very important to look, listen and think before we cross the road. We also learnt that you can hold an adult's hand to stay safe and that a Pelican and a Zebra crossing are safe places to cross.

Thunberg class also enjoyed learning about Eid on Thursday. We got really creative and made our own Ramadan lanterns.



## NEWS FROM YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning to play the recorder this term. Learning a musical instrument takes dedication and perseverance, and Year 3 have shown fantastic enthusiasm. They've been mastering the finger placements, learning to read basic music notation, and working together to create simple melodies. They then performed to parents and families and we are so proud of the progress they have made.

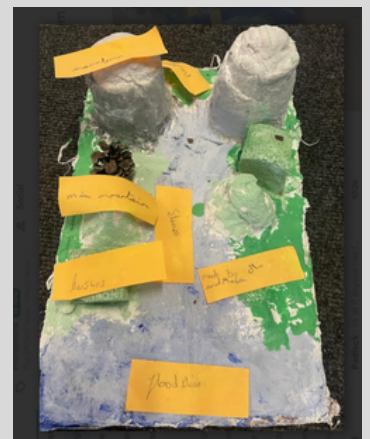
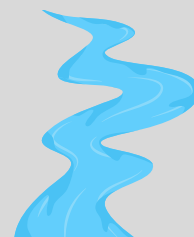
The children have also enjoyed learning how to make a book trailer using Stop Motion. They explored how to take photos from different viewpoints and we look forward to seeing their final projects.



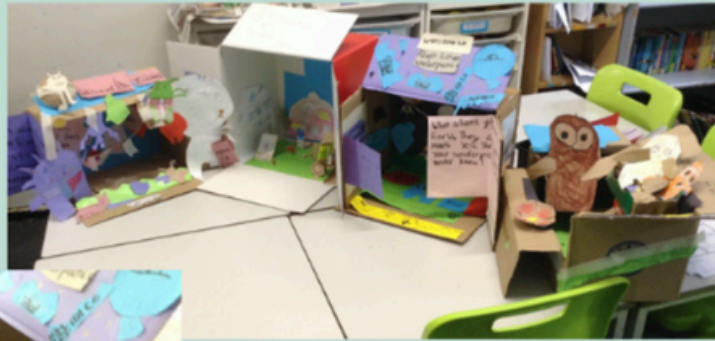
## NEWS FROM YEAR 4

Sonney, from Year 4, spent a day orienteering with a group of students from other schools. He completed a number of activities, such as going on The Memory Map, which involved finding his way around using the objects that he could remember. However, his favourite activity was 'Across the River'. This included placing tiles strategically across the river, in order for him to get across successfully. Well done Sonney!

Year 4 students also thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Rivers this term and as part of their home learning project, they made some amazing, and quite detailed models of Rivers, starting from the source all the way down to the mouth, into the estuary, to the sea and ocean. If you ask them, they can even tell you the difference between the sea and the ocean...do you know what it is?



## World Book Day 2025



In Year 5 we worked together to create story boxes. These are on display outside Simmonds Class, come and have a look, guess the story and pick your favourite!

## **Islamic Art**

We visited the V & A Museum to look at the Islamic art and culture. The room had the biggest rug we had ever seen and lots of different artefacts. While there we spoke to a curator and sketch some of the designs and objects to use on our own vases we had created out of mod roc in school.



In DT, Simmonds class have been designing their final piece of mechanisms and taking from their design their final piece. Here are some of the processes made to their final piece. They worked collaboratively, they enjoyed sharing how their mechanisms worked with both their peers and teachers in their year group.



## NEWS FROM YEAR 6

Year 6 delved into the captivating world of David Hockney in their Art lessons. Pupils produced artwork inspired by the iconic British artist. The children explored Hockney's distinctive style, experimenting with his bold colours, fragmented perspectives, and depictions of landscapes and swimming pools. They learned about his use of photography and digital tools, and how he captures the essence of a place or moment. Children created vibrant paintings that showcased their understanding of Hockney's techniques. From sun-drenched pool scenes to colourful Yorkshire landscapes, each piece reflects the children's unique interpretations of Hockney's style.



## YEAR 4 SWIMMING



A gentle reminder that Year 4 received a letter regarding the dates for The swimming lessons and information about the swimming lessons for parents. Please ensure the children have the correct swimwear ready to start their lessons:

Y4 McCoy Class: Every Wednesday starting 30 April

Y4 Brunel Class: Every Thursday starting 1 May

Y4 Turing Class: Every Friday starting 2 May



## SUMMER TERM REMINDERS



As we look forward to the warmer weather of the Summer term, we want to remind you of a few important things to help keep children safe and comfortable during the school day. Please ensure that sun cream is applied to your child before they come to school each day. To help us maintain a safe environment, please do not send sun cream into school with your child.

It's also essential that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day to stay hydrated throughout the day. Please also provide them with a sun hat to protect them during outdoor activities and breaks.

Finally, a reminder about footwear: for health and safety reasons, all children must continue to wear suitable footwear. This means black trainers or black shoes only. Crocs, flip-flops, and other open-toed shoes are not permitted as they do not provide adequate protection during activities and movement around the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe and healthy Summer term for everyone.

## RED NOSE DAY

At Chesterfield, we support local, national and global charities, and on Friday 21 March we celebrated Red Nose Day to raise money for Comic Relief. Children wore clothes to school that make them happy, we had a special assembly and collected money for the charity. Children were also able to buy red noses! The staff even joined in with a bake sale and raised a fantastic £100.30!



## ART CLUB

Our Art Club has been buzzing with activity as children designed and crafted their very own Easter bonnets. From fluffy chicks and colourful eggs to blooming flowers and bunnies, each bonnet was a unique masterpiece.

The attention to detail was truly remarkable! We saw bonnets adorned with feathers, ribbons, glitter, and even miniature Easter scenes. It was clear that a lot of thought and effort went into each creation.



## APRIL/MAY DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 22 April** - Y4 Brunel class trip to the National Gallery

**Thursday 24 April** - Y4 McCoy class trip to the National Gallery

**Monday 28 April** - Y5 Simmonds and Y5 Farah class trip to the Victorian Museum

**Monday 5 May** - **BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)**

**Thursday 8 May** - Y3 Hawking class trip to the Natural History Museum

**Thursday 15 May** - Y3 Faraday class trip to the Natural History Museum

**Friday 16 May** - Nursery and Reception Jungle Rumble drama workshop (in school)

**Monday 12 - Thursday 15 May** - Y6 SATs

**Monday 19 May** - Y5 Ennis class trip to the National Gallery

**Monday 26 - Friday 30 May** - **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**Monday 2 June** - **INSET DAY (School closed for children)**

**Tuesday 3 June** - Back to school 8:45am start

# EID MUBARAK – A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND SHARING

Our school was filled with joy and colour this week as we celebrated Eid! It was a special day, where we came together as a school to learn about and celebrate this important festival. The children looked absolutely fantastic in their beautiful Eid and party clothes. Our special Eid assembly was a highlight of the day. We were so impressed by the children who shared their personal experiences of celebrating Eid. They spoke with such enthusiasm and clarity, explaining the traditions, food, and family gatherings that make this festival so special. We learned so much about the different ways Eid is celebrated within our diverse community. The Eid arts and crafts activities were also a huge success! Children created beautiful lanterns, decorated cards, and designed intricate henna patterns. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Eid celebration such a memorable day. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about different cultures and traditions, and to celebrate the spirit of community and togetherness. Eid Mubarak to all who celebrated!



## SPORTS AND DANCE AT CHESTERFIELD

What a fantastic half term it's been for our young sports and dance stars at Chesterfield! We've seen incredible displays of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship in various inter-school events and competitions. We want to give a special shout-out to our school's dance and sports teams who represented us brilliantly in their recent events. Your hard work, rehearsal, training and preparation really paid off! We've had reports of some amazing performances, goals, brilliant passes, and fantastic defending.



## MUSIC AND POETRY PERFORMANCES



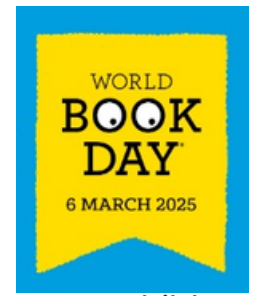
Our school has been alive with the sound of music and poetry these past few weeks, showcasing the incredible talent of our children! From the school choir to our Year 3 recorder players, and the powerful delivery of our poets.

A huge congratulations to all our young performers! You have all made us incredibly proud. Remember, the joy of performing comes from sharing your talents with others, and you did that beautifully. We look forward to seeing and hearing more of your wonderful performances in the future.



# WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

We had a range of wonderful costumes, from fantastical creatures to beloved book characters, the costumes were absolutely incredible. It was wonderful to see so much creativity and enthusiasm for reading. The day was filled with exciting activities, including an assembly, story sessions, and character parades. We saw pirates, princesses, superheroes, ninja, wizards, and even a few very hungry caterpillars! It was a delight to see so many children sharing their favourite stories and characters with their friends. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with costumes and supported the day. World Book Day is a reminder of the power of reading and the joy that books can bring. We hope that the excitement of the day will inspire a lifelong love of reading in all our children. Keep turning those pages!



# Attendance



## Attendance so far this academic year:

YR	88.8%
Y1	92.9%
Y2	90.2%
Y3	93.7%
Y4	94.4%
Y5	94.3%
Y6	94.2%

## Attendance Matters

We are committed to working with children and parents/carers to achieve our overall attendance target of 96%. As set out in our attendance policy, we will work with families to identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties. Early intervention will be a priority moving forward. Every school day counts. Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We understand that emergency situations may arise and if you wish to request a Leave of Absence due to an exceptional circumstance you should make a request to the Headteacher using the 'Request for leave during term time' form. The local authority may choose to issue a fine for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.

## Our Whole-School Attendance Target is 96%



## 99% and 100% Attendance

82 children achieved at least 99% attendance this term, and 45 of those achieved 100%. They were awarded with prizes and a certificate. A fantastic achievement, well done!



# Term Dates

## 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 2 September 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 September 2024
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024
Inset Day	Monday 4 November 2024
Start of second half term	Tuesday 5 November
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Monday 6 January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025
Start of second half term	Monday 24 February 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 22 April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
Inset Day	Monday 2 June 2025
Start of second half term	Tuesday 3 June 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July 2025

## 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET DAY	Monday 1st September 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
First Day of Term	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 3rd November 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 19th December 2025 <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>
Spring Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 5th January 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 20th February 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March 2026 <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>
Summer Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 13th April 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 1st June 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17th July 2026

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# Walk, do not ride or scoot on the playground

**We do not allow bikes or  
scooters to be ridden on site**

**Children and adults should dismount at the school gate,  
park bikes and scooters and walk into school**

**At the end of the day, scooters should not be ridden until  
you leave the school premises**

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